

Letter from the President

Dear fellow plastinators,

First, on behalf of the International Society for Plastination, I would like to thank you, who accepted our invitation to participate in the 12th International Conference of Plastination in Murcia, Spain, 2004 and in the 8th International Interim Conference on Plastination in Ohrid, Macedonia, July, 2005. Especially I would like to thank all of you, who will contribute actively to the success of the 13th conference by giving oral or poster presentations.

Our particular thanks go to Dr. Rafael Latorre and Dr. Vlatko Ilieski and their staff who, besides their already tough schedule, offered to host these conferences and to bear all the load, all the concerns, all the troubles, all responsibility and to do all the work, much of which is not obvious or even visible to those who never were involved with the organization of such an event, to make our conference as successful as possible.

It would be a great honor to receive you at The 13th Conference on Plastination to be organized in Austria, 2006 in the city of Vienna. The Center of Anatomy and Cell Biology of the Medical University of Vienna is proud to host this scientific meeting of international prestige. We are looking forward to bringing together so many researchers in the field of morphological sciences. On behalf of the Anatomical Institute, we would like to invite you to take part in a scientific event that hopefully will fulfill your expectations. We wish you a pleasant stay in Vienna.

Moreover, you will shortly be asked for nominations of officers, i.e. president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Please begin to think about nominees and also about your own willingness to serve as an officer for a two-year term.

Also, I would like to welcome all new members of the ISP. You did an important step by applying for membership in the ISP. You will not only get price reductions on conference, meeting and workshop fees, but you will also get information via our ISP-homepage which is linked to many other sites of interest for plastinators. You can obtain information from members all over the world via our List-server (isp-l@kfunigraz.ac.at) within a few hours. Moreover, Gilles Grondin has set up a wonderful online version of the Current Plastination Index (<http://www.uqtr.ca/plastination/>) where you can find any reference concerning plastination.

Finally, I want to thank the ISP members for their input into the society, especially via email, and the Executive Committee members for their support for pushing the quality of our journal.

With the kindest regards from Vienna, Austria
Yours sincerely,
Mircea-Constantin Sora