

Message from the Secretary-General

Dear ISCEV members,

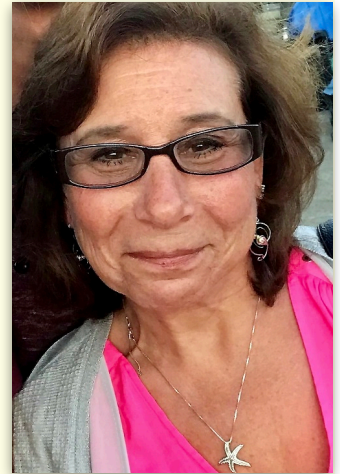
The 56th annual ISCEV meeting was held this year in the wonderful Champagne district of Reims, France. The venue was lovely and offered many opportunities for the attendees to walk around and explore the city of Reims and enjoy the many outdoor restaurants and cafes. The meeting was well organized by the local team and the meals included samples of some local champagnes and delicious desserts! The scientific presentations were extremely interesting and varied; details will be presented in the Newsletter next year.

One of the actions at the annual Membership Meeting is to present the upcoming election options (for positions on the ISCEV board). For each position, when two or more candidates receive nominations for that position, the number of nominations is first reduced to two candidates and then these two candidates are moved forward to a vote. Their biographies are included in the News Extra sent to ISCEV members as information prior to the voting. As well, two choices for a Symposium Venue (three years from the Symposium that has just occurred) is also typically presented in the News Extra.

This year we have an unusual situation. There were two positions that required an election at the 2018 Membership Meeting. For each position, only one candidate was nominated; that candidate was endorsed by the board and then approved for that position at the membership meeting. Therefore, there are no upcoming elections to be voted on. For the 2021 Symposium, only one team proposed a venue (these are geographically restricted). This venue was also approved at the membership meeting. Therefore, there is no upcoming e-ballot needed and so none will occur. The details of the winners of these elections are given below.

I look forward to our next big adventure in Seoul, Korea! I hope to see many of you at the 2019 ISCEV Symposium next year. Until then, best regards!

Karen Holopigian, ISCEV Secretary General



The Director of International Communications

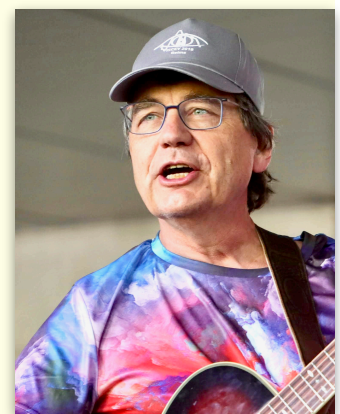
Dear ISCEV members, friends and colleagues,

The neighbouring image was taken at the Olympics at this year's extremely enjoyable ISCEV Symposium in Reims, France; thank you, Karl and team.

I have now moved most of our website <<https://iscev.org/>> to the same provider where our membership details are managed, so the URLs now have the (somewhat inopportune) additional designation "wildapriot" in them. From the old page names you will be automatically be forwarded to the new ones, so it's all totally transparent. For far, I have largely kept the former design and organisation. Already I have received feedback on typos or problems, thank you, please keep it coming.

We now use a "CMS", a Content Management System, instead of raw HTML. This is state of the art, makes updates somewhat easier and one does not need to be an expert to update, e.g., the event list.

One change has tripped some of you: Implementing a decision of our Board, now our membership list (emails etc.) is password protected. That password is completely separate from the Sprinter-Nature pass-



word to access our journal, and you may wonder what it is. Actually, since this is new, most of you don't have a password but can easily obtain it by clicking the "Forgot password" link. Then enter the email associated with your membership and you will be sent your password. This will also allow you to change your account details (address, email, etc.) by yourself, should you so wish.

As ever, in case of any questions or problems, don't hesitate to contact me: michael.bach@uni-freiburg.de.

With my very best greetings to you,

Michael Bach, ISCEV DoIC

Future Symposia

57th ISCEV Symposium and Courses 2019: Seoul, Korea

Dates: 7–10 OCT 2019; Courses 5–6 OCT 2019. Organizers: Young-Hoon Ohn and his team; the Symposium Coordinator will be Shuichi Yamamoto. The courses will take place at the Biomedical Research Institute and the Symposium at the Grand Ambassador Seoul hotel. Access from Incheon International Airport is available by bus, train, taxi, and subway. A range of accommodations will be available. Estimated early registration fees are \$550 for symposium participants and \$300 for accompanying persons.

58th ISCEV Symposium and Courses 2020: Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec, Canada

Dates: 28 SEP–2 OCT 2020; Courses 26–27 SEP 2020. Organizers: Pierre Lachapelle and his team; the Symposium Coordinator will be Ruth Hamilton. Access involves flying to Montreal followed by several additional flights or a long drive and a ferry ride. The projected registration fee of \$550 will include all meals.

59th ISCEV Symposium and Courses 2021: Liverpool, England

Dates: TBD. Organizers: Tony Fisher & team. The nearest airport is Manchester International Airport; an alternative route is to fly to London and take a high speed train. There will be a maritime theme.

All ISCEV events (more than just these Symposia) can be found here: <<https://iscev.wildapricot.org/events>> with their most recent updates. Anything missing, are you organising something that would interest us? Please contact our Secretary General karen.holopigian@novartis.com or me michael.bach@uni-freiburg.de.

Awards

Emiko Adachi Award

The 2018 Emiko Adachi award (with an award lecture to be presented at the 2019 Symposium) was presented to Prof Daphne L McCulloch.

Dawson Award

The 2018 Dawson award was presented by Prof Isabelle Meunier from the Centre national de référence Affections sensorielles génétiques, Montpellier, France. Her talk was entitled: 'Is electrophysiology necessary for the diagnosis of inherited retinal dystrophies at the time of multimodal imaging?'

Dodt Award

The 2018 Dodt award was presented to Safal Khanal of New Zealand for his presentation on 'Effect of atropine on human multifocal electroretinogram responses to defocus'.

The Marmor Award

There was one 2018 winner of the Marmor Award for an initial innovative project. This award went to the project entitled: 'Portable device for VEP monitoring' and the team comprised the following individuals: Z Kubová, M Kuba, J Kremláček, F Vít, J Langrová and J Szanyi from the Czech Republic. There were no follow-up award winners (given two years after the initial presentation).

Travel Grants

Fifteen travel grants were awarded; some were funded with extra monies from the Dawson award, donated by Judyth Dawson.

Elections

Member-at-large

Suresh Viswanathan has nearly completed one term and is eligible and willing to stand for a second term. There were no further nominations from the floor. The membership approved unanimously Suresh's re-election for a second term.

Vice President for Asia/Oceania

Shuichi Yamamoto has nearly completed his second term. He nominated Mineo Kondo to succeed him. Since Shuichi was not present, Colin Barber spoke for Mineo, pointing out that Mineo was very involved in planning the 2003 Nagoya meeting and that he is very active and enthusiastic. There were no further nominations from the floor. The membership approved unanimously Mineo's election.

Honorary Member

Michael Bach was selected by the Board for Honorary Member status, and the membership voted to approve Michael's honorary status.