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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Even as we reflect on the success of the 2009 meeting in Lisbon (see Luis' comments) and prepare for an exciting program for 2010 in Vancouver (see Neil's note), there are significant SLB events and activities that merit your attention:

- In case you missed news from the 2009 meeting, you should know that SLB recognized **Peter Ward** with the Bonazinga Award and **Julie Blander** with the Thorbecke Award. In addition, Presidential awards were given based on the presentations of scientific work at the meeting by finalists selected from the submitted abstracts. In the category of junior faculty and postdoctoral scholars, **Silvia M. Uriarte** (University of Louisville), **Costin Tomescu** (The Wistar Institute) and **Oscar Pello** (Istituto Clinico Humanitas, IT) were first, second, and third prize winners. In the category of predoctoral students, **Timothy Welliver** (University of Michigan), **Chrysoula Deligianni** (IMBB-FORTH, GR) and **Kanstantsin Katlinski** (Research Center for Hematology & Transfusiology, BY) were the first, second and third prize winner, respectively. Please join me in congratulating them all.

- Results of the recent elections have been decided: **Jill Suttles** President-elect 2010-2011 (president 2012-2013), **Sanna Goyert** (Secretary), **Sarah L. Gaffen** (Councillor), and **Robert Stout** (Councillor). Thanks to all the candidates for volunteering to serve SLB and we hope that those not selected this year will come forward again to serve in the future.

- With the new year, terms of several Council members expire at the end of 2009: **Matthew Fenton** (past president), **Luis Montaner** (who will remain on Council in his capacity as Editor in Chief of *JLB*), **Joost Oppenheim** (having contributed many fantastic years of service to the Council and Society), **Neil Reiner** (now co-chair for the 2010 meeting), and **Michele Swanson** (who remains as Council liaison for the Membership

Committee). Thanks to each of you for great service!

- We released a call to the membership for volunteers to join two new task forces, each targeting issues important to all members of SLB. **Rachel Caspi** will serve as the Council liaison for the **Task Force on Women and Diversity**, whose mission is to actively assist and promote professionally qualified individuals who encounter barriers to advancement due to gender, nationality or ethnic background by facilitating networking, enhancing visibility and sharing information and access to resources. Moira Whyte will be the Council liaison for the **Task Force on Professional Development**, whose goal is to enhance the knowledge and skills of SLB members through access to educational opportunities. Vehicles to achieve that goal include the development of educational events at SLB meetings and of the Society's website content, features that will add value to SLB membership. Please step forward to volunteer for these activities and feel free to suggest to the Council other initiatives that we should pursue.

- The newly expanded Publications committee had its initial meeting in Lisbon and already is working with **Luis Montaner**, Editor-in-Chief of *JLB*, **Amy Hutter-Imming** (Managing Editor), and **Jennifer Pesanelli** (Director of Publications at FASEB) to examine fundamental elements of the *JLB*. **Nick Lukacs** is the Chair of the committee and **Silvia M. Uriarte**, a committee member, will serve as the new editor of *iSLB* starting in January 2010, so look for her introductory comments in the next issue.

- At the Council meeting in Lisbon, three important changes to SLB were initiated, each of which will be in effect starting with the 2010 meeting. First, travel awards for the annual meeting will be extended to include junior faculty members as well as students. Criteria for eligibility for travel awards will be posted on the meeting website in early 2010. Second, the winner of the Thorbecke award will provide a formal scientific presentation

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at the annual meeting. The award commemorates the memory of G. Jeanette Thorbecke, M.D., Ph.D., an internationally recognized immunologist, and is presented to a deserving young female investigator, selected from junior faculty members (*i.e.* having held a faculty position for fewer than 5 years), and nominated by colleagues/faculty or chair of the department. Third, a new award, the Dolph O. Adams award will recognize a deserving young male investigator, selected from junior faculty members (*i.e.* having held a faculty position for fewer than 5 years), and nominated by colleagues/faculty or chair of the department. You may recall that the SLB had recognized the *JLB* author of the most highly cited review each year with an award also commemorating Dr. Adams' contributions to the field. That SLB award has been discontinued, but our recognition of Dr. Adams continues in the new Dolph O. Adams award. Be sure to check the

criteria when posted on the 2010 meeting website and nominate suitable candidates for the G. Jeanette Thorbecke and Dolph O. Adams awards.

As demonstrated by this brief summary of ongoing activities, SLB remains a vibrant and dynamic organization, driven largely by the energy and enthusiasm of its membership. As concrete evidence of the membership's energy, we will be launching a new website in December (please see the note later in this newsletter from Website Task Force Chair Miki Rahat)! Although not complete, the stunning renovations represent the creativity, vision, and hard work of the **Website Task Force** — Miki Rahat (chair), Melanie Scott, Angela Dolganiuc, Janos Filip, and Mike Smith (Council liaison) — volunteers from the membership!

*William M. Nauseef*  
SLB President

## ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

A GREAT TIME AT LISBON! Not only did we enjoy fado music, Pastels de Belem and exotic dinners at glass walled Palaces but we also learned a lot new science (>120 invited speakers and >550 abstracts, and >70 oral presentations from abstracts) and shared with scientists from 47 different countries. I took lots of notes myself and am already using new leads on my research because of what I learned there as well as brewing new collaborations from those that came to our lab's posters — is this not what it is all about! I have heard from many of you and by far the feedback has been positive (or maybe they were being polite!). In the end, each attendee can attest if it was worth it but by the looks of full sessions all the way to the last speaker, the joyful faces on all that were there, the many questions that followed each session, the request by trainees to repeat their mixer session as soon as possible, the full to capacity social program, the crowded poster sessions with left over food, and the breaking news presented on several research projects that were presented — pretty sure most SLB members there and those that missed this meeting will want to come to Vancouver next year....

*Luis Montaner,*  
2009 Meeting Chair





# Vancouver

## The Three Rs of Immunity

Annual Meeting October 7-9, 2010

Society for Leukocyte Biology

International Endotoxin & Innate Immunity Society

### VANCOUVER 2010

This just in (Reuters, November 8, 2009)! Vancouver, British Columbia makes Lonely Planet's Top 10 List of cities to visit in 2010! Well this must be your lucky day, and not just because Vancouver is also the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Even more exciting, from October 7-9, 2010, Vancouver will host the joint Annual Meeting of the Society for Leukocyte Biology and the International Endotoxin and Innate Immunity Society. This joint meeting promises to be outstanding as we go back to school for three days to learn the latest about the "Three Rs of Immunity: Recognition, Response and Resolution". Three plenary sessions and 12 symposia — with a stellar roster of speakers — will bring you up to date on recent developments in the field. So come prepared to learn and come prepared to have fun. Opportunities for outdoor recreation abound, including: hiking and mountain biking in the north shore mountains, cycling through Stanley Park and on the seawall, running in more than 100 Kms of trails at

UBC, sailing on English Bay, Georgia St and around the Gulf Islands. And for more sedentary moments, don't miss touring the more than 140 boutique wineries located in the beautiful Okanagan Valley,

just 4 hours from Vancouver, where you can sample some of the best award-winning wines being produced today. Vancouver 2010, you won't want to miss it!

*Neil Reiner,  
2010 Meeting Co-Chair*



## PIZZA AND PUBS PROGRAM

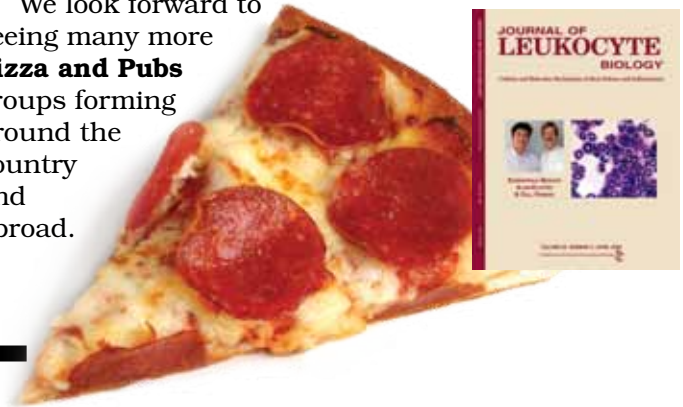
Pizza and Pubs continues to grow! Current participants include groups at: Florida Atlantic University, University of Iowa, Kansas State University, Mayo Clinic Arizona, New Jersey Medical and Dental School, Rutgers University, and University of Michigan.

Our program, designed to support local *Journal of Leukocyte Biology* discussion groups dedicated to discussing articles contained within our very popular publication, provides \$200 per year to local groups to be used at regular meetings. This can buy you a lot of pizza! It can also buy a lot of interesting discussion and interaction about the exciting world of leukocyte biology.

To qualify, your group needs to have at least 10 people, of which at least two must be PIs who are SLB members, and one student/postdoc who will join SLB as a new member.

To apply, simply send us an email ([slb@faseb.org](mailto:slb@faseb.org)) with the names and email addresses of the members of your group, a brief description of the lab group/journal club/discussion group, and a paid application for a student membership (you may download this off the SLB Web site ([www.leukocytebiology.org](http://www.leukocytebiology.org))). Feel free to sign up more than just one student. The more, the merrier!

We look forward to seeing many more **Pizza and Pubs** groups forming around the country and abroad.



## WEBSITE UPDATE

The SLB Website committee is happy to announce the upcoming **launch of the new SLB website**. The new site will go online in early December, and will reflect the new goals and priorities set out for it. We hope you will find the new site useful and friendly, addressing the membership's needs while promoting SLB membership benefits.



The new site will display easily accessible information on the SLB organization and its activities, especially on future meetings; provide platforms for discussions (forums); enable SLB members (only!) to find other members with related interests for potential collaborations (this section will be coming soon); and include a useful bulletin board (Careers) to share employment and research opportunities relevant to the membership.

The new website ([www.leukocytebiology.org](http://www.leukocytebiology.org)) is designed to serve you. To do so efficiently and to know what you want to see in this site, we rely on your feedback, comments and suggestions. So, do not hesitate and use the site's "suggestion box" that mails us at [slb@faseb.org](mailto:slb@faseb.org). Please remember, the website is now under testing ( $\beta$ -site), so your comments are important.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the website task force (Mike Smith, Angela Dolganiuc, Janos Filep and Melanie Scott) who have worked hard this past year to bring you this improved site. It was really a pleasure working with them so far, and we will continue, as a team, to maintain, update and incorporate your new suggestions into this new website.

*Miki Rahat,  
Chair, Website Task Force*