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From the IFSHC President

Greetings to all member societies of the IFSHC. We are excited and look forward to greeting all of your members at ICHC 2008, which is hosted by the Polish Society and will be held in **Gdansk, Poland, August 23-27 of 2008**. The president and organizer of ICHC 2008 is Professor Zbigniew Kmiec. The theme of ICHC 2008, "*Imaging of Cell Dynamics*", will present the state-of-the-art microscopic imaging techniques and define open fields of research in sessions and symposia in a "think-tank" atmosphere. The ICHC Program has the participation of many of the world's renowned researchers in the field of cell and tissue biology and immunochemistry. The location of the congress in Gdansk allows for relatively inexpensive travel and accommodations for attendees, as well as modest registration fees, and the scientific program is rich and the setting is ideal for our congress.

Please distribute this newsletter and congress information to your members and encourage them to register and submit abstracts at the congress website. (www.ichc2008.org).

In addition to a program that is rich in numerous symposia, workshops, and plenary lectures, several significant awards will be made. These include the prestigious David Glick Lecture, which will be delivered by Professor Cornelis Van Noorden during the opening ceremony on August 23.

Societies that have paid all IFSHC dues are eligible to nominate a Young Histochemist to receive a cash travel award to attend ICHC 2008. The Young Histochemists each receive free registration, nice hostel accommodation, free lunches and social program, in addition to a cash travel award. Also, societies in good standing have voting privileges at the Meeting of Delegates at ICHC 2008, where decisions will be made about the location of ICHC 2012, election of the next Executive Committee, and changes to the by-laws and statutes. Please forward the name of your voting delegate (and a non-voting alternate) to the Secretary-General, Robert Osamura. It would be a good idea to do this even if you have already sent us their names to make sure that we have not lost or overlooked your e-mails.

Professor Kmiec and his organizing committee have arranged an outstanding congress that will surely be remembered by all who attend. ICHC 2008 is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to meet and talk with experts in every area of histochemistry and cytochemistry, as well as renew old friendships and make new ones.

At the meetings of the Delegates for member societies in good standing, we will discuss and vote on several changes in the by-laws and statutes. The current statutes allow delegates to vote only at international congresses, held every four years. Under a proposed new by-law, delegates will be able to vote on IFSHC matters by e-mail at anytime between congresses. We believe that this change will make it possible for the IFSHC to be more dynamic and conduct business between congresses. We may also propose a change in the fee structure for dues, as the present structure is cumbersome and antiquated. Pertti Panula, IFSHC Treasurer, discusses the rationale for this change below. We will also request a change to rename the Executive Committee Ordinary Member positions to Councilors.

Many IFSHC societies now have their own webpages. If your society's webpage is not listed in the directory, please send the web address to the Secretary-General.

I am looking forward to greeting each of you personally at ICHC 2008.

Denis Baskin

Message from the President of the ICHC2008



Dear Colleagues,

You are wholeheartedly invited to attend the **ICHC2008, the 13th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. The ICHC 2008: 'Imaging of Cell Dynamics'**

will be held in Gdansk, Poland, **23 August - 27 August 2008**, at the Medical University of Gdansk.

ICHC2008 will provide an excellent scientific program, presenting latest achievements in the fields of microscopy, immunohistochemistry, and cell biology. The Congress will consist of 8 plenary lectures, 28 symposia, 4 poster sessions, and 3 practical workshops. Please, visit the official web site www.ichc2008.org to learn more about the scientific program and social attractions of the Congress.

The **regular registration fee** is **330 €**. **Reduced fee for young scientists** who are under 35 in 2008 and are authors or co-authors of an abstract is **220 €**. The participant from **developing countries** will pay regular fee of 220 €.

The **abstract submission deadline** is June 16, 2008. Please, register for the ICHC2008 at www.registration.ichc2008.org or at the ICHC web site www.ichc2008.org.

We offer special rates for accommodation in good quality hotels and hostels that are located close to the Old Town of Gdansk.

As chair of the organizing committee I can assure everyone coming to Gdansk for the ICHC2008 that they will also find many social and tourist attractions.

We look forward to welcoming you at the ICHC2008 in Gdansk!

Sincerely,

Prof. Zbigniew Kmiec

President of the Polish Society for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry

From the IFSHC Secretary-General, Robert Osamura

I hope that everything is going very well with you all you who belong to the member Societies of IFSHC. First of all, I am very happy to confirm that ICHC 2008 is just over three months from now.

The ICHC 2008 in Gdansk, Poland has been organized very nicely by the Polish Society for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. Professor Zbigniew Kmiec has been working very hard to organize very attractive Congress. We have no doubt that ICHC 2008 will be a big success. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Gdansk. **Please visit ICHC2008 home page www.ichc2008.org for information about the congress.**

At the last ICHC, the Delegates voted to amend the by-laws and statutes by adding a provision to remove inactive societies from IFSHC membership. I hope I have updated all officers of the member Societies.

Another important issue is the dues. It is essential for member societies to keep up to date with dues payments, as this is the only source of funds that the IFSHC has to assist delegates and Young Histochemists to attend the International Congresses of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. The Societies who have paid their IFSHC dues will have voting rights at the meeting of Delegates at ICHC 2008 and be eligible for nominating Young Histochemists for travel awards to the Gdansk ICHC meeting. Please note that the IFSHC Delegates will meet at the following two time slots.

First IFSHC Delegates Meeting August 23, Saturday 3:00-4:45 pm

Second IFSHC Delegates Meeting August 26, Tuesday 1:15-2:00 pm

Please inform me by Email **one voting delegate from each member Society not later than June 15, 2008.** Treasurer, Pertti Panula, shows the updated due status of each member Society (May, 2008).

As it has been done for the past ICHC Meetings, each member Society can recommend one Young Histochemist. Please inform me by Email **one candidate of Young Histochemist from each member Society not later than June 15, 2008.**

Please make sure that the members Societies should pay the dues to eligible to send a voting delegate and a Young Histochemist.

Robert Osamura

From the IFSHC Treasurer, Pertti Panula

The economic status of IFSHC is stable, but some societies have been waiting for decisions regarding the fees structure. The Executive Committee decided in 2006 to keep the current structure until the decision of fees structure has been made by the next Delegates' meeting. The annual fee payment notices were sent to all societies in June 2007. Almost 50% of the societies have paid all their dues for 2005-2008, and those interested in their status can get in touch with the Treasurer. It is important to process the payments in time, because the voting delegates and Young Investigators are only accepted from those countries that have paid all dues. Currently, the new IFSHC bank account is open in Finland, and all payments should be sent there:

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Please indicate the Society and for which year the payment is intended, so that the Treasurer can confirm this as soon as possible.

During the past years of the current 4-year term, the Executive Council tried to establish the new payment structure based on decisions made by the Delegates in 2004. However, it was evident that the current bylaws did not allow an e-mail ballot. Also, some small societies were concerned about the possibility that the annual fee (if e.g. based one annual fee category) would exceed their resources. If the current big societies would continue to pay their 400 USD annual fee, then the remaining societies should pay (if we have a two-layer structure) 200 USD each. This would remove the smaller payments and simplify the fees structure, yet IFSHC would get the same income to use for support of activities. One possibility would be to ask the societies how many members they have, because this would be the most objective way to determine the payment.

Pertti Panula

Status as of May 2008	fee	paid	2005	2006	2007	2008	
						USD/euro	
Belgium	\$ 300	deleted from list					
Bulgaria	\$ 50	-	-	-	-	-200	
China	\$ 200	+	+	+	+	+564,69	
Croatia	\$ 200	-	-	-	-	-800	
Czech Society	\$ 150	+125,16	-	-	-	-450	
Denmark	\$ 150	+248,28	+	+	+	+220,30	
Finland	\$ 200	+		+329,84	+	+271,30	
France	\$ 400	no viable society exists					
Germany S Histochem	\$ 250	-	-	-	-	-1000	
Hungary	\$ 150	-	-	-	-	-600	
Israel	\$ 400	+329,22	+	+	+	+841,00	
Italy	\$ 400	+	+	+	+	+921,45	
Japan	\$ 400	+330,52	+	+	+	+890,60	
The Netherlands	\$ 400	-	-	-	-	-1600	
Poland	\$ 200	+		+330,66	+	+502,72	
Romania	\$ 50	-	-	-	-	-200	
Russia	\$ 50	-	-	-	-	-200	

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Slovak Society	\$ 150	98,18	-	-	-450
Spain	\$ 300	-	-	-	Not viable?
Turkye	\$ 100	52,87	+	+	+261,24
U.K.	\$ 400	-	-	-	-1600
U.S.A.	\$ 400	+	+651,87	+	+800,00

Sums indicated in bold are missing payments in USD

Other sums indicated (not bold) are payments received

+ indicates that membership fee for this year is paid

- indicates an unpaid annual fee

Countries with + for all years have paid all dues and can send a voting delegate and young histochemist (China, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Japan, Poland, Turkye, U.S.A.)

Countries with – for some years have unpaid dues and should pay the bolded sum in USD (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Soc, Germany HG, Hungary, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, UK)