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IFSHC Newsletter December 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE IFSHC PRESIDENT Robert Y. Osamura, M.D.



Hello Everybody !

I hope every member Society has enjoyed fruitful year of 2011 in histochemistry.

The IFSHC Executive members and the ICHC 2012 President Tetsuro Takamatsu met in Copenhagen on October 1 and 2 and we discussed the Scientific program, Budget and Social programs of the 14th ICHC 2012 to be held on August 26 - 29, 2012 in Kyoto, Japan. We all agreed that the Congress is being well organized and will be successful one. We still remember the enjoyable and successful Congress in 2008 in Gdansk. As it was obvious from the preceding meetings, the success of the ICHC totally depends on the active participation of the member Societies. Unfortunately, we are losing some member Societies and the interactive communication among member Societies has not been active as it was first expected. With this background, the ICHC 2012 will be the best opportunity to bring these losing Societies back and stimulate the interactive scientific activities under the theme of the Congress *'Beyond the Limit of Histochemistry'*

Our current member Societies, the Executive members and our activities are on the website of IFSHC www.ifshc.com. I would like you to visit this website and give us the comments in order to improve IFSHC further. We have to move forward to feedback to the basic science and to the medical practice. It should be emphasized that the technical development of histochemistry has to get along with the advances of basic science and that the detection of molecules and genes by histochemistry has to be accurate and quantitative in order to feedback to patient care.

I wish you all a prosperous 2012 and see you all in Kyoto in August 2012.

Robert Y. Osamura



MESSAGE FROM THE IFSHC SECRETARY-GENERAL Serap ARBAK, Ph.D.

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express my sincere regards to all of you in 'IFSHC Newsletter December 2011'.

Let me first of all inform you about the news for the upcoming ICHC 2012. On September 30-November 1, 2011 Prof. Tetsuro Takamatsu (President of ICHC 2012, Kyoto Japan), have kindly presented to Prof. Osamura, Prof. Baskin, Prof. Arbak, Assoc. Prof. Mulhaupt, Prof. Coleman and Prof. Kmiec a report on the status of the preparations for ICHC 2012 in Copenhagen Denmark. This presentation included scientific program, keynote and plenary lectures, symposia, workshops and poster sessions, awards including the Young Histochemists Awards, Best posters award, Best Picture award and sponsorship status. Beside these matters, details concerning accommodation, social activities, opening ceremony, reception and banquet along with the accompanying persons' program were discussed. The overall report about the status of preparations for ICHC 2012 pointed out to a very successful congress in 2012. The IFSHC Executive Committee was pleased to confirm that the IFSHC will provide all necessary cooperation during the organization processes of ICHC 2012.

- As in previous congresses, each member society of IFSHC will nominate one young scientist among their young members of under the age of 35 for 'Young Histochemist Award'. Each will receive free registration and accommodation. IFSHC will pay \$ 200 for each awardee. The deadline will be February 29, 2012. Societies that have paid all IFSHC dues are eligible to nominate a Young Histochemist to attend ICHC 2012. The Young Histochemists will receive free registration and accommodation in addition to a cash travel award to help cover in part the cost of airfare. Any Member Society that has not paid all of the annual subscriptions consecutively each year since the last congress will be excluded from receiving a 'Young Histochemist' grant.
- Societies in good standing have voting privileges at the Meeting of Delegates at ICHC 2012 where decisions will be made about the location of ICHC 2016, election of the next Executive Committee, and changes to the by-laws and statutes. Nominations of voting and non-voting delegates from each member societies should be done by March, 30, 2012.
- '**David Glick Lecture Award**' will be awarded during ICHC 2012. The award includes a \$ 1000 honorarium and up to \$ 2000 to cover travel expenses... The awardee will present a lecture during the Opening Ceremony of ICHC 2012. Deadline of applications to IFSHC David Glick Lecture is January 1st 2012.

Information from the IFSHC By-laws:

The David Glick Lecture, established in 1982 by an anonymous donation, will be presented at each International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry in recognition of the contributions of David Glick. The Lecturer selected should be a prominent histochemist or cytochemist, who will be granted travel expenses, a cash honorarium and a scroll or certificate to mark the award. The award selection committee includes the IFSHC Executive Committee and a representative of the US Histochemical Society (according to the by-laws).

Nominations should include a letter that explains why the nominated individual merits the David Glick Lectureship. Please note that the award required the recipient to deliver a lecture at ICHC 2012. Because David Glick was a pioneer of quantitative histochemical methods, nominees whose contributions in quantitative histochemistry are especially welcome.

- **‘Paul Nakane Prize’** in Histochemistry and Cytochemistry will be conferred at ICHC 2012. The prize is intended to be a lifetime achievement award that is presented to an individual who has shown outstanding international leadership to advancing the fields of histochemistry and cytochemistry. The prize includes a plaque and \$ 1500 honorarium. The deadline for nominations from each society is February 1st 2012.

- I would like to inform you about the change in due payments for each category of member societies

*Society due change by bylaws was recommended at the Gdansk Delegates Meetings in 2008 as:
100 EUROS per year for small Society <100 members
200 EUROS per year for larger Society >100 members*

IFSHC executive committee decided to implement this decision and approved it .

- **As the next issues, I would like to inform you about the scientific activities of member societies:**

DANISH SOCIETY OF HISTOCHEMISTRY AND CYTOCHEMISTRY (www.ds.ch.dk)

- Danish Society of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry has organized in May 18 2011 ‘Best Laboratory Practice and Standardization of Immunohistochemistry Testing’ meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. The organization committee has offered free registration for this mentioned course.
- Molecular technology for studying cell functions’ meeting has been co-organized by ‘ Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen’ and Danish Society. In 30th November 2011 in Copenhagen Denmark.
- Meeting about ‘Malign Melanoma ‘ will be organized in April, 25, 2012.

THE HISTOCHEMICAL SOCIETY (HSC) (www.histochemicalsociety.org)

- **HCS JOINS FASEB**

On July 1, 2011, The HCS became the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology’s (FASEB) 24th member society. FASEB was founded in 1912 to provide members societies with coordinated help disseminating research, founding publications and sponsoring meetings. Today the Federation’s 24 scientific societies comprise over 100,000 researchers worldwide.

- HCS will participate in Experimental Biology, FASEB’s annual meeting, as well as contribute to many of FASEB’s committees. “Membership in FASEB will give HCS member’s increased opportunities to meet with their colleagues at Experimental Biology and provide them with a strong voice in Washington,” according to William L. Stahl, PhD., HCS Executive Director.

- **ANNUAL MEETING AND SHORT COURSE**

The 2012 HCS Annual Meeting and Short Course on Immunohistochemistry and Microscopy will again be held at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The Short Course begins on

March 18 and runs through March 20. The Meeting follows from March 21 – 23. The JHC Plenary Lecture presented by Richard Hynes of MIT is titled *what is actually in the Extracellular Matrices that You Stain?* There will be two Poster Sessions and the meeting will again feature the popular Technology Review session. HCS offers many merit and travel awards and beginning with 2012, we are participating in the FASEB/MARC program sponsoring travel awards to help support Faculty, students, and postdoctoral fellows of underrepresented groups from majority institutions are also eligible to apply for these travel awards. Please visit the meeting website for further information: www.histochemistry2012.org.

- ***JOURNAL COLOR CHARGE WAIVER***
HCS's Journal of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (JHC) is waiving color charges for all manuscripts submitted through the end of December. This provides a huge savings to authors and brings the cost of publishing in JHC below that of most journals including open access journals.

SOCIETY FOR HISTOCHEMISTRY (www.histochemistry.eu)

- The most recent activity of the Society has been the Symposium in Munich, in October 2011 (see <http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/histochemistry2011>), a highly successful meeting with about 140 participants.
- The next one has been scheduled for 5-8 September, 2012 in Vienna, Austria. The title of the Symposium will be: Imaging development - Tracking cells in order and disorder and will be organized by Profs. Klara Weipoltshammer and Christian Schoefer. A complete announcement including the topics of the different session will appear soon in *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*, the official Journal of the Society for Histochemistry.

As for other information on the Society, you could refer to the website of the society

POLISH HISTOCHEMICAL AND CYTOCHEMICAL SOCIETY (www.histochemia.org)

- In the year 2011 Polish Histochemical and Cytochemical Society (PTHC) had the 50th Anniversary of its foundation. PTHC has 270 members who belong to 10 local branches (centers) organized in the major Polish academic cities.
- The activities of its members are realized at the central and local levels. Every year one branch organizes a national 2-2.5 daylong conference with the attendance of foreign invited speakers. An important part of these yearly symposia is the participation of many young scientists who present posters (during last years the total number of posters was 90-100), and held also oral presentations.
- At the local level each PTHC center is obliged to organize scientific meetings which are of course free to non-members. In the last year, from September 2010 to September 2011, altogether 37 scientific meetings of the PTHC branches took place.
- The Polish Society is the editor of the quarterly 'Folia Histochemica et Cytobiologica' that is indexed in Medline and other bibliographic data bases. Its IF for 2010 was 0.902.

TURKISH SOCIETY FOR ELECTRON MICROSCOPY (www.temd.org)

- 20th National Electron Microscopy Congress (with international participation) has been organized in Antalya, Turkey between 25-29 October 2011 by Turkish Society for Electron Microscopy. During the congress 40th anniversary of foundation of the “Turkish Electron Microscopy Society” has been celebrated.
- “Turkish Electron Microscopy Society Microscopy School” has been organized prior to the congress in October, 24, 2011 with 26 participants.
- ‘Prof. Dr. Turkan Erbenği Research Award 2011’, Prof. Dr. Üveis Maskar Biological Sciences Best Poster Award, Prof. Dr. Şadi Karagöz Materials Sciences Best Poster Award and Best Picture Award have been presented during 20th National Electron Microscopy Congress.
- In 2010-2011, periodic scientific meetings of the Turkish Electron Microscopy Society have been organized in 9 different microscopy centers of Turkey. ‘Symposium on Biomaterials’ has been held in December 2010 in Acıbadem University, Istanbul with an attendance of 120 scientists from both biological and materials sciences.
- Turkish Society for Electron Microscopy will collaborate with the organization of ‘Workshop on Fluorescence Microscopy in Modern Cell Biology and Human Disease’ with international participation during August 2012 in Istanbul Turkey.
- Turkish Society for Electron Microscopy has been accepted as ‘Invited Society’ to the organization of ‘11th Multinational Congress on Microscopy’ which will be held in Regensburg Germany.

Dear members,

I will be glad to be informed about your updated current rosters and recent activities from your societies. Another goal for 2012 is to improve communication among the IFSHC and member societies. We are looking forward for your cooperation, as well as constructive comments. The e-mail addresses are critical because all information about IFSHC activities will be sent by e-mail to the officers. We are hoping to compile a comprehensive e-mail distribution list of all members of all the IFSHC affiliate societies, as many other international organizations now do. This will allow the ICHC 2012 organizers to provide up-to-date information directly to your membership without delay.

The Roster of IFSHC Member Societies is posted on the IFSHC website (www.ifshc.com). Please check your listing and report errors and updates to the Secretary-General, Serap ARBAK (arbaks@yahoo.com). In particular, please send the webpage address of your society if you have one that is not already listed.

One of the key issues is to keep up to date with dues payments, as this is the only source of funds that IFSHC has to assist ‘Young Histochemists’ to attend the International Congresses of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. We will be pleased to have the membership payments on time.

I am looking forward to hearing from you,

All the best for 2012,

Serap ARBAK



**MESSAGE FROM THE IFSHC TREASURER
Hinke Multhaupt, Ph.D.**

Dear Colleagues,

The preparations for the upcoming ICHC 2012 meeting in Kyoto (<http://www.acplan.jp/ichc2012/index.html>), are in their final stages. The meeting organisers have assembled a fascinating program of wide-ranging science. In addition, Kyoto offers beautiful cultural sites and hospitality to enjoy after meeting, not forgetting the culinary highlights of Japanese culture.

At its last meeting, the Executive Committee implemented changes to the dues structure as follows: annual membership fee of 100 € for small societies (less than 100 members), and 200 € for larger societies (more than 100 members).

The annual fee payment notices for 2009-2012 were sent to all societies during the last months of 2011. Societies that require information with regard to their status are asked to contact the Treasurer. I would urge member societies to pay their dues in a timely fashion. It is important to process the payments promptly because the voting delegates and Young Investigators for ICHC 2012 are only accepted from those countries that have paid all dues.

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With best regards,

Hinke Multhaupt



**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF ICHC 2012
Prof. Tetsuro Takamatsu, MD.**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure and honor to extend my warmest invitation to you to take part in the 14th International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (ICHC 2012), to be held on August 26 - 29, 2012, in the beautiful and historic city of Kyoto, Japan.

Under the theme of '***Beyond the Limit of Histochemistry***', we will have more than ten plenary lectures, nineteen symposia, eight workshops, three journal-sponsored lectures, and poster sessions on state-of-the-art topics on histochemistry and cell biological sciences. We have also organized *Poster Award* for young scientists and the best picture presentation.

We believe that the Congress will provide an excellent opportunity to review and discuss recent revolutionary topics in histochemistry and cytochemistry.

We look forward to sharing fruitful scientific discussions and enjoyable social exchanges with you in the beautiful and historic city of Kyoto !

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