WINTER 1997

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues:

1997 will prove to be an important year in the history of the Society for Leukocyte Biology. Our membership is near an all time high (1279) and our Journal has shown remarkable improvements, but attendance at the Annual Meeting remains a major source of concern. In spite of the changes the Council has adopted (see Bruce Zwilling’s letter), as President, I feel that we may well not be best serving the membership either in the timing, content, or format of the meeting. For the past three years, attendance has been extremely poor, with the recent International Conference in Verona drawing only fifty USA members and a similar number of members from Europe. The scientific content of the meeting was generally considered to be excellent and, as a result of the Council deliberations, we had a high proportion of attendees able to present data. Low attendance has been a problem in the last several meetings as well. The concern I have is that this general topic style of conference is no longer appropriate in a scientific community in which so many specialized meetings are taking place. At one time, a conference on phagocytes was sufficiently interesting. Now the Gordon, Keystone, and Industry meetings specialize in so many topics that relate to our many specific interests.

Your Council plans to meet in early March for further discussion. Taking a look at other societies, it is apparent we are not alone with this problem. I would like to ask the membership for their input on this critical issue. In that concern is the timing of the meetings. We have moved around from late September to early December. If you would prefer a fixed time at which the meetings would take place, please let us know.

I NEED YOUR INPUT. Please take time to FAX (301-571-5704), mail, or E-mail (slb@faseb.org) your responses to our Executive Manager, Ida Chow. This is a critical time in the life of your Society.

Stephen Haskell, Ph.D.
President

THE 32nd SLB NATIONAL MEETING

Cytokine and Chemokine Regulation of Leukocyte Development and Function

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Hyatt Regency, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Program Chair: Malcolm A.S. Moore, D.Phil.

Preliminary Program inside this issue

Abstract Deadline: August 5, 1997
MESSAGE FROM PAST-PRESIDENT

Greetings from your outgoing President:

The past year has been a busy one for the governing council of the Society. We all returned from Verona with a significant amount of enthusiasm, not only from the scientific exchanges but also for what the Society has to look forward to in the coming years.

During the past year we have laid the ground work for what we hope will result in increased member participation in our annual meetings. As you know, membership approved an amendment to Society by-laws so that the chair of the program committee will now be appointed by the Council and that the level of participation in plenary sessions and symposia by those who have submitted abstracts will be significantly increased. While in Verona we also agreed to a template for meetings. All subsequent meetings will be organized similarly. The most important change was to move poster sessions to late afternoons to leave the sessions open-ended so that ample time will be available to continue discussions into the cocktail hour. I hope that you will look forward to participating in our meetings. While the temptation to attend other meetings that focus on cytokines or interferons or another more focused topic is great, the Annual Meeting of the Society for Leukocyte Biology will remain the only major forum for those whose work focuses on macrophages and other phagocytes.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to represent. Thanks is also extended to Tom Hamilton, Jo Oppenheim, Joan Stein-Streilein and other Council members whose help made my term in office worthwhile. I'm sure that I speak for all the members of the Society in wishing Stephen Haskell well as he takes over the reins of the presidency and in hoping that he continues to take an active role to insure that the annual meeting of our Society is a success.

Best wishes for the coming year. May all of our grant applications be funded.

Bruce S. Zwilling
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The Ohio State Univ.

Report on the 14th International Congress ‘The Phagocyte’

The Congress was jointly sponsored by the Society for Leukocyte Biology and the European Macrophage Study Group, and held in Verona, Italy, October 11-14, 1996.

Congratulations to the following award winners:
- Presidential Award - Joan Riley, Dept. of Pathology, Washington Univ., St. Louis, MO
- Second Place, Presidential Award - Dimitris Kontoyannis, Dept. of Molec. Genetics, Hellenic Pasteur Inst., Athens, Greece
- Young Investigator Award - Tanya Mayadas, Dept. of Pathology, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- Dolf Adams Awards:
  original research article - Michel Denis
  review article - Jan G.J. Van de Winkel and Clark L. Anderson

Meeting statistics:
- total number of registered participants: 341
  full members: 114  student members: 17
  non-members: 155  student non-members: 55
- participants by regions: US + Canada: 99  Asia + Australia: 19  Europe: 223
- total number of submitted abstracts: 335
  267 for posters  68 for plenary sessions and symposia
EXCERPTS FROM THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council had two meeting sessions during The 14th International Congress, on October 11 and 14, 1996. Site: Verona Convention Center, Italy.


The June 2 Council meeting minutes were discussed, and the date of the meeting in Ireland was corrected to 1999, not 2000 as reported in the minutes. All members subsequently approved the minutes.

Election Results
Bruce Zwilling announced the results: Joan Stein-Streilein as President-elect, Tom Hamilton re-elected as the Treasurer, Linda McPhail and Hal Broxmeyer will be the new Councilors. Their terms begin in January 1997. Ida Chow raised the issue of the extremely low return rate (less than 20% of the membership). Suggestions of inclusion of a statement by the candidates and a photo, as well as electronic election, were made. Earlier and separate mailing for the ballot may attract more attention of the members.

Treasurer's Report
Presented by Tom Hamilton. The Society is in sound financial state, and has investments in forms of CDs and a portfolio managed by Mercantile Bank. It was acknowledged that the Verona meeting will carry a loss, with the final figure available after the Congress. It was noted that the past meetings had also been costly to the Society, due to low attendance, ex.: less than 300 in 1995 meeting at Marco’s Island, FL.

FASEB Contract
Discussion on the various services and charges presented in the 1997 contract was carried out, especially related to meetings management. Call-for-Papers/Registration Booklet production and mailing, and Abstract processing were the major activities the FASEB meetings management office did in 1996. It was decided that management for the 1997 meeting will be contracted to FASEB, but not for the 1998 meeting. Specific services, such as printing, addressing and mailing of Call-for-Papers, and abstracts processing may be contracted to FASEB, as necessary. The Council approved the 1997 contract with FASEB, excluding services for 1998 meeting management. Once office space becomes available, the Executive Manager will move onto FASEB campus, and the secretariat services will be terminated, while keeping membership/dues, publications and accounting services. All other services, such as printing, data processing and mass-mailing will be done on an as-needed basis. SLB and SDB (Society for Developmental Biology) will share rental of the office, FAX and copying machines.

Executive Manager’s Report
Ida Chow gave a brief report of her activities, and presented results of a search for other management possibilities, as well as negotiations for office space on FASEB campus. The equal sharing of her time and salary by SLB and SDB was approved by the Council.

JLB Editor’s Report
Joost Oppenheim reported on the new Dolf Adam Awards, for the most cited original research article and review article published in JLB, based on a survey done by ICI for the years between 1991 and 1996. Lew Guidez of the FASEB Publications Office did the analysis and Michel Denis’ paper in J. Leukoc. Biol. 49:380, 1991, was the winner of the award of $1,000. The most cited review article prize was shared by Jan G.J. Van de Winkel and Clark L. Anderson, J. Leukoc. Biol. 49: 511, 1991. The current acceptance rate of manuscripts is about 40%.

Future Annual Meetings
As approved in a vote by the membership, the Council will appoint the Chair of the Scientific Program, who is a Society member, and the
Co-Chair, who is a member (past or present) of the Council. Both Chairs share the responsibility of selecting and inviting speakers. Fifty percent of the plenary and seventy-five percent of the symposia session speakers will be selected from the submitted abstracts.

The Council also decided on a general format for the annual meeting, which future organizers should follow. Briefly, it would last 3 to 3.5 days, beginning on a Thursday and ending on a Sunday; plenary sessions would be in the morning and 2 to 3 symposia in the afternoon; poster sessions would be in the evening with workshops on selected topics. Bonazinga Award Lecture and Reception will be prior to Awards Ceremony and Banquet.

The 1997 Meeting will be held at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Baltimore, MD, Dec. 3-7, and Malcolm Moore, the Scientific Program Chair submitted the preliminary program, with list of speakers to be invited.

Gary Bokoch will organize the 1998 meeting in San Diego (dates and sites to be determined as SLB will manage the meeting itself), and his chosen theme is leukocyte and signal transduction.

The Council also chose the theme for 1999 meeting (three years in advance): ‘Leukocyte in Host Defense and Repair.’ Bruce Zwilling volunteered to be the Council member Co-Chair. The Chair will be appointed later, after input from the membership. Potential site for this meeting, which will be international, is Dublin, Ireland.

Discussion on costs, dates, themes and attendance of the annual meetings was carried out and it was recognized that membership participation needs to be increased. One way to improve the number of participants is to hold the meetings at easily accessible sites; another is to be more inclusive in the selection of topics for both plenary and symposia sessions. Members will be asked to submit themes and topics, as well as sites for the annual meetings.

Fundraising
Joan Stein-Streilein reported a successful year for fundraising, but there is a need for new ideas and people to help. Robert Todd volunteered to help.

The minutes were recorded and summarized for the Newsletter by Ida Chow.

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**ANNUAL SLB BUSINESS MEETING REPORT**

Held on October 13, 1996, in Verona Convention Center.

President Bruce Zwilling introduced Ida Chow to the membership, explaining her duties as the Society Executive Manager. She will look after the business affairs of the Society, members’ concerns, and will facilitate interaction between the Council and the membership. The members were invited to call (301-571-5703) or e-mail her: ichow@faseb.org

Bruce Zwilling also explained the changes for the annual meetings (see above Council meeting minutes). He asked the members to contribute with ideas for both topics and sites, as well as suggesting program chairs to the Council. Discussion on demand for annual meetings followed and the notion of society identity was connected to these meetings. Alternative formats were suggested, such as holding the meetings in conjunction with other societies of similar size and with similar scientific interests. Timing and location of the meetings were also discussed.

The President announced the recipients of the newly created Dolf Adams Awards (see results elsewhere in this issue). Election results were announced and elected members who were present introduced to the audience.

Plans for development and installation of an SLB Home Page on the Internet were announced.
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1997 Annual Meeting Scientific Program Chair     Malcolm A.S. Moore
Executive Manager     Ida Chow

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1997 ATCC Workshops

1. Anaerobic Bacteriology                        March 10-11
2. Recombinant DNA: Techniques and Applications  April 14-18
3. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Applications / Cycle DNA Sequencing  April 21-24
4. In Vitro Toxicology: Techniques and Applications  June 3-6
5. Extremophile Research: Theory and Techniques     New        July 7-10
6. Cell Culture and Hybridomas: Quality Control and Cryopreservation Techniques  September 8-10
7. 15th Annual ATCC Biotech Patent Forum  September 15-16
8. Cytogenetic and Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization  September 17-19
9. Fermentation Microbiology  September 23-26
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3
8:00AM - 1:45PM    SLB Council Meeting
2:00 - 5:30 PM    Plenary Session I  Stem Cells and Leukocyte Interactions with the
Hematopoietic Microenvironment
6:00 - 7:00 PM    President’s Reception
7:00 - 8:00 PM    Keynote Address

THURSDAY, Dec. 4
9:00AM - 12:30PM    Plenary Session II  Chemokines and AIDS
1:30 - 3:00 PM    Poster Session
3:00 - 5:30 PM    Symposium 1  Animal Models of Disrupted/Deleted Chemokine/
Cytokine Genes Involved in Inflammation and Hematopoiesis
Symposium 2  Antibacterial Functions of Phagocytes

FRIDAY, Dec. 5
9:00 - 11:30 AM    Symposium 3  Molecular Basis of Inflammation
Symposium 4  Mast Cell Development and Activation
11:30AM - 1:00PM    Poster Session
2:00 - 4:30 PM    Symposium 5  Therapeutic Strategies for Inhibition of the
Inflammatory Response - Cytokine Blockade
Symposium 6  New Chemokines and Interleukines
4:30 - 5:30 PM    Student Presentations/Awards

SATURDAY, Dec. 6
9:00AM - 12:30PM    Plenary Session III  Dendritic Cell Development and Function
1:30 - 3:00 PM    Poster Session
3:00 - 5:30 PM    Symposium 7  Therapeutic Strategies for Inhibition of the
Inflammatory Response - Intracellular Signalling Pathway
Symposium 8  C-Kit and Flk-2/Flt-3 Ligands and Leukocyte
Development Activation
6:30 - 10:00 PM    Banquet

All SLB members will receive Call-for-Abstracts packet when available, in April, 1997

Non-members may request packet and information from:
Society for Leukocyte Biology - 1997 Meeting,
9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.
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