

The ORGAN No. 27 (May 05)

Dear ISCBFM Member,

This is the final newsletter before we meet in Amsterdam for Brain05 and BrainPET05. As the members may have noted from the last issue of the newsletter, I will resign from my position as Secretary for the ISCBFM as of the next general assembly on June 9, 2005. The last four years have been an exciting time for the Society. Major changes have been incurred to the Society, both in terms of its recent association to the Nature Publishing Group and also in terms of the transfer of secretarial functions to Kenes International. It has been a pleasure to see how hard Kenes International has been working to implement new ways of dealing with memberships, to create a new website, and so on. I am faithful that they will continue to do an excellent job for the benefit of the Society and its members. From Brain'09 Kenes will also be in charge of organizing the biennial meetings and hopefully, this will relieve much of the burden from the members who volunteer to host the Brain Meetings. Organizing a meeting of this size is a huge task, as many previous Brain organizers will know. Further, by 2009 Kenes International will have a clear picture of the special flavor of the Brain and BrainPET Meetings and that they will be able to ensure that the traditions are carried on for the future meetings. Undoubtedly, their involvement in both secretarial affairs and organizing of the meetings will leave more time for the Board of Directors and in particular its offices to concentrate on strategic decisions.

I would like to thank the President-Past Mike Moskowitz and President Iwao Kanno for their encouragement and support during my time as Secretary. In particular, I have enjoyed the collaboration with the Treasurer, Wolfgang Kuschinsky, who has always been prepared to discuss and provide useful comments for me. The Chairman of the Publication Committee, Anthony Strong, and Consultant Graham Lees have been invaluable with their comments and contributions to the initial discussions with Kenes International.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the Society has been very fortunate to have two excellent candidates for the secretarial office, Dale Pelligrino and Peter Herscovitch. I am confident that both of them are in an excellent position to function as the Society's Secretary and I wish the new Secretary all the best.

Gitte Moos Knudsen, ISCBFM Secretary

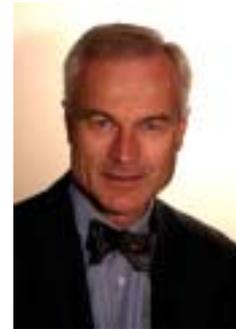


▶▶▶▶▶ Electoral contest - Treasurer

In Organ 25, members were invited to submit names of suitable candidates for the office of Treasurer if they wished to have an electoral contest. No member of the society has expressed a desire for an electoral contest and no alternative candidates to the present treasurer (Professor Kuschinsky) were proposed. Thus Wolfgang Kuschinsky is deemed to have been re-elected as Treasurer from June 2005 to Dec 2007. For your information, a short biography is given below.

TREASURER

Wolfgang Kuschinsky is currently Professor and Chairman at the Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Previously, he held positions as a Professor of Physiology at the Universities of Munich and Bonn. He has been trained as an MD and gathered research experience in the lab of Lou Sokoloff. He is a founding member of the Society and has served in the Editorial Board of its Journal from 1984 until 1992 and again since 2002. He has served in its Board of Directors from 1983 until 1987 and again from 1993 to 1997. He was Chairman of its Finance Committee from 1999 until 2001. Since 2002 he is Treasurer of the Society. His major research interests include the regulation of cerebral blood flow during physiological and pathophysiological conditions, the microcirculation of the brain, the transport of nutrients to the brain and neuronal stem cells.



▶▶▶▶▶ Call for bids - Brain'09 and BrainPET'09

Are you interested in hosting the Brain'09 and BrainPET'09 Meeting?

The venue for Brain'09 will be decided by the Board of Directors at their second board meeting in Amsterdam in June 2005. Individuals or groups interested in hosting the biennial meeting in 2009 are hereby invited to submit an expression of interest. The deadline for receipt of a full proposal is **May 26th, 2005**

For more information on what to include in the bid, please visit <http://www.iscbfm.org/>

▶▶▶▶▶ General Assembly Agenda

Thursday, June 9, 2005 at 14:00-15:00
Vrije Universiteit, Auditorium
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1. Minutes of the General Meeting held in Calgary, Canada on the July 2, 2003
2. Matters arising from the minutes
3. Report of the Secretary including election results (Gitte Moos Knudsen)
4. Report of the Treasurer (Wolfgang Kuschinsky)
5. Report of the Chairman of the Program Committee (Ulrich Dirnagl)
6. Report of the Chairman of the Publication Committee (Anthony Strong)
7. Report of the Editor of the Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism (Richard J Traystman)
8. Report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee (Ute Lindauer)
9. Report of the Chairman of the Young Investigator Committee (Matthias Endres)
10. Report of the Chairman of the Liaison Initiative Committee (Martin Lauritzen)
11. Presidential address (Iwao Kanno)
12. New business
13. Concluding comments by the new President (James McCulloch)
14. Vote to hold next General Meeting in 2007
15. Adjournment