

Letter from the President

Dear fellow plastinators,

On behalf of the International Society for Plastination - I would like to thank you, who responded to our invitation to participate in the 13th International Conference of Plastination in Vienna, Austria 2006. Especially, I would like to thank all of you, who actively contributed to the success of this conference by giving oral and/or poster presentations. The Center of Anatomy and Cell Biology of the Medical University of Vienna is proud to have hosted this scientific meeting of such a high level and of international prestige. Platform and poster presentations dealing with new applications of plastination techniques both in teaching and in research, demonstrate that plastination is going beyond the borders of medical schools, addressing an increasingly wider community.

ISP members voted for the upcoming meetings and as a result we will hold an Interim Meeting 2007 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, hosted by Dr. Ameer Raoof. The next ISP Biennial Meeting, 2008, will be hosted by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in Heidelberg, Germany, Europe.

I would like also to welcome all new members of the ISP. You did an important step by applying for membership in the society. You will not only get price reductions on conference, meeting and workshop fees, you will also get the ISP journal and 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 on line 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 in 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