



International Society for Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism

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Dear ISCBFM Member,

As you all already know by now Iwao Kanno has stepped down from his position as the President of the Society and James McCulloch will now be the president for the next 2 years. We wish to express our gratitude to Iwao, who has worked diligently to promote the Society. We would also like to thank our former secretary, Gitte Moos Knudsen, for the wonderful job she did in the last 4 years. Both Gitte and Iwao played leading roles in recent initiatives resulting in the advancement of our Society, thereby ensuring further scientific expansion and recognition of ISCBFM in the years to come. In particular, the engagement of Kenes International last year, to manage the Society and, ultimately, our biannual meetings represents a major step forward for the ISCBFM. Kenes will provide an important stabilizing influence for the ISCBFM and should permit us to expand our membership base and provide us with a greater level of continuity for future Brain/BrainPET congresses. The current Officers and Board members, in partnership with Kenes, will make every effort to carry on the fine work of our predecessors in establishing our Society as a leading force in the brain research field.

Dale A Pelligrino, ISCBFM Secretary

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We wish to express our gratitude to Adriaan Lammerstma and the Local Organizing Committee of Brain'05/BrainPET '05 for their efforts in the recent meeting at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. We would also like to thank the Programme Committee, consisting of Ulrich Dirnagl (Chair); Adriaan Lammertsma; Iwao Kanno; Costantino Iadecola; Koji Abe; Peter Herscovitch; Arno Villringer; I.M. Macrae; Anna M. Planas; Matthias Endres; Joel H. Greenberg; and Fahmeed Hyder, for an excellent scientific programme. This included the novel feature of scientific courses on Imaging of Brain Activity; In Vivo Modeling of Stroke; Impact of Anesthesia on Brain Research; and Stem Cells. The success of these courses can be judged by the strong turnout. The Brain '05 portion of the meeting had 656 posters, of which 72 were selected for platform presentations (12 sessions). The BrainPET '05 portion had

99 posters of which 30 were selected for oral presentations (5 sessions). Two Plenary Symposia were included, entitled “Physiological Basis of Functional Imaging” and “The Ischemic Penumbra”. An additional 7 symposia covering a wide variety of interesting topics were also part of the programme. The four young investigators that were selected as finalists for the Nils Lassen award each presented their work. Kirsten Caesar of the University of Copenhagen was judged to be the 2005 recipient of the award honouring her fellow Dane. The Lassen Award was followed by the captivating Presidential Lecture, given by Marcus Raichle. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented, during the Opening Ceremony, to Martin Reivich of the University of Pennsylvania. Marty was introduced by his friend and colleague of many years (and President-Elect of the Society), Joel Greenberg. The presentation of the award was made even more memorable by the electrical power failure that occurred before Joel had a chance to say even one word. The musical group arranged by Adriaan for our entertainment at the Opening Ceremonies provided some diversion in the darkened auditorium; although an early dismissal to the Welcome Reception helped too. Time was given later in the week to repeat the Award ceremony, which went without a hitch.

The local organizers also provided attendees with a full social programme which included a Municipal Reception at the West Indies House, a nice selection of excursions on Friday afternoon, and a wonderful Symposium Banquet at the Buers van Berlage on Friday evening. At the banquet, the organizers of Brain ‘07/BrainPET ’07, to be held in Osaka, Japan, invited all to attend their meeting in May, 2007. In addition, a party was organized by the Young Investigators (under 36 years of age) group. This was held on Thursday night and was well-attended by people of all ages. Finally, Adriaan and the local organizers deserve a special thanks for their quick and effective actions in meeting the needs of the attendees during the midweek transit strike.

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In the past, inaction rather than over activity has been the issue with respect to committee function. Each and every committee is now crucial to the future of the society. Every Director is expected to serve the society by contributing to committee activity. The committee structure below represents some changes from the structure that has existed until now. In essence, the *Goals & Planning, Liaison, and Education Committees* were dropped.

Publications Committee

The Journal is the monthly flagship of the Society and the basis of its financial security. The Journal will face major challenges in the next few years. The pressure for open access to published papers will require radical changes in scientific publication and the enormous financial contribution that the Journal makes to the Society will decline as a consequence.

The publications committee will formulate a strategic view of the future of scientific publication in collaboration with our publishing partners, Nature Publishing Group. The publications committee would safeguard the interest of the Society in relation to the Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism and any other publication which appears under the aegis of the Society. The committee will deal with non-editorial matters relating to the publisher.

The committee will approve the Editorial Board and Editors (other than Editor-in-Chief). Proposed alterations to the Editorial Board or Editors will be submitted to the committee by the Editor-in-Chief. The committee will ensure appropriate scientific coverage and geographic representation maintained in the Editorial Board of our international journal. The committee will recommend candidate(s) for future Editor-in-Chief to the Board of Directors. The Editor would be a member ex officio and would work closely with the chair of the Publications Committee.

The publications committee would receive annual quantitative reports (about manuscript submission, disposition of manuscripts, etc.) from the Editor-in-Chief and from the publisher. The committee would receive and investigate complaints about mal-administration in relation to the Journal. However, the publication committee has no responsibility on editorial matters (e.g. complaints about decisions on individual manuscripts) which are the sole responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief, the Deputy Editors and Editorial Board.

Programme Committee for Brain '07

The biennial scientific meeting of the Society (Brain '07) is a multi-million dollar event. The long term future of the Society depends on creating a vibrant, scientifically stimulating and enjoyable meeting. The programme commitment must safeguard the interests of the Society in respect of the Brain meeting. In association with the local organisation, the Programme Committee should try to ensure that each Brain Meeting builds on past success and introduces, when appropriate, innovative elements (scientific areas, courses, formats, etc.) into the meeting. In matters of the scientific content, the programme committee is the final authority.

Meetings, Schools and Courses Committee

After the journal, the meetings are the most visible activity of the society. The society, through the committee needs to develop a coherent long-term strategy for its own Brain meeting, summer schools, education courses, semi-independent meetings (e.g. Gordon Conferences) and penumbral meetings which continue to request support.

Of paramount importance is to establish what our members and meeting participants want since these are our customer base. There is urgency in developing a strategy because of the long lead time to implementation. There needs to be interaction between this committee and with Programme committee and Marketing committee.

Young Investigators Committee

This committee represents the educational and scientific interests of new/young investigators as well as attracting young investigators to the field of brain blood flow metabolism and function. I envisage that this should be a large, inclusive committee which should generate lots of ideas which would reinvigorate the Society for young people. The Board should try to be receptive to their initiatives.

Membership Committee

This committee will promote membership and assess the suitability of candidates for membership. Interaction and sharing ideas with marketing committees and young investigators inter alia would be appropriate in promoting members. At present the committee has a membership of one – contentious issues should be passed to the Executive Committee.

Finance Committee

The finance committee would oversee all aspects of the financial affairs and receive reports from the auditors and treasurer (who would be a member) of investment strategy and financial planning. The committee should consider how we should safeguard the considerable asset both in respect of investment strategy (spread of currencies, financial instruments) and against fraud (at present one signature plus paper trail is sufficient to access \$1.5 million dollars). Long term financial analysis is required.

The current treasurer must demit office in June 2007 and candidates for treasurer might emerge from this committee.

Marketing Committee

The Society desperately needs to market itself, the Journal and its meetings better than in the past. Improved marketing was integral to the selection of Nature Publishing Group and Kenes. This committee has responsibility for generating marketing ideas and implementing these with out partners in Kenes and Nature. Different geographic areas (Europe, North America, Japan) need distinct marketing strategies and we have representatives from each region. We have

failed to market ourselves (the Journal, Brain Meeting, the Society) for 10 years. If we can improve this, the long-term future of the society is secure. The marketing committee will need to interact with most other committees and will need to obtain approval from the executive group/directors for marketing initiatives that has costs associated.

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