

First ISPAD 2006 Newsletter

Dear ISPAD members

On behalf of the ISPAD Steering Committee, I wish to update you on recent developments.



Kaichi Kida

It is with great sadness that we have received the sad news that Kaichi Kida has passed away on 29 January 2006. Kaichi has been one of the leaders of our organization, the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD). To many of us ISPAD members, he has been a brilliant scientific advisor, a great educator to all those involved in diabetes care and an outstanding advocate for all issues concerning children with diabetes. He served on the ISPAD Advisory Council from 1989 to 1992, as ISPAD Treasurer from 1998 to 2004 and as a member of the ISPAD Scientific Committee from 2003 to 2004. Kaichi and his wife Masako have been such dear friends to many ISPAD members. Many of us have happy memories of the times we spent together during ISPAD Annual Meetings, Post Graduate Courses or Science Schools. It has been a privilege and honor to have worked with Kaichi. We have all lost an incredibly fine gentleman and a deeply committed member of ISPAD. In the name of the whole ISPAD membership, we send our condolences to his dear wife Masako and all those he has left behind.

Call for Nominations for Office

During the Annual General Business Meeting, we will elect new officers for the Advisory Council. This is the first call for nominations. All nominees must have agreed to have been nominated. Nominations must be received 60 days prior to election during the business meeting on 8 September 2006, in Cambridge, i.e., by 7 July 2006.

We will elect four people to the Advisory Council 2006–2008 (replacing Shin Amemiya, Yamanashi, Japan; Silvia Arslanian, Pittsburgh, PA, USA; Ragnar Hanas, Uddevalla, Sweden, and Alexandra Greene, St. Andrew, Scotland). We propose that this year, we would elect three medical members and one non-medical. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary-General by post/email (with covering explanation)/fax by 7 July.

ISPAD Prize of Achievement 2006

The ISPAD Prize is the society's highest honor. It is awarded to any individual who has made outstanding contributions in the areas of science, education or advocacy, which have had a major impact on childhood and adolescent diabetes.

The ISPAD Prize may be awarded to members or non-members of ISPAD. The Prize has been made possible by a generous grant from Eli Lilly and consists of a glass-sculptured trophy, a monetary prize of US \$4000, and a travel allowance of US \$1000. Nominations are invited for the 2006 Prize. The recipient will be expected to travel to Cambridge to formally receive the Prize at the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of ISPAD. Nominations should be addressed to the Secretary-General by 1 June 2006 detailing the nominee's achievements.

Visiting Research Fellowships 2006

Applications are invited from ISPAD members or other young researchers who wish to study or carry out diabetes-related research at a recognized center of excellence.

There are three fellowships available per year, each valued at US \$8000. This year, we have awarded one fellowship so far:

January 2005 Visiting Fellowship. Catarina Limbert, MD, Lisboa, Portugal, to study 'Cell-replacement therapy of type 1 diabetes – the potential of human mesenchymal (hMSC) adult stem cells' at the Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology, and Molecular Medicine, University of Wuerzburg, Germany.

A report on the fellowship will be published on the website within 1 year after fellowship. The recipients will give credit to ISPAD on any publication arising from any work done during the fellowship.

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The deadline for the application for the next Visiting Fellowships are 1 June 2006, 1 October 2006, and 1 January 2007.

ISPAD Prizes (Deadline 1 June)

During last year's General Assembly, we announced the following new awards:

ISPAD Young Investigator Award. Will be given from the 32nd ISPAD Annual Meeting in Cambridge on. The deadline for application is 1 June for any ISPAD member aged 40 years or less. Apply with CV and a paper published in a peer-reviewed journal (or accepted) within 2 yrs prior to application to the Secretary-General. The winner will receive US \$3000 including travel to the next Annual ISPAD Meeting where he or she will give a 15-min presentation, 'Young Investigator Lecture, supported by Medtronic'.

ISPAD Award for Education and Advocacy. ISPAD's honor for Education and Advocacy, nominations (any ISPAD member) from the membership by 1 June. The award will be given from the 32nd ISPAD Annual Meeting in Cambridge on. The prize winner receives US \$3000, including travel to the next Annual ISPAD Meeting where he or she will give a 30-min talk, 'Lestradet Lecture, supported by Lifescan'.

Allan Drash Clinical Fellowship

This award will be given from the 32nd ISPAD Annual Meeting in Cambridge on (US \$5000). ISPAD's 6-wk clinical fellowship applicants below 45 yrs, applications (any ISPAD member) from membership by 1 June (CV, current place of employment, cover letter with current place of employment, reason, and goals, acceptance letter from the site they wish to visit). Report will be published on the website within 1 yr after the fellowship is completed.

Campaign for a United Nations Resolution on Diabetes 2007

A United Nations Resolution on Diabetes is planned to focus the attention of the world on the need for urgent action. The solutions will require whole-of-government implementation and the attention of the combined United Nations global community.

On 3 December 2005, the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) hosted a meeting of key stakeholders. Attendees overwhelmingly voted to proceed with the campaign. This meeting was attended by

senior representatives from the several diabetes organizations. ISPAD was represented by Stu Brink, President-elect of ISPAD.

The goal of this IDF-led initiative is the proclamation of a United Nations resolution on diabetes to be declared on World Diabetes Day, 14 November 2007.

IDF expects the outcomes of such a resolution to be:

- (i) Increased global awareness of diabetes.
- (ii) Increased recognition of the burden of diabetes (humanitarian, social, and economic).
- (iii) Diabetes becoming a health priority in individual nations.
- (iv) Wide-spread implementation of cost-effective strategies for the prevention of diabetes complications.
- (v) Development of affordable public-health strategies for the prevention of diabetes itself.
- (vi) Recognition of 'special needs' groups (diabetes in children, the elderly, indigenous peoples, pregnancy, migrant people from developing nations).
- (vii) Increased research toward a cure.

As it is crucial that this initiative receives unifying support from professional diabetes organizations, ISPAD will closely follow and support this campaign. The window of opportunity afforded by the World Diabetes Day theme for 2007 being 'Diabetes in Children and Adolescents' further adds to the importance of using this opportunity to raise awareness for the issues concerning pediatric patients with diabetes. Therefore, we need the support of the ISPAD membership in the respective countries so that the issues concerning the youngest group of diabetes patients will get proper recognition.

For further information, please contact Stu Brink, M.D., at stubrink@aol.com.

ISPAD Post Graduate Course

A highly successful ISPAD Post Graduate Course for physicians was held last year in Krakow, Poland, immediately prior to the Annual ISPAD Congress. Currently, we are organizing a Post Graduate Course in Chile in April 2006. These meetings are designed for medical doctors and diabetic teams who have or who wish to develop an interest in diabetes in childhood and adolescence, especially for residents in pediatrics, diabetology, and endocrinology. We thank Ragnar Hanas, Moshe Phillip, Tadej Battelino, and Kim Donaghue for their efforts in organizing this event. ISPAD members wishing to organize future post graduate courses should contact the Secretary-General.

ISPAD 2007 – Mark the Date

The 33rd ISPAD Annual meeting will be held from 26 to 29 September 2007 in Berlin, Germany. The website will be located on www.ispad2007.com. The convenor is Olga Kordonouri (email: kordonouri@hka.de).

6th Annual ISPAD Science School 2006
Application Deadline: 1 June 2006

The aim of the ISPAD Science School is to provide junior physician-scientists (fellows and junior faculty) from around the world, who are in the early stages of their research careers, an opportunity to develop their skills in diabetes research in children and adolescents. This year's Science School will be held at the Castle of Rochecotte, 10 km from downtown Tours (<http://www.chateau-de-rochecotte.fr>), with arrival on Sunday, 22 October – departure on Friday, 27 October 2006.

The resident faculty will comprise senior physician-scientists with considerable clinical and research experience in diabetes and research methodology. The program will consist of lectures by the resident faculty and invited experts, presentations by the students of their research proposals and projects, clinical case discussions, and both formal and informal interactive discussions among students and faculty.

The following topics will be covered

- (i) Pancreas development.
- (ii) Neonatal diabetes.
- (iii) New therapeutic approaches.
- (iv) Insulin resistance (IR) and metabolic syndrome in children.
- (v) Early stages of nephropathy.

An essential feature of the Science School is to improve networking and networking skills of the participants. There will be ample time informally for participants to discuss their research projects and research plans with members of the faculty.

The ISPAD Science School 2006 is made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from Eli Lilly. The School will cover the costs of economy class return travel to tours, lodging, and meals. Twenty participants will be selected from all over the world. The application deadline is 1 June 2006. The applicants will be notified of the selection decisions early in July to allow adequate time to make travel and other arrangements.

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3rd Science School for Health Professionals,
Cambridge, UK, 3–5 September 2006

These 3-day meetings are designed for nurses, dietitians, psychologists, and podiatrists who have or wish to develop a research interest in diabetes in young people. The School is designed to give participants some understanding of research methodologies, qualitative and quantitative statistics and to provide constructive discussion about research projects currently being undertaken or considered. We thank Marg McGill for organizing the 2nd Science School for Health Care Professionals just prior to the Annual Meeting held last year in Krakow. Of 30 applicants from around the world, 15 were selected to participate and gave the School excellent reviews.

The third ISPAD Science School 2006 for health professionals will be held in Cambridge, UK, immediately prior to the Annual ISPAD Congress. Student places are limited to 15. Applications will be adjudicated by the Science School Steering Committee. The cost of attendance at the Science School will be covered by ISPAD. To apply, please send the following: CV (A4 page, max 2), description of current work, experience (clinical and research), reason for wishing to attend the Science School, Letter of Endorsement from Head of Department. Please send email, fax, or mail applications to the co-convenors:

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For more information, please go to www.ispad.org or www.accu-chek.com. The Science Schools for Health Professionals are sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from Roche Diagnostics GmbH.

Travel Grants to the 32nd Annual Meeting in
Cambridge

Travel grants will also be awarded for the 32nd Annual ISPAD Meeting in Cambridge. A total of \$600 is being awarded to those members who travel within the same continental region and \$1000 for those outside the continent. The grants are awarded to the younger

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researchers who have applied for grants and who have the highest ranking Abstracts being presented at the meeting.

32nd ISPAD Annual Meeting in Cambridge, UK

The 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of ISPAD will take place in England at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Music, West Road Concert Hall, from Wednesday 6 September 2006 to Saturday 9 September 2006.

The theme for the meeting is 'Diabetes Research and Care – Science and Art in Harmony', and we are now inviting you to submit scientific Abstracts and to register for the meeting. The website (<http://www.ispad2006-cambridge.com/>) will be updated

regularly with important information about the scientific and social agenda, the progress of Abstract submission, and accommodation news. We will also keep you regularly updated with conference information via email to members of ISPAD. The key dates and deadlines are Early bird registration from 9 January 2006 to 20 April 2006; Regular registration from 21 April 2006 to 1 August 2006; Late/onsite registration from 2 August 2006 to 6 September 2006; Deadline for Abstract submission: 18 April 2006.

With very best wishes and looking forward to seeing you in Cambridge.

Thomas Danne
Secretary-General ISPAD