

The ORGAN No. 38 (April 2011)

Dear ISCBFM Members,

Elections of ISCBFM Officers and Directors is now underway. We encourage all members to participate in that important process.

In case you have not as yet cast your vote, in this issue of the Organ, you will find the list of nominated candidates for both the Officers and Directors together with the ballot, which will give you the opportunity to vote. As we would like to ensure the continuity of our Society, we appreciate your willingness to make your choice among the highly-qualified candidates!

Further information is available in the next page.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming <u>XXVth International Symposium on Cerebral</u> <u>Blood Flow, Metabolism and Function & Xth International Conference on Quantification of</u> <u>Brain Function with PET</u> which will take place in Barcelona on May 25-28, 2011.

A diverse and excellent scientific program should appeal to the different interests of the scientists attending our meeting.

So do not miss this important gathering in a lovely city!

We look forward to seeing all of you in Barcelona!

Dale Pelligrino Secretary, International Society of Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism

Message from the Secretary

Dear ISCBFM Members:

The deadline for casting your ballots for the election of members of the ISCBFM Board of Directors and its officers (29th April, 2011) is rapidly approaching. We encourage all society members to participate in this important task. Of course, our biannual ballot deadline also means that Brain-11/BrainPET-11-Barcelona is close at hand. I would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Scientific Program Committee Chair, Edith Hamel, and the Local Conference Organizer, Anna Planas. We should be grateful for their dedication to our Society and its traditions. This meeting has special significance, since it represents the 25th Brain meeting (the "Silver" Symposium).

Sincerely,

Dale Pelligrino Secretary, ISCBFM

In anticipation of our upcoming BRAIN'11/BRAINPET'11 meeting in Barcelona, I have prepared this Treasurer's report. It provides an update on various issues relating to the finances of the Society and gives detailed information concerning our income, expenses, and financial position.

At our meeting in Chicago in 2009, the Board of Directors approved, for the first time, a formal investment policy for the ISCBFM. The policy guides how our assets are allocated among various accounts, including an operating and contingency fund that is used to pay ongoing expenses and to meet any unexpected cash flow needs, and a long-term reserve fund consisting of a blend of investments. With the assistance of our investment banker at the firm of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, this policy was subsequently implemented. As part of this process, the assets remaining in our previous bank in Germany, Baden-Württembergische Bank, were transferred to our current account.

Our main source of income remains the Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism. Special thanks are due to our previous Editor Dick Traystman, our current Co-editors Martin Lauritzen and Ulrich Dirnagl, and to our publisher NPG for maintaining the strength of the Journal. Additional income is provided from our investments. Our expenses are in general similar to those in past years, and reflect the educational and scientific goals of the Society. These include support of the Editorial Office of JCBFM, of our biennial BRAIN meeting including bursaries for young investigators, and of other meetings such as the Gordon Research Conference on Brain Energy Metabolism & Blood Flow. Other expenses support the routine operation of the Society, including financial and secretarial services. I am happy to report that we have settled the issue of the outstanding deficit of the BRAIN'03 meeting to the satisfaction of both the Society and the meeting organizers.

A link to the detailed financial statements for 2009 and 2010 is found below. The value of our assets in December 2008 was US \$2,324,887; the value as of December 2010 (subject to review by our auditor) is \$3,085,928. In spite of the difficult global economic situation, our financial position remains very strong.

One issue I identified at the 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors was the need for better continuity of operation of the Treasurer's Office when a new Treasurer is elected. The bylaws stated that the Treasurer is elected for 2-year terms for no more 6 years. There was a need for a mechanism to facilitate a smooth transition between Treasurers. As a result, our by-laws were amended to add the position of Treasurer-Elect, whose term coincides with the last 2-year term of the Treasurer. The new Treasurer-elect will become familiar with the operation of the Society's finances and assist me for 2 years, prior to assuming the position of Treasurer.

In addition to our investment bank Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, we have several other providers of financial services. These include an accountant to prepare our financial statements, an auditor, an accounting firm to prepare United States tax forms, and a tax legal advisor. These providers help us to maintain our status as a non-profit association incorporated in the United States. I will request that we ratify the continued use of these providers at our Board and General Assembly meetings in Barcelona according to standing policy. Finally, I want to give special thanks to Barbara Richards, Assistant to the ISCBFM Treasurer, who continues to provide invaluable help to assure the smooth operation of the Office of the Treasurer.

Peter Herscovitch, Treasurer

Financial statements for 2009 and 2010

Election of Directors and Officers

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2009-2011

President:	Koji Abe	
Past president:	Joel H. Greenberg	
President elect:	Richard J Traystman	
Secretary:	Dale A. Pelligrino	
Treasurer:	Peter Herscovitch	
Chair Program Committee: Edith Hamel		
Editors:	Ulrich Dirnagl & Martin Lauritzen	
Directors:	Nobuo Araki*	Robert Koeppe
	Jun Chen*	Joseph LaManna*
	Hiroshi Ito	Anna M. Planas*
	Stephen C. Jones*	Shinichi Takahashi
	Tatsushi Kamiya*	Shunya Takisawa
	Raymond Koehler	Susan J. Vannucci

* Directors who will complete their present term on the Board in May 2011.

NOMINATED CANDIDATES

President Elect

- Eng H. Lo
- Edith Hamel

Secretary

- Hiroyuki Kinouchi
- Joseph LaManna

Treasurer

- Peter Herscovitch

Treasurer Elect

- Jun Chen
- Robert Koeppe

Board of Directors

- Jaroslaw Aronowski
- Jerome Badaut
- Nicolas Blondeau
- Marylin Cipolla
- Rick Dijkhuizen
- Jens Dreier
- Yoshiaki Itoh

- Kazuto Masamoto
- William Pearce
- Miguel A. Perez-Pinzon
- Nobuhito Saito
- Dandan Sun
- Guo-Yuan Yang
- For further information on the above mentioned nominees, please <u>click here</u>.

ISCBFM Elections are still open until **tomorrow, April 29th 2011**. This is your last chance to cast your vote!

Please download the ballot form by clicking on the link below. Please complete and return it to the ISCBFM Secretariat either by email or fax.

Ballot form for 2011 Elections

Kindly note that only 2011 members are allowed to vote!

► ► ► Call for dues 2011

Please contact the ISCBFM Membership Department in order to check your membership status or to pay your 2011 dues. <u>Click here</u> to renew your membership online!

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Seneral Assembly Agenda

General Assembly

Barcelona, Spain

Friday 27th May 2011 12:30 - 13:30

- 1. Approval of the minutes from the last General Assembly (Chicago 2009)
- 2. Report of the Secretary (Dale Pelligrino)
 - Results of the elections
 - Membership statistics
 - Approval of By-Law changes
- 3. Report of the Treasurer (Peter Herscovitch)
 - Approval of Accounts
 - Appointment of Auditors
- 4. Report of the Editors (Ulrich Dirnagl & Martin Lauritzen)
- 5. Proposal: That the next General Assembly of members be held in Shanghai in 2013
- 6. Welcome New President (Richard Traystman)

Brain'11 / BrainPET'11 Program



To view the program please <u>click here</u>.

LAST NEWS!! POSSIBILITY TO SHARE ROOMS!

The Young Investigators Committee has set up a service to facilitate finding colleagues willing to share a room during the congress. If you are interested, please contact Dr Nicolas Blondeau by e-mail at <u>blondeau@ipmc.cnrs.fr</u>.

Please note that ISCBFM or Kenes will not be responsible for screening roommates, will not get involved in financial arrangements between roommates or between roommates and the hotel, and will not make guarantees of any kind about compatibility, trustworthiness, etc.

For further information, please <u>click here</u>.

We look forward to seeing you all in Barcelona!

For any questions regarding the Congress, please contact: brain@kenes.com