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Dear members

- The Steering Committee** (President, Secretary General and Treasurer) wish you all a belated but successful, healthy 2004 and hope you will join us in as many ISPAD activities as possible this year especially the exciting **30th Annual Scientific Meeting** at the magnificent Raffles Convention Centre in Singapore, November 3-6th.
- Singapore.** Please note the following dates and details (**see excellent website at home page www.ispad.org**)
 - early bird reduced price registration closes next week March 31st
 - abstracts** must be sent in electronically or by post by May 31st
 - registration asks for your membership numbers. There are none so leave this out!
 - although travel will be more expensive from many parts of the world, accommodation is cheaper so please make an effort to attend another excellent ISPAD Meeting
 - this year we have linked up with Pediatric Diabetes to publish the abstracts
- Membership.** As reported in the end of year newsletter we welcomed 61 new members last year and already 5 this year. This is offset by the fact that the Treasurer is still trying to chase a considerable number of members who have not made contact with us for some years. We have more than 600 members in email contact.
- Visiting Fellowships**

We are pleased to announce that the second 2003 fellowship (December) for \$5000 has been awarded to Dr. Annabelle Slingerland (Sophia Children's Hosp. Rotterdam) to visit Exeter University, England to study further the clinical, physiological and genetic characteristics of the newly described Permanent Neonatal Diabetes gene Kir6.2 (a publication on this with acknowledgements to the ISPAD Rare Diabetes Genes Centre will appear shortly in NEJM). The submission for this Fellowship from Jan Bruining and Andrew Hattersley was very impressive.
- Grants, Fellowships and Awards**

Please note the very important attachments describing

(a) **Travel Grants** for young researchers whose abstracts are accepted for the ISPAD Meeting in Singapore

(b) **Visiting Fellowships for 2004.** The Steering Committee has decided to award three Fellowships per year and increased the value of the awards.

(c) **ISPAD Prize for Achievement** our most prestigious Prize to be presented to the award winner in Singapore

(d) the Steering Committee is also planning in the future to award a Science Prize which would involve the award winner in delivering an annual diabetes science lecture at the annual meeting.

6. Elections to Office

In Singapore we will need to elect 2 or 3 medical members and 1 non-medical health care professional to the Advisory Council to bring the number into line with the Constitution (no fewer than 5 MD's + no fewer than 2 Non MD's). **Please see nomination forms attached.**

The current Advisory Council is as follows:

'02-'04: Kim Donaghue (MD, Australia), Lynda Fisher (MD, USA)

Marg McGill (Nurse Manager, Australia), Sheridan Waldron (Dietitian, UK)

'03-'05: David Dunger (MD, UK), Olga Kourdonouri (MD, Berlin)

Jadranka Popovic (MD, USA), Tuula Simell (PhD, nurse, public health scientist, Finland)

Ex Officio: Ragnar Hanas (IT and website), Warren Lee (Convenor, Singapore 2004), Przemka Jarosz-Chobot (Convenor, Krakow 2005), Francesco Chiarelli (Chair Scientific Comm '02-'04), Olli Simell (Chair Scientific Comm '04-'06)

7. Science School 2004.

This is being organised by Professor Olli Simell for the end of November 2004 in Finland. Details will be posted later inviting young scientists to this highly educational annual diabetes science school generously sponsored this year by Lilly.

Dr Peter Swift

Secretary General ISPAD, March 2004

ATTACHMENTS:

Visiting Fellowship Application Forms – deadlines June 1st, October 1st,
February 1st ('05)

ISPAD Prize for Achievement – deadline July 1st

Nominations for Elections to Advisory Council – deadline September 1st 2004

Travel Grant Applications for Singapore – deadline August 10th 2004

