

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Plastinators:

After eight outstanding years, in light of increasing duties on the board of the AHE Journal and in his professional life, Dr. Robert Reed has asked to be relieved of his duties as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the International Society for Plastination. Dr. Reed has been an excellent Editor-in-Chief, notably for his fairness and wisdom in the editorial process.

During Dr. Reed's tenure as Editor-in-Chief, the Journal greatly improved not only in format and status, but more importantly in the quality of the articles. On behalf of the International Society for Plastination, I would like to express my gratitude for his service and wish him well in his new endeavors.

New Journal

This issue of the Journal of the International Society for Plastination is the first issue with the new name "The Journal of Plastination." The new name was approved at the 14th Biennial Meeting of the ISP in Heidelberg, Germany in July 2008.

It is difficult to ignore the impact that The Journal of the International Society for Plastination (JISP) had on all of us. With the birth of the science of plastination in the 80's the JISP fulfilled its mission. It served the novice as well as the expert in plastination, as a source of information that was not available elsewhere. Science moves forward through publications in outstanding, peer-reviewed journals. I am sure The Journal of Plastination will continue to provide a venue for plastinators to share innovations and expertise.

I would like to announce the appointment of Dr. Selcuk Tunali, MD, Ph.D., as Assistant Editor for The Journal of Plastination. Dr. Tunali is an Instructor of Anatomy at Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey. Dr. Tunali's primary function as Assistant Editor shall be to organize the online edition of The Journal of Plastination.

I am also delighted to announce the reappointment of Dr. Robert Henry, DVM, Ph.D. as Interim Associate Editor for The Journal of Plastination. Dr. Henry graciously accepted my invitation to continue in the interim capacity to assist in the transition to the new Editorial Board. Needless to say, the International Society for Plastination is still here today because of Dr. Henry's dedication, love for the ISP and passion for plastination. We are eternally grateful for his commitment to the ISP.

New Members

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members. Thank you for joining the ISP. Your enthusiasm and interest in plastination will spark a new exchange of ideas among both new and existing members of the ISP. I am grateful for the knowledge and dedication of our existing members as well, and am looking forward to a great year with our increased membership.

Finally, I would like to ask you to become actively involved in our society and share your knowledge of plastination. By attending the ISP sponsored conferences, participating in committees, contributing to the editorial board, by submitting articles to the Journal of Plastination, or contributing to our ListServe, you will stimulate growth and help make the ISP a valuable instrument of knowledge, innovation and collaboration for the advancement of plastination.

With my warmest regards from Toledo, Ohio, USA

Yours Sincerely

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President