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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2003

Dear members

The contents of this letter are very important so please take time to read them and respond to the requests by the appropriate deadline dates.

1. The Steering Committee of Knut Dahl-Jørgensen (President), Peter Swift (Secretary-General) and Kaichi Kida (Treasurer) would like to take this opportunity of thanking the previous officers particularly Martin Silink, our immediate past President, for their unstinting and most effective work in moving forward the organisation and achievements of the Society. We really do believe that with its broader and bigger membership, ISPAD is now a Society with a much greater and more influential voice in the world of diabetes and its scientific standards will continue to advance.

Thanks were expressed in the Business Meeting in Graz to retiring Advisory Council members, Mikael Knip and Kenneth Robertson, and for the continuing marvellous work of webmaster, Ragnar Hanas.

Since Graz the third Science school for 20 younger members has been held in Toronto, organised by Denis Daneman and his team. Reports from both participants and teachers were extraordinarily positive and we would like to express our very grateful thanks to Denis for all his hard work in making the third science school so successful and thanks to Eli Lilly for sponsoring this valuable event.

2. Membership.

New members continue to join but unfortunately the Treasurer is having to write to a substantial number of "members" who have failed to pay their subscriptions for more than two years. If there is not a rapid response from these members it will be assumed that they wish to discontinue their membership.

Please note the changes on the ISPAD website with respect to application for membership. Unfortunately as yet the form still has to be Faxed or sent by post.

3. Annual Scientific Meeting and Travel Grants

St. Malo, FRANCE

Wednesday September 3rd - Saturday Sept 6th 2003.

The convenor, Jean-Jacques Robert has set up an impressive website and has called for abstracts for the meeting. The scientific content of the meeting and the (anonymous) judging of the abstracts will be the responsibility of the

scientific committee appointed by the President last year. All the details of the meeting can be accessed via the ISPAD website www.ispad.org including the dates of abstract acceptance etc.

Younger members who have their abstracts accepted may apply for **Travel Grants** the details of which are appended to this letter. Please note the final date of receipt of applications by the Secretary-General is June 10th.

4. Elections

The new constitutional arrangements mean that we have some very important elections for this year.

(a) A **President elect** will be required for the period 2003-2004 and to serve 2004-2005

(b) The **Secretary-General** may be re-elected for a second term and in order to ensure continuity within the Steering Committee, Peter Swift is willing to be re-elected for a one year period only (until 2005).

(c) A **Treasurer elect** will be required for the period 2003-2004 and to serve 2004-2005

(d) We need to replace 4 members of the **Advisory Council** (Shui-Xian Shen, Warren Lee, Reinhard Holl and Georgeanna Klingensmith) but again in order to maintain continuity we would propose that this year we elect 3 medical members and 1 non-medical (and the same next year). Please see the nomination forms and please note that nominations must be with the Secretary General **before July 1st**. Members who have previously been Advisory Councillors may be re-elected if there has been a gap of one term out of office.

5. Visiting Fellowships

The Visiting Fellow for 2002-2003, Dr Iveta Dzivita (Latvia) who is studying enterovirus biology in Amsterdam will be asked to report on her work for the society. Applications are now welcome for visiting Fellowships for 2003 and 2004 (see appendix).

6. ISPAD Prize for Achievement 2003

We have been very proud to award the prize, ISPAD's highest honour, to Professor Johnny Ludvigsson in 2001 and in Graz to Professor Hans Akerblom.

Please see the nomination details as an appendix to this letter.

7. Science School 2003

As announced to members and on the website, Dr Stephen Greene is organising the 4th ISPAD Science School in St. Andrews, Scotland November 16-21 2003. Please ensure that your young and enthusiastic colleagues are informed about this exciting science training experience.

8. International Diabetes Federation (IDF)

The triennial meeting is in Paris August 24-29 immediately preceding ISPAD. Knut Dahl-Jorgensen has been awarded the privilege of delivering the ISPAD IDF lecture. The title will

be "The prevention of diabetic complications and atherosclerosis starts in childhood". During the meeting voting will take place to elect the President for 2006-2009. As you know we have nominated Martin Silink and many influential votes will be cast by Diabetes Associations so please contact your national association to promote Martin's most worthy candidature. I have a copy of our nomination letter if any member wants it to send to their association.

9. Standardisation of HbA1c

Some members may have heard that the International Federation of Clinical Chemists

(IFCC) had proposed that HbA1c levels be globally harmonized based on a new stable peptide calibrator resulting in new reference ranges very different from those in use at the moment. Following an international meeting in Kyoto, Japan in November it was decided that no change will be made yet but that DCCT group and IFCC should collaborate closely on this project before final decisions are made within the next year.

10. Future ISPAD Annual Scientific Meetings

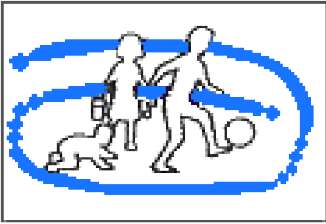
Singapore, November 2-6, 2004, Convenor Warren Lee (ispad2004@mpgroupasia.com)

Krakow, Poland August 31-September 3, 2005, Convenor Przemyslaw Jarosz-Chobot

Dr. Peter Swift

Secretary- General ISPAD, March 2003

Appendices: Nominations for elections to office – deadline July 1st
Visiting fellowships – deadlines June 1st and December 1st
ISPAD Prize for Achievement – deadline May 20th
Travel Grant Forms for St.Malo – deadline June 10th



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Nominations for Office

(All nominees must have agreed to have been nominated)

I nominate as **President Elect** for the term 2003-2004 and to serve as President 2004-2006

Name:

I nominate as **Secretary-General Elect** for the term 2003-2004 and to serve for 2004-2006

Name:

Or for Peter Swift to be re-elected for one further year 2004-2005

I nominate as **Treasurer Elect** for the term 2003-2004 and to serve as Treasurer 2004-2006

Name:

I nominate the following person(s) for the **Advisory Council** 2003-2005

Name(s): Please indicate whether medical or non-medical

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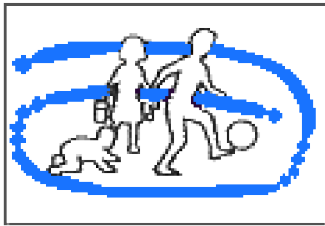
Name of Nominating Member (Capital letters):

Signature: Date:

Send by Post / email (with covering explanation) / **Fax by July 1st**

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VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 2003 / 2004

Applications are invited from ISPAD members who wish to study or carry out research at a recognized centre of excellence.

There are two fellowships available per year, each valued at USD 5000. They should be awarded to any medical or non-medical members who are less than 40 years of age at the time of application. After the completion of the visit the Fellow will be expected to complete a report for the Secretary-General &/or present any research results at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

Applications should include:

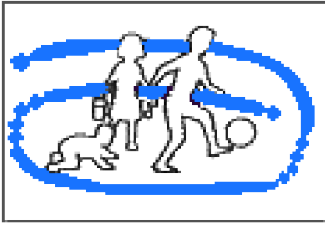
- the aims of the visit to the centre of excellence
- a research plan or outline of the study to be undertaken
- the expected outcome and benefits
- evidence of acceptance from the nominated centre
- proposed dates of the visiting fellowship

Deadlines for applications for the two Fellowships are - June 1st 2003
- December 1st 2003

Applications should be sent to the **Secretary-General**

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ISPAD PRIZE 2003

The ISPAD Prize is the Society's highest honour. It is awarded to any individual who has made outstanding contributions in the areas of

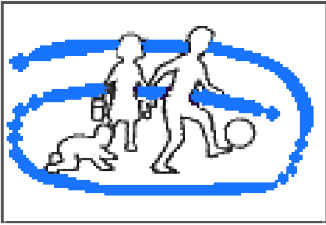
- SCIENCE,
- EDUCATION or
- ADVOCACY which have had a major impact on childhood and adolescent diabetes.

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 USD 4000 and a travel allowance of USD 1000.

Nominations are invited for the 2003 Prize. The recipient will be expected to travel to St. Malo to formally receive the Prize at the 29th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes, September 6th 2003.

Nominations should be addressed to the Secretary-General by May 20th 2003 detailing the nominee's achievements.

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Travel Grants

Name Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)

Address

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E-mail address

I wish to apply for a travel grant to enable me to attend the **ISPAD Scientific Meeting in St Malo, France September 2003.**

I apply on the understanding that:

- (a) I have submitted an abstract for the meeting and that the grant will only be awarded if the abstract is accepted for presentation at this meeting
- (b) My age is < 40 years
- (c) I am already a member or it is my intention to join ISPAD
- (d) I am unlikely to obtain funding for travel to the meeting from another source.

Signature

Date

Closing date for receipt of applications is June 10th 2003 and awards will be announced by June 30th

Please send this by post to: Dr Peter Swift, Secretary-General ISPAD,
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