Dear ISCEV members

It seems a short time since many of us met in Singapore where Audrey Chia, Ranjana Mathur and their team hosted a terrific ISCEV Symposium. The host venue, the Singapore Academic Medical Centre and their management team, were professional and accommodating. A resumé of the meeting will be included in next year’s ISCEV Newsletter.

I invite you all as members to vote in the forthcoming e-ballot to choose our venue for the 2019 ISCEV Symposium. Two quite different venues have generously invited us to visit them, one in Darwin, North Australia and the other in Korea’s capital city, Seoul. Please see overleaf for details of each. All members who have paid their dues for 2016 will receive an e-ballot from our online voting service Mi-Voice towards the end of October 2016.

This is my last News Extra before I hand over the office of Secretary-General to Karen Holopigian. As always, please contact me with any queries regarding membership or ISCEV at ruth.hamilton@glasgow.ac.uk

I hope to see many of you in Miami next year—save the date, 21st to 26th October 2017.

Ruth Hamilton, Secretary-General

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**ISCEV Awards 2016**

**Emiko Adachi Award**

The 2016 Lecture was given by Professor Michael Bach (pictured). Professor Laura Frishman was announced as the 2016 awardee, and will deliver her lecture in 2017.

**21st Eberhard Dodt Memorial Award**

Awarded to Jeremiah Lim for his presentation “Functional and structural insights into ageing and Alzheimer’s disease in a murine model.”. Two other young scientists were commended: Dennis Fritsch and Anna Polosa.

**Marmor Award for Clinical Innovation in Visual Electrophysiology**

A follow-up award of US$2500 was made to the Liverpool iSIM project and accepted on behalf of the team by Professor Anthony Fisher. No initial awards were made this year.
2019 Symposium Invitation

10\textsuperscript{th}–15\textsuperscript{th} August 2019, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

Welcome to ISCEV@Darwin _2019 from Paul Constable and Paul Weston and ISCEV members Australia.

Darwin is the gateway to the Australian outback and some of the country's best natural experiences. Progressive, vibrant and energizing, Darwin is a breath of fresh air that will leave you with amazing memories of your experiences here. The Larrakia people are the traditional land owners with the city named in 1839 when HMS Beagle sailed into the harbor with Charles Darwin on board.

Venue

Darwin is approximately a four hour flight from the majority of Australian capital cities, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Manilla. In August the days are warm with sunny blue skies, while the nights are slightly cooler. This time of year is known as the ‘dry season’ with gorgeous weather, lower humidity and minimal rain. The Darwin Convention Centre, opened in 2008, is located on the waterfront next to the Adina Vibe hotel (US$220 per night for a double room) and is 15 minutes from the airport and 5 minutes from Darwin city centre where a range of accommodation is available from US$50–250 per night.

Social

The welcome reception will be held at Crocasaurus Cove with the ISCEV Olympics to be held in Darwin Harbor and wave pool adjacent to the hotel and Convention Centre. Thursday evening will be a gala BBQ beneath the coconut tress of the Mindil Beach to view the sunset and fossick amongst the local markets. Accompanying persons will be able to feed the crocs in Adelaide River and spend an overnight stay in Kakadoo camping beneath the stars.

Estimated Conference cost US $600, Accompanying Persons US $500

Hosts Paul Constable and Paul Weston.
Dear colleagues, it is a great pleasure on behalf of the Korean Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision (KSCEV) to invite you to Seoul, Korea.

Seoul is Korea’s capital and the second largest metropolis in the world with over 25 million residents. It has over 2,000 years of history and you can enjoy beautiful historical architecture such as the five grand palaces located in the downtown area. It is also a very modern and versatile city, the heart of Korea’s bustling economy and world’s most wired city. Gangnam, one of the 25 districts of Seoul, which literally means “South of the Han river”, gained world-wide recognition through Psy’s megahit “Gangnam style”. This more modern area of Seoul has been compared to cities such as Beverly Hills in California.

Venue

The proposed venue is the COEX convention center situated in the business district of Gangnam. It is within 60-80 minutes of the Incheon International Airport and within 45 minutes of Gimpo Airport, for our friends flying in from closer countries. The COEX convention center is also located in between 2 subways stations, Samseung station (line number 2) and Bongeunsa station (line number 9), so it is very convenient for you to go about the city once the symposium is over. There is also a wide range of hotels and accommodations to choose from; first tier hotels such as the Park Hyatt Seoul (~$350/night), Grand InterContinental (~$200/night), to more affordable hotels such as Ramada Seoul (~$99/night) and Ibis hotel (~$60/night).

Social programs and activities

A welcome reception will be held at the COEX convention center on Monday evening. The Olympics will be held on Thursday at the Banpo Hangang Park followed by the Gala dinner at the Sebitseom, three beautiful artificially constructed floating islands by the Han river.

For accompanying people, activities will be made available such as templestay at the nearby Bongeunsa temple, cycling tours around the city, visits to the Bukchon hanok village where you can see traditional Korean houses. Seoul is home to one of the world’s most diverse culinary scenes. Street and traditional food is big in Korea and modern Korean cuisine has also evolved. Michelin has announced the launching of the 2017 Michelin Seoul guide, which will be the fourth in Asia.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful city, Seoul!

Estimated cost for member: USD $500–600 Accompanying person USD $500

On behalf of the KSCEV organizing committee: President Kwang-Soo Kim, Head of the organizing committee Young-Hoon Ohn, Kyung-Seek Choi, Ungsoo Kim, Jeeyun Ahn
News from the Board of Directors

Changes on the Board

We are lucky that there will be relatively few changes to the Board from 2016 to 2017. Three Board members complete their first 4-year term at the end of 2016 and were willing and duly elected unopposed at the Membership meeting in Singapore to serve a second term: Mr Richard Smith as Vice-President of Europe & Africa; Professor Michael Bach as Director of International Communications; and Professor Zheng Qin Yin as Member-at-Large. Professor Daphne McCulloch will complete her first 4-year term as Director of Standards at the end of 2016, but will not serve a second term—ISCEV is extremely grateful for her hard work on our Standards and Guidelines. Dr Anthony (Tony) Robson was elected unopposed to serve as Director of Standards from 1st January 2017.

The membership also approved the President’s appointment of Dr Karen Holopigian (pictured) to serve as Secretary-General from 1st January 2017.

New positions for Karen Holopigian and Tony Robson leave the Board with only four Members-at-large, and we will therefore be seeking nominations for Members-at-large to be elected at the Membership meeting in Miami.

Successful launch of YSCEV

This year’s ISCEV symposium saw the successful launch of YSCEV (“Young Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision”). Aiming to provide a stepping stone into the world of electrophysiology of vision and promoting the participation of younger and early career researchers and clinicians at the ISCEV conferences, the introductory session and a social evening following the “ISCEV Olympics” were very well attended. Having received such positive feedback and support from ISCEV members and the ISCEV board, YSCEV wants to foster collaboration amongst new and more senior ISCEV members, as well as ensure YSCEV relevant sessions and social activities at future ISCEV conferences.

YSCEV welcomes all those who are young, either in age or in visual electrophysiology experience. To sign up, contact Dennis Fritsch, YSCEV convenor, at d.fritsch@ucl.ac.uk.

Access to ISCEV Standards & Guidelines

The Board has been working with Springer, publisher of Documenta Ophthalmologica, to establish payment-free access to current ISCEV Standards and Guidelines. Whilst all future Standards or Guidelines will be truly Open Access via Springer, the current six Standards and Guideline will be available via Springer without payment only until the end of 2016. If you are not a current ISCEV member, please ensure you download your free copies before the end of this year via this link:

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