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Message from the President, Dr. Edith Hamel

Dear ISCBFM Members,

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I invite you to consult the rejuvenated Newsletter of the Society, now called "ISCBFM Brain Bits". After a lot of brainstorming, the executive committee unanimously applauded this final great name suggested by the Society secretary Joe LaManna! The ISCBFM Brain Bits will follow the tradition of its predecessor "the Organ" in keeping members of the Society abreast of new developments and offering them a platform to let us know - as a Society - what we should be aware of. ISCBFM Brain Bits is your voice to the Society, and we are looking for your input and comments.

As incoming President of the Society, I want to acknowledge the wonderful work and great accomplishments of past President, Professor Dick Traystman. Since the Brain 2013 meeting in



Shanghai last May, like Little Thumb, I am walking into his big shoes and I will do my very best to maintain the Society as strong and vigorous as it is now. In order to do so, I am surrounded by highly dedicated officers and directors who will push the wheel and bring the Society a step ahead. They can be found at <http://iscbfm.org/>. I thank them all, and express my warmest gratitude to all members of the Society who agreed to serve on strategic committees for the next two years.

They are the ones who will make things happen! The composition of all committees appears through an upper right click from the Officers window on the Society website.

As a Society, we will face several new challenges in the next years, all being equally important to maintain the heart of the Society beating strongly and vigorously. Living at a time when so much variety and possibilities exist in biomedical research, we have to strengthen our membership, and find ways to attract young and new investigators. The *Membership and Marketing committee* chaired by Nabuhito Saito will be exploring new avenues to secure our membership. The *Young investigator committee*, chaired by Tracy Farr, will also be involved in this mission, and has the additional mandate to enhance the visibility and recognition to our first-rate young investigators and trainees. In

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Message from the President.....(cont'd)

face of scientific publishing being at a critical time of exceedingly rapid changes, Editors-in-Chief Ulrich Dirnagl and Martin Lauritzen have, for the past four years, safeguarded and heightened the notoriety of the Society most prestigious *Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism*. Yet, their mandate is coming to an end. The *Publication committee*, chaired by Mhairi Macrae, in addition to helping the EICs in their strategic plan for the Journal, had as first mandate to seek for a new Editor-in-Chief pursuing the tradition of highly committed, innovative and outstanding scientists being at the helm of the Society's jewel. Their recent recommendation of renewing the contract with the current EICs was just communicated to the Executive committee and enthusiastically approved by the BOD of the Society. We are thus very pleased to announce their re-appointment and look forward to continue working with them. The Society is also contemplat-

ing to reinstate support to summer courses and schools with high relevance to the Society's mission of better understanding mechanisms underlying cerebral blood flow and metabolism. This could provide a means for small, focused meetings alike the Gordon Research Conference on Brain Energy Metabolism and Blood Flow that took place from 2004-2012. Your views on this are welcome! The *Education committee* chaired by Susan Vanucci will be working on this once a decision has been reached. One of the Society greatest accomplishments is our biennial Brain/BrainPET meeting! Brain 2015 will be held in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada at the end of June 2015. The *Program committee*, chaired by David Boas, together with our local host Doris Doudet and the *Education committee* have already started work to make this meeting another outstanding one. Make sure to keep posted on the program of the

meeting and its upcoming novelties!

I invite you all to not forget to renew your membership. Despite the rigorous financial control of our treasurer Jun Chen and the *Finance committee* chaired by Robert Koeppel, your membership is tremendously important for the Society's survival and ability to support our meetings, trainees and any other events. Also, let us know of any issue that you think should be distributed broadly to our members and, finally, as once wrote one of our previous Presidents, Joel Greenberg: "If you just want someone to complain to, please contact me!"

We'll soon be in touch!

Best to all,

Edith Hamel, President of the ISCBFM

Note from the Past President

By Richard J. Traystman, PhD



It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President for the past two years. The society has continued to accomplish a great deal during that time. Our journal is healthy and continues to pub-

lish first rate manuscripts thanks to the leadership of our Editors-in-Chief Ulli Dirnagl and Martin Lauritzen. The society remains strong, our financial status is indeed stable and our membership is rising. Our last meeting in Shanghai was by every measure a great success and our next meeting to be held in Vancouver is also shaping up to be a great one too. The society remains committed to the study of cerebral blood flow, metabolism, imaging, behavior, blood brain barrier and other areas related to brain research. It fosters the study in these areas from a molecular, cellular, genetic viewpoint all the way to in vivo research including normal and pathophysiologic (disease) function from a translational view-

point. The society is also committed to the training and research endeavors of a younger generation of scientists who can continue interests of the brain. I wish to thank all of you and the Board members for your continued support of our society and our meetings. Fortunately (or unfortunately) I will still be around as Past President, working with our new President, Edith Hamel. I have worked with Edith for the past couple of years and all I can say about Edith is that she is terrific and that the Society will be in her able hands.

Brain 2013, a Great Success

By Jun Chen, M.D.



In May 2013, the 26th International Symposium on Cerebral Blood Flow, Metabolism and Function and the 11th International Conference on Quantification of Brain Function with PET were successfully held in Shanghai, China. The Brain conference is a biennial meeting targeting researchers in the neuroscience, neurology and neurosurgery fields. It pro-

vides an educational forum for international brain specialists, and has become an important symposium with growing global influence.

The theme of Brain 2013 is "Translational Neuroscience: from molecules to man". The last decade has brought an amazingly rapid accumulation of information concerning all aspects of neuroscience; yet promising applications of the impressive advances in basic neurosciences are only slowly being realized. Brain 2013 fully considered the gap between clinical and basic neuroscience, and initiated in-depth discussion on bridging the basic-clinical neuroscience divide in the burgeoning field of translational neuroscience.

Under this highly relevant theme, Brain 2013 attracted researchers and specialists from all over the world. With more than 900 participants

from 38 countries in the picturesque city of Shanghai, Brain 2013 has become one of the largest Brain conferences. A total of 115 young investigators were awarded the travel bursary funded by the ISCBFM, which, together with the high-quality educational courses, provided a unique opportunity for young scientists to get involved in the meeting, engaging in and contributing to promoting the translation from bench to bedside. In Shanghai, the largest city in China, participants experienced the best neuroscience in China, the charm of different cultures, as well as the long-existing friendship. Highlighted by the ground-breaking research topics, famed speakers, enlightening sessions and stimulating debates, Brain 2013 has undoubtedly proved itself a big success and will continue to shape the future of brain research.

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Excerpts from the Treasurer's Report

By Peter Herscovitch, M.D.

Establishment of an Account in the U.S.

When I became Treasurer, our assets were held Germany where the previous Treasurer resided. In 2008, a new account was opened with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in the U.S. An investment policy was implemented that guides how our assets are held, with an operating fund to pay ongoing expenses and a long-term reserve fund consisting of a blend of investments.

BRAIN Meetings

In 2008, there was still ongoing discussion about the BRAIN03 deficit, which arose because of low attendance (e.g., due to a SARS outbreak in Canada) and other problems faced by the organizers. Our potentially large responsibility for this deficit was resolved in a manner favorable to both the Society

and organizers. Subsequent meetings were revenue neutral; BRAIN11 resulted in a profit.

Audit by the IRS

In 2011, the ISCBFM was audited by the U. S. tax authority, the Internal Revenue Service, for calendar year 2008. The IRS was auditing non-profit corporations with **foreign** assets and we still had accounts in Germany during 2008. Our finances and operations as a non-profit society were reviewed. We passed the audit, which resulted in only minor suggestions for improvement.

Society Management Services Contract

Starting in 2004, we had a management services contract with Kenes International, serviced by their Geneva office. Financial services continued to be done in Germany under the capable direction of Barbara Richards, who continued to serve as Assistant to the Treasurer, a role she held for our previous Treas-

urer. She provided invaluable assistance with our financial affairs, and I wish to express my thanks to her on behalf of the Society. In 2012, we awarded our management contract to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, in Bethesda Maryland USA. It consolidates support for the Secretary (membership applications and database, communications, web site, elections) and Treasurer (bill payment, dues collection, financial statements, tax returns). As a result, the cost for management services decreased by about \$20,000 per year.

Assistant Treasurer

In 2010, bylaws were amended to add the position of Assistant Treasurer, to facilitate the transfer of financial responsibilities at the end of the Treasurer's term. Prof. Jun Chen was elected Assistant Treasurer in May 2011 and became Treasurer at the end of BRAIN13.





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Membership Renewals & New Administrative Office

By Joseph LaManna, Ph.D.

Membership continues to grow!

2009 – 686 members
2010 – 619 members
2011 – 573 members
2012 – 685 members
2013—723 members

Thank you for your membership and ongoing support of The International Society for Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism. If you haven't renewed your ISCBFM membership for the 2014 calendar year, please make sure to do so now. In reviewing the benefits of membership below, I am sure you will agree that ISCBFM membership is a valuable resource in the scientific community!

Renewing your membership ensures that you'll continue to have access to the *Journal of*

Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism (JCBFM) and enjoy lower member registration rates to ISCBFM events. Membership benefits include:

- Reduced registration fee for Brain/Brain PET
- Online access and/or printed version to the JCBFM: *Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism* (depending your membership type)

- Reduced subscription fee and page charges for the *JCBFM*
- Reduced fee for online access and printing of *NPG Journal*
- If aged below 36, possibility to apply for bursaries at the biennial symposia
- Opportunity to shape the direction of research in this scientific area



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www.iscbfm.org

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