



Message from the Secretary-General

Dear ISCEV Friends,

Doesn't it feel like just yesterday that we were in Liverpool enjoying our first face-to-face ISCEV Symposium since 2019? It is hard to believe that was nearly 9 months ago! Since our visit to Liverpool, those of us who were able to also attend the 60th Annual ISCEV Symposium, held in Kyoto, will have now returned from that wonderful meeting. The Kyoto Symposium, hosted by Professor Masayuki Horiguchi and team, especially ISCEV board members Mineo Kondo and Kaoru Fujinami, was superbly well organized and very well attended. The meeting agenda was filled with interesting and informative talks, including lunchtime seminars by distinguished scientists in the field of clinical electrophysiology. The Dawson Memorial Lecture was presented by Professor Masayo Takahashi, who discussed her



very interesting work on retinal cell therapy. The Adachi Award Lecture was presented by Professor Pierre Lachapelle, who gave an entertaining talk that included his work on oscillatory potentials and historical ISCEV tidbits. The highlight of the Olympics was the demonstration of sumo wrestling portion by Professors Horiguchi and Kondo fully outfitted in sumo gear. The final banquet was fantastic, with great food and entertainment, especially the music and dance portion by the Maiko (Geisha) group.

I was fortunate enough to stay in Kyoto a few additional days and was able to see many beautiful temples and shrines in and around Kyoto. One particularly interesting attraction we visited was Nara, home to a beautiful park with many tame deer happy to be fed by tourists, as demonstrated in the accompanying photograph.

During the membership meeting, options for the upcoming elections are presented and depending on the outcome at that meeting, these elections may require further voting via an e-ballot, or they may be resolved during the membership meeting. At the 2023 membership meeting, there were two elections that were presented. The first was for President of ISCEV. Our current ISCEV president, Dr Ruth Hamilton, has nearly finished her first term and was eligible for a second term. There were no candidate nominations shared with the Secretary General, nor were there any nominations from the floor of the Membership Meeting. Therefore, a vote was taken and the Membership unanimously reelected Ruth for a second term as ISCEV President. Congratulations!

The second vote for 2023 was for Vice-President for the Americas. The Vice-President for the Americas, Professor Laura Frishman, has nearly finished her second term and we thank her for her service. There were no candidates shared with the Secretary General, nor were there any nominations from the floor of the Membership Meeting. As no candidates were identified for this role, Laura graciously agreed to continue in her role for an additional calendar year, until a suitable candidate can be identified. Vice-Presidential candidates have usually already served on the Board. Therefore, neither of the officer votes were required to go forward to an e-ballot.

The final election is for a Symposium location for 2026. Two locations were presented as potential candidates to host the Symposium in 2026. These two locations are (in alphabetical order): Sydney, Australia (presented by Dr Elisa Cornish and Professor John Grigg), and Zhengzhou, China (presented by Professors Bo Lei, Ruifang Sui, and Shiyang Li). Details of these two candidate locations are given in this NewsExtra. Please do read these, as an electronic vote will shortly be shared with all current members, in which you will be given the opportunity to vote for one of these two locations for 2026.

Yours truly, Karen Holopigian, ISCEV Secretary General

The Director of International Communications

Dear ISCEV members, friends and colleagues:

The NewsXtra usually is sent out to advise you about voting. We have a choice between two alternatives. But what alternatives! You will decide about the location of the ISCEV 2026 Symposium. Two enticing choices are presented further down. We will use e-vote again for voting, this has worked very well so far.

All paid members (not junior or emeritus type II) will receive voting details in a few days. The “paid” status means you have paid the membership dues for 2023 (apologies for the sordid content of this paragraph). How to pay the membership dues? This is detailed here: iscev.wildapricot.org/DuesPayment. Said page is also accessible from the ISCEV homepage, yellow box, near bottom, “Membership Dues Payment”.



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

Michael Bach, ISCEV DoIC

Awards

The Emiko Adachi Lecture

In 2019, two candidates were presented with the Emiko Adachi Award. The first of these, Dr Mitch Brigell, presented his award lecture at the 59th Annual Symposium in Liverpool, UK. The second, Professor Pierre Lachapelle, presented his award lecture at the 60th Annual Symposium in Kyoto, Japan. His lecture was entitled ‘Is there a future for clinical electroretinography?’.

The 2023 winner of the Emiko Adachi Award is Professor Donald Hood of Columbia University, New York, USA. He will present his award lecture at the 61st Annual Symposium in Estérel, Québec, Canada.

The William W. Dawson Memorial Award

The 2023 William W. Dawson Memorial Lecture was presented by Dr. Masayo Takahashi from the Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto University, Japan. Her talk was entitled: ‘Retinal Cell Therapy – now and future’.

The Dodt Award

The 2023 Dodt Award was presented to Lisa Tucker from the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, UK. Her talk was entitled ‘Mesopic and Photopic PERGs’. As well, awards of commendation were also presented to two young scientists: Alexander Günter from the Institute for Ophthalmic Research, Universitätsklinikum Tübingen, Germany (‘Novel methods for the study of cone pathophysiology in the Mongolian gerbil model’) and Tony Man from The Chinese University of Hong Kong (‘Wireless electroretinogram recording module’).

Travel Grants

Fourteen travel grants were awarded and thirteen of the awardees were able to attend the Symposium and/or Courses in Kyoto, Japan.

Non-Institutionally Supported (NIS) Grants

Five NIS grants were awarded to scientists in need of additional funding to enable them to attend the Symposium but who were not eligible for a Travel Grant.

Elections

Results of the elections during the 2023 Membership Meeting

President of ISCEV: Dr Ruth Hamilton has nearly finished her first term and was eligible and willing to stand for a second term. The membership approved Ruth’s re-election for a second term unanimously.

Vice-President of the Americas: Professor Laura Frishman has nearly finished her second term and we thank her for her great service. However, since no-one was nominated for this role, Laura agreed to continue as Vice-President for one additional year until suitable candidates are found.

Misc

Young ISCEV (YSCEV)

YSCEV had a well-attended breakfast meeting at the Kyoto Symposium and the group continues to meet remotely at various intervals during the year. They remain enthusiastic and happy to continue their activities during remote meetings and via their Facebook page. They are supported by ISCEV board member Dr Maja Šuštar Habjan.

Future Symposia

2024: Estérel Resort, Estérel, Québec, Canada: Drs Alison Dorfman, Anna Polosa and team

The dates are 16–20 Sept, 2024 (courses 14–15 Sept). Mitch Brigell is the Symposium Coordinator. Registration is expected to be approximately \$500. Costs are low because the hosts are not using a meeting planner but are doing the organization themselves. Airport transportation can be via an Uber: the cost can be split among several people.

2025: Utrecht, The Netherlands: Prof. M. van Genderen and team

The meeting will be held in June 2025. Mr Richard Smith is the Symposium Coordinator. Utrecht is easily reached by train, and many flights go there. The meeting will likely be held in the city center; venues for the welcome reception and Gala dinner have been identified. Amsterdam will be the likely location for the excursion. Hotels are within walking distance of the proposed venue, costing 90–225 euros per night. The hosts expect the meeting registration to be approximately 650 euro. They have begun planning the Symposium details already.

2026 Symposium Invitation to Sydney, Australia

ISCEV Education Course 20–21 July 2026, ISCEV Symposium 22–25 July 2026

On behalf of the Save Sight Institute, The University of Sydney and my electrophysiology colleagues, we extend an invitation for ISCEV 2026 to be hosted at Sydney, Australia. We propose to host it at The Fullerton Hotel Sydney. Steeped in character and elegance, The Fullerton Hotel Sydney is a luxury 5-star hotel located in the heart of Sydney. It is only a 15 min train trip from the international airport and is centrally located to shopping, restaurants and the Sydney Harbour including views of the Harbour bridge and the Sydney Opera House. In their free time, delegates will enjoy exploring our vibrant city, our unique wildlife first-hand, and just a little further afield, they will discover our famous beaches, climb the iconic Harbour Bridge, and be inspired at the Sydney Opera House.

Access: Sydney has over 700 direct international flights arriving every week. Visa applications are free, quick and last for up to 3 months. Public transport is simple to access with the system recognising your travel or credit cards to tap on and off. The airport is situated 15 mins by train from the centre of Sydney.

Venue: The Fullerton Hotel offers a range of versatile spaces including two spectacular ballrooms. Located within the historic General Post Office building at Sydney CBD area, the Heritage Conference Centre provides flexible spaces for our meeting. Major light rail and train stations just moments away, the Fullerton Hotel is conveniently located to connect delegates with the international airport and Sydney's iconic destinations.

Hospitality and Social Program: Tours to Sydney's famous beaches, encounters with our unique wildlife and on our gorgeous Harbour are planned. Of course, the ISCEV Olympics will be one of the highlights of our meeting, given our passion for all things sporting. Cricket, swimming, and rugby are all bound to feature in the team events.

Estimated Cost of registration: 675 USD

Organisers: Dr Elisa Cornish & Prof John Grigg, The University of Sydney, Australia.



Fullerton Hotel



Bondi Beach



Koalas

2026 Symposium Invitation to Zhengzhou, China

19–22 August 2026

The Chinese ISCEV members are honored to be considered to host the 63rd ISCEV Symposium, which is planned to be held in Zhengzhou, the capital city of Henan province. By the side of Yellow River, Zhengzhou is a city with 5000 years' history. Located in the center of the cradle of Chinese civilization, it is a beautiful modern city with all means of advanced transportation and entertainment.

Access: You can arrive in Zhengzhou by air through Xinzheng airport (CGO) which serves 30 million international and domestic passengers each year. Direct flights will be available from many major cities in the world. Zhengzhou is also close to other metropolises like Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. The distance between CGO and the JW Marriott Hotel Zhengzhou is 33 km. It takes about 35 min by taxi (\$15), 1.5 hour by subway or bus (one to two transfers, \$1), or shuttle bus (\$2.5). Zhengzhou is a safe city.

Venue: The Venue will be at the Zhengzhou International Convention and Exhibition Center, where most of our scientific activities will take place. The convention center has two 400 seats meeting rooms and a 250 m² room which can be used as an exhibition room. The courses will be held in Henan Eye Hospital/Henan Eye Institute. The main hotel will be the JW Marriott Hotel Zhengzhou (5 star hotel), which is next to the Convention and Exhibition Center. The room rates are approximately \$90–180 including breakfast. There are many 3~5 star hotels within walking distance costing \$40–130 including breakfast. The price for dinner ranges from a \$5 simple meal to a \$50 luxury meal.

Hospitality & Social Program: Too many to be listed. Plenty of historic and scenery sites, museums, parks, temples, etc. Shaolin Temple (origin of Gongfu), Longmen Grotto, Qingming Riverside Landscape Garden (mimic the living in the prosperous Song Dynasty), Yellow River Wetland Park, Erqi Tower, and Lord Bao's Memorial Hall, etc. Just visit: <https://www.zhengzhou.gov.cn/view/index.jhtml> or <http://www.hnta.cn/Info/>,

Estimated cost of registration: USD \$500.

We most sincerely hope the membership will consider Zhengzhou as a candidate city for host the 63th ISCEV International Symposium and we are confident that we will have a memorable Symposium in Zhengzhou.

Organizers: Bo Lei, Ruifang Sui, Shiyang Li



Qingming Riverside Landscape Garden



Zhengzhou International Convention and Exhibition Center



Shaolin Temple (Gongfu)



Henan Museum



Palace Banquet in Tang Dynasty



Longmen Grotto