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President's Message

Bruce Klitzman

As my final message, it is appropriate to reflect on the directions of the Society and on my thoughts regarding the short term and long term challenges the Society faces. One important challenge will be the structuring of our annual meeting. At the present, we have largely let circumstances dictate and determine our Society policy regarding where, when, and with whom we meet. Arguments have been made that the recent meeting format and scientific programming have been excellent. However, the recent meeting structure has not been to the financial benefit of the Society. If we institute the suggested changes in By-Laws and policies as proposed in the Winter newsletter, we should become proactive and progressive with regard to meeting planning. The result of planning our meetings further in advance is that we will have the opportunity to benefit financially and be even better able to guide the scientific content of our meeting programming. Along with the vital task of the Long Range Planning Committee will be an expanded role for the Liaison

Committee, which has not been overloaded with work in the past. Now we will take advantage of our pool of talent to improve communications with microcirculationists throughout the world. The banquet at this year's meeting promises to be a memorable experience. For the same \$50 that you would spend for a very modest meal in a Washington hotel, Mary Ellsworth has organized an elegant evening at the exclusive Cosmos Club. I hope all of you will be able to attend this extraordinary event in our nation's capital.

Heartfelt thanks go out to Mary Ellsworth for performing the time intensive duties of Society Secretary. Paul McDonagh also deserves accolades for the often thankless job as Society Treasurer. All of the Committee members and especially the Chairs are also deserving of special recognition. Ingrid Sarelius has kept us on track with the critical duties as Publications Committee Chair during this time of transition; not only through an expected change in

editorship, but also through an unexpected and very messy change in publisher. Roger Adamson stepped in with very little notice to take over from former Nominations Committee Chair and candidate, Walter Durán, to run the elections. Donna Williams did an outstanding job with the Awards Committee to select from among superb nominees. Ping He did a great job chairing the Membership Committee. Ron Tuma, as President-elect and Program Chair, has worked with FASEB to put together a stimulating program for this year's meeting.

I also want to thank Bob Gore for doing such an outstanding job setting up our Web Site and keeping it running smoothly. I have visited the site frequently; instead of spending valuable time searching for my copies of the Newsletters, I simply go to the site and open up the relevant issue of the newsletter. Also, rapid developments in important matters can now be followed blow-by-blow. It has been of further value to me by only having to inform telephone inquirers that the answers to their questions (and many

more) can be found at "microcirc.org".

Finally, as Julian suggested in last year's newsletter, there is growing excitement and enthusiasm for microvascular research. Although the human gene will soon be totally mapped, that achievement will only mark the beginning of an increased opportunity for piecing the incredibly complex puzzle of the vascular system together. Some may view the gene mapping as the major accomplishment of our understanding the body. However, I view it as one may view the first edition publication of the Oxford Unabridged Dictionary. It is only an identification of the smallest pieces and parts of the system. The real creativity and higher level of understanding comes in putting those genetic "words" into sentences. Furthermore, putting those sentences together into biological "novels", "plays", and "poems" transcends knowledge and takes us to a higher plane of awareness of ourselves. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as president.

Hope to see you in Washington D.C. in April



Meeting News

Scheduled Events

Executive Council Meeting:

Friday, April 16, 1999, 8:00 A.M.
Marriot Metro Center; New York Room

General Business Meeting:

Friday, April 16, 1999, 4:00 P.M.
Washington Convention Center, Rm 38

Poster Sessions: April 16-17, 1999

Friday: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 8:00-12 A.M. & 1:00-5:00 P.M.
Washington Convention Center, Hall D

Banquet at Cosmos Club:

Friday, April 16, 1999; 7:00 P.M.

President-Elect's Symposium:

Saturday, April 17, 1999, 3:00-5:00 P.M.
"Microcirculatory Studies of Inflammation and Immune Function: (An Example of Microcirculation Research Bridging Molecular Biology, Physiology and Clinical Medicine)"
Washington Convention Center, Rm.38

Landis Award Lecture:

Sunday, April 18, 1999, 1:30 P.M.
Grand Hyatt Washington, Independence A

Meeting registration opens at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 1999. Anyone who did not Pre-register, must do so at this time.

Society Banquet

There is still time to obtain tickets for the Society Banquet at the Cosmos Club in Downtown Washington. The cost is \$50.00 @ and can be obtained from Paul McDonagh. The form is on our Web site. Tickets must be obtained no later than March 30th. European members can send requests to Dick Slaff.

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

Society Awards

The 1999 MCS Awards are:

Eugene M. Landis Award

Dr. Marcos Intaglietta
Department of Bioengineering
University of California - San Diego

August Krogh Young Investigator Award

Dr. Travis W. Hein
Texas A&M University.
College Station, Texas
"Mechanisms of coronary arteriolar dilation to adenosine"


Very Close Second Place Winner

Dr. Jefferson C. Frisbee
Medical College of Wisconsin
"Cytochrome P-450 omega-hydroxylase inhibition alters skeletal muscle microvascular reactivity in rats on high salt diet and rats with reduced renal mass hypertension"

Microcirculatory Society Travel Award
No Nominations

Christian Crone Travel Award
No Nominations

The Society thanks Donna Williams and the members of the Awards committee for their efforts. We congratulate all the winners.



*Congratulations
to the
winners*

New Society Officers

The Nominating Committee reports the following results of the recent election:

President-Elect:	Walter Durán
Secretary:	Mary Ellsworth
Councillors:	Jeff Falcone William Mayhan

The Society thanks Roger Adamson and the members of the nominating committee for their efforts and for all the nominees who were willing to run this year. We look forward to utilizing the talents of the incoming officers.

Important Notice!!!!

Are you among those who have NOT paid your 1999 dues? Only 186 members have which leaves a large percentage of our membership unpaid. As noted in the last Newsletter, if your dues are not paid you will not receive the journal. Please pay up! Send your checks to:

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To all of you who have paid your dues, Thank you! The Journal will be arriving shortly

