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Message from the IFSHC President Robert Y. Osamura, M.D.



I hope all of you have been enjoying prosperous year 2009.

We all still remember very vividly the nice and very successful ICHC 2008 in Gdansk Poland in August. The meeting contained many excellent quality scientific Symposia and workshops. Many posters were also stimulating. In addition, the city of Gdansk was very enjoyable. We appreciate the perfect arrangements and hospitality of Congress President Dr. & Mrs. Zbigniew Kmiec and the Polish Society of Histochemistry.

I would like to bring your attention to the Federation of Societies of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (IFSHC), and the participation of each affiliated Society and active scientific communication is very important. For this purpose, the IFSHC has started working on interactive IFSHC website. I would like to include information on the Meetings of each Society and exchange of information in the field of histochemistry.

At the first IFSHC Executive meeting in Gdansk, the changes of dues structures was proposed. It was also approved that the ballot could be done by Email voting. We will get in touch with you regarding this matter but it is important for us to know the rosters are fully updated.

My message as a IFSHC President is as follows. Recently, histochemistry has been reappraised in the era of genomic and proteomic advances to pinpoint exactly where the biology or pathologic events are happening. We should be flooded with many technologies to improve our histochemistry. We should extend our attempt not only in biological field but in pathologic areas, i.e. understanding disease process and implications for molecular-based treatment of diseases such as cancers.

I hope the year 2009 will be as prosperous for you. I am looking forward to hearing feedback from your Societies.

Robert Y. Osamura

Message from the IFSHC Secretary-General Serap ARBAK, Ph.D.



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to start this first Newsletter of 2009 by wishing all our members a healthy and successful year. We especially congratulate Prof. Zbigniew Kmiec (President of the Polish Society for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry), for having organized the 13th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry ICHC 2008 'Imaging of Cell Dynamics' with great success on 23-27 August 2008 at the Medical University of Gdansk, Poland. Overall, the Congress was a successful scientific event with very lively activity and a high level of attendance, with many young participants which creates a very stimulating atmosphere all over the world.

ICHC 2008 provided an excellent scientific program, with major topics including optical and fluorescence microscopy, flow cytometry advances in laser capture microdissection, cellular tomography and molecular pathology. The Congress consisted of 7 plenary lectures, 10 symposia, 4 poster sessions, and 3 practical workshops. ICHC 2008 was enhanced by the participation of 500 registered participants: 225 from Poland, 40 from Italy, 30 from Turkey, 30 from Japan, 20 from the United States, 10 from China, and from the others Czech Republic, Russia, Germany, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, and the United Kingdom. 22 invited lecturers were from the United States, 16 from Japan, 14 from Germany, 6 from Poland, 5 from Italy, 4 from United Kingdom, 4 from The Netherlands, 4 from France, 3 from China, 2 from Belgium, 2 from Denmark, 2 from Finland, 2 from Spain and also from Australia, Israel, Russia Austria, Hungary, and Switzerland. Jeff LICHTMAN (USA), James E. BLEVINS (USA), J. Paul ROBINSON (USA), Robert Y. OSAMURA (Japan), Carsten SCHULZ (Germany), and Peter FRIEDL (Germany) presented plenary lectures.

Numerous sessions with well attendance were organized. A total number of 255 posters were mostly presented by young researchers and were often vividly discussed. Abstracts of the ICHC 2008 lectures and posters appeared in *Folia Histochemica et Cytobiologica*, vol. 46, Suppl. 2 2008 that was provided on site to the participants.

Taku Homma (Japan), Maria Sundvik (Finland), James E. Blevins (United States) Valentina Lodde and Federica Fulceri (Italy), Ewa Jasek (Poland), Pelin Arda Pirinçci (Turkey) were awarded as "Young Histochemists of ICHC 2008" by their national societies. They received

free registration and accommodation together with free access to the social program and a travel award of the IFSHC.

The social aspect of the congress program included the Opening Ceremony and welcome reception at the Concert Hall of the Polish Baltic Philharmonic; a banquet in the Mercure Hevelius hotel; and tours in and around Gdansk and to the Castle of Malbork.

Prof. Dr. C.J.F. van NOORDEN was honored with the prestigious Glick Award. He presented the lecture 'Metabolic Mapping' at the Opening Ceremony. He was also awarded with the Honorary Membership of the Polish Society for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. Professors Denis G. BASKIN and William STAHL were awarded the Paul Nakane Prize of the IFSHC.

Two delegate meetings have been held during the congress. During the second one the delegates of the national histochemical societies elected the new IFSHC Executive Committee composed of : Robert Y. Osamura (President, Japan), Serap Arbak (Secretary General, Turkey), Hinke Multhaupt (Treasurer, USA), Raymond Coleman (Councilor, Israel) and Zbigniew Kmiec (Councilor, Poland).

Overall, the Congress was a superb scientific event, which provided new insights for the applications of microscopic imaging techniques in many areas of cell biology and medicine.

The host Society for ICHC 2012 was voted upon in the second delegate meeting and the proposal by the Japan Society for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry(JSHC) has been approved. The next Congress of the International Federation of the Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry will be held in Kyoto in late August 2012. We are looking forward to greeting all of you at ICHC 2012 in Kyoto.

Please allow me to remind you to inform me about any changes to the roster for your society. It will be very important for us to communicate with the officers of the national societies. I will be also glad to hear about your recent news from your societies. It will help us in making our whole community much more connected. We will also welcome your constructive suggestions to activate mutual exchange of ideas.

On another issue, I would like to remind you that it is essential for member societies to keep up to date with dues payments, as this is the only source of funds that the IFSHC has to assist delegates and Young Histochemists attend the International Congresses of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry.

To close this first newsletter edited by the new Executive Committee, I would like to thank the members of the former board and, especially, the former President Prof. Dr. Denis BASKIN, former Secretary-General Prof. Dr. Robert OSAMURA and former Treasurer Prof. Dr.Pertti PANULA for all the time and effort they have put into IFSHC.

I wish you all the best for 2009.

Serap ARBAK

**Message from the Treasurer
Hinke Multhaupt, Ph.D.**



Dear Colleagues,

Despite the economic world crisis, at this point, the finances of the IFSHC are in good shape. Some societies have paid their dues, and the Polish Society of Histochemistry has paid their loan back to the IFSHC. Societies that had paid their IFSHC dues in time for the 13th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry, were able to nominate a Young Histochemist who received free registration, hostel accommodation, free lunches and social program, in addition to a cash travel award. These societies were also able to send their voting delegates to the Meeting of Delegates. Japan, Finland, Unites states, Italy, Poland and Turkey nominated their Young Histochemists, who were recognized at ICHC 2008 in Gdansk.

At the First Executive Meeting the change of dues structure was approved as follows: the amount of 100 € per year for small societies (less than 100 members), and the amount of 200 € per year for large societies (more than 100 members).

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Prof. Pertti Panula for his services as Treasurer for the last 8 years, and for his continued support and advice.

I am looking forward working with you the next 4 years.

Hinke Multhaupt