

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Carlos A. C. Baptista, MD, PhD

Dear Fellow Plastinators,

Next year (2016) will be the 30th anniversary of the International Society for Plastination (ISP). I invite you to join me in the celebration of this milestone at the 18th International Conference on Plastination, which will be held in Toledo, Ohio June 27 – July 1, 2016. The Conference was originally scheduled to be held in Pereira, Columbia, but due to unforeseen circumstances the venue has been changed to Toledo. A copy of the poster for the Conference can be found on page 25.

I would like to announce that after 8 years as president of the ISP, I do not intend to continue as such after July 2016. Elections for the new Council (the principal governing body of the ISP) will be held in May, with nominations accepted in mid-March, 2016. For the first time we will be electing 5 councilors in addition to the officers of president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. This is according to the amended Bylaws that occurred in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2014. Nominations for officers and councilors should be submitted to Anthony J Weinhaus, chairperson of the Nominations Committee. More information about the election process will be sent to all members in good standing as part of an email message early in 2016. I encourage you to become actively involved in the election process and exercise your right to vote.

We are still awaiting a notice from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) regarding the indexation of the Journal of Plastination in MEDLINE. I commend the efforts of Phil Adds, editor of the Journal, in submitting the application to the NLM and in the steps he is taking to make the Journal a first-rate publication.

In closing, I would like to say that I am somewhat surprised at the low number of responses I receive when sending out correspondence for the Society. It is in stark contrast to the number of members we currently have in the ISP. The health and growth of our society depends on an actively involved membership. I ask that you seriously consider becoming more involved by participating in interim meetings and conferences, and submitting articles for the Journal. I would also encourage you to nominate students to become members of the ISP. They are the future of our organization and we should involve them as early as possible in their professional development.

I look forward to seeing you in Toledo, Ohio this coming June.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos A. C. Baptista". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos A. C. Baptista

President