



ISPAD

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2003

Seasonal greetings at the end of 2003 to all our members old and new and best wishes for the festivities of Christmas and New Year.

ISPAD news

1. **THANKS.** We want to express our gratitude to many people for making 2003 very successful for our Society.

To **Jean-Jacques and Ghislaine Robert** and their teams in Paris and St Malo for making the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting so memorable. Many members have said that it was the best ever scientific meeting and it was also made extra special by the warmth of hospitality and environment in Brittany.

To **Stephen Greene**, his family and the Dundee team for organising another excellent Science School in St Andrew's Scotland (sponsored by Novo Nordisk). There were 20 high calibre young researchers who we hope gained educational enrichment from the experience and made many new scientific contacts during the superbly run school. Thanks also to the faculty facilitators who not only put in a great amount of time and energy but also learnt greatly from the experience and enjoyed the fun.

To **Francesco Chiarelli** for his very effective chairmanship of the Scientific Committee which is now working with Warren Lee and his colleagues on the programme for Singapore.

To **Olli Simell** for taking on the dual responsibilities of organising the 2004 Science School in Finland (sponsored by Lilly) and taking over as chairman of the next Scientific Committee which will be liaising with Przemka Jarosz-Chobot for the 2005 meeting in Krakow.

To **Ragnar Hanas** for his continuing and expert work as our webmaster. He reminds us that to enter the members bulletin boards you have the user name "childhood" and password "betacell". New members will have to register with their own name ("new users") and choose their own password.

2. **MEMBERSHIP.** Since the Annual Meeting the numbers of new members have increased again so that in 2003 we have now welcomed 50 new members. The continuing rapid expansion in membership numbers reflects the healthy state of the Society. Unfortunately we have identified a substantial number of people who have not paid the annual fees for 3 years or more and they are being removed from the membership list.

3. **VISITING FELLOWSHIPS.** We are still awaiting a couple of promised applications for the end of year fellowships and the deadline for the next Fellowship will be June 1st 2004 (see Minutes of Business Meeting Sept 2003)
4. **ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 2-6TH 2004.** Warren Lee and his team are putting the final touches to the Programme for the meeting. Dates of abstract deadlines for the meeting will be sent out in the New Year but please begin to consider which aspects of your research will be submitted for the meeting. It is extremely important that the high standards of science of ISPAD meetings are maintained. Remember that although the cost of travel to Singapore will be higher the organisers have endeavoured to reduce the costs of accommodation and registration. Further information from ispad2004@mpgroupasia.com
5. **DKA CONSENSUS.** As many of you know ESPE/LWPES convened a meeting in London in July which resulted in an important consensus statement on the pathophysiology and management principles of DKA. Several ISPAD members were very prominent in the development of the document and we hope that this is appropriately acknowledged in the paper which should be published early in 2004 simultaneously in Pediatrics and Archs Dis Child journals.
6. **COMMITTEES, GRANTS AND NOMINATIONS.** Members are requested to begin thinking about
 - (a) new nominations for the Advisory Council (3 MD's and 1 non-medical health professional)
 - (b) nominations for the Prize for Achievement
 - (c) travel grants for Singapore (\$15,000 will be available for the best accepted abstracts)
7. **CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO:**
 - (a) **Martin Silink** for his magnificent achievement on election to the office of President-Elect of IDF and to **Marg McGill** becoming a Vice President of IDF
 - (b) **Denis Daneman** President-elect ISPAD, **Thomas Danne** Secretary-General-elect ISPAD and **Lynda Fisher** Treasurer-elect ISPAD, all to serve from November 2004
 - (c) **David Dunger, Olga Kourdonouri, Jadranka Popovic** and **Tuula Simell** on being elected to Advisory Council ISPAD (2003-2005).

Members who wish to communicate research or news to the whole email membership can use the address members@ispad.org

The Secretary-General is aware of at least two members in North America who are developing exciting proposals to host the 2006 annual scientific meeting.

The Steering Committee will be meeting in February in Oslo so please send ideas and suggestions for discussion to the Secretary-General before that date. Following that we will post another newsletter giving all the deadline dates for abstracts, nominations etc. The Steering and most of the Advisory Council plan to meet also at the ADA in June 2004.

Very best wishes for 2004 from the Steering Committee

Knut Dahl-Jorgensen, *President*

Peter Swift, *Secretary-General*

Kaichi Kida, *Treasurer*

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