

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Friends and Plastinators:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you Volume 25, issue 1 of the Journal of Plastination. I would like to express my appreciation and my thanks to Dr. Ming Zhang for the initial organization of this issue. Issue 2 of the Journal of Plastination is already being organized and it is my hope it will be released in December 2013.

One year from now, July 2014, we will be in St Petersburg, Russia for the 17th International Conference on Plastination. Our host, Dimitry Starchik, is organizing a superb scientific program and a spectacular social program as well. I encourage you to mark your calendars and attend this outstanding conference.

Once again we did not have an interested party to host the Interim Meeting this year. In 2011, I had the same difficulty in finding someone to host the event. I was delighted to host that meeting and hoped to have another laboratory host the meeting in 2013. The tradition has been that the Interim Meeting is held in United States and is comprised of a workshop and platform sessions. I am making an appeal to those knowledgeable ISP members in the U.S. to genuinely consider the possibility of hosting the next Interim Meeting. These biennial meetings foster collaboration among our membership, in addition to cultivating and supporting our newer constituents. I would be happy to provide direction and supportive planning documents to assist the hosting laboratory.

I am delighted to report that the ISP membership is growing fast with several new laboratories sprouting in Brazil, Africa, Asia, Europe and US. There are now several workshops being organized and presented to supply the demand for learning the technique. The workshop in Murcia, organized by Rafael Latorre, has been a beacon of knowledge in plastination for many years. In 2013, Honjin Sui hosted his workshop in Dalian, China, and Carlos Baptista and Robert Henry hosted a workshop in Toledo, Ohio, USA. I find this increased activity exciting and a positive sign of a deeper interest in plastination throughout the world. I look forward to working with you all to continue this effort.

Sincerely

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President of the International Society for Plastination