

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear readers,

As you will notice on the inside front cover of this issue, the number of reviewers has decreased. Dr Harmon Bickley has retired from teaching and decided to also retire from the editorial board of the journal. Harmon, in the name of all the members of the society, I want to thank you so much for all the work you have done for the Society and for our Journal, as the first editor and as a reviewer for many years. I want to wish you many very happy years by lake Michigan. Larry Janick also decided to quit the editorial board as he now occupies a new job that is not related to plastination. Larry, it has been a privilege for us to have you in our team for these years and I thank you for the excellent work you always did. Take care of yourself. I wish you a good health and all the best in your new job.

These departures add to our urgent needs for more reviewers. Some of the peoples present at the conference last summer talked to me about their possible interest to work as reviewer, I invite you to contact me as soon as possible and join the editorial board.

As a coincidence, you will find in the present issue 2 papers dedicated to the labelling of plastinated specimens. One from Dr James Arnold Baker particularly inexpensive and interesting for small labs with small number of specimens and the second from our friends from Brazil for labs with a large number of specimens that are used by many teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants who attended the last conference at Trois-Rivières. It was a real pleasure and honour to welcome you all and I truly hope that you enjoyed your stay in our University and City. For the first time in plastination conferences, a prize was awarded for the best of the following categories: papers, exhibits and posters.

Peter Cook for his presentation entitled "Submacroscopic Interpretation of Human Sectional Anatomy using Plastinated E12 Sections", a work done in collaboration with *S. Al-Ali*,

and *Mircea Constantin Sora* for his presentation entitled "Plastination of Three Dimensional Structures with P40", work done in collaboration with *P. Brugger* and *H. Traxler* were considered to be equally deserving of the award for the best presentation.

A special mention was also awarded to *Mélanie Caron* for "Elaboration of a three-Dimensional Identification Key for Microcheiroptera Species of Quebec with the S10 Plastination Technique", work done in collaboration with *G. Grondin* and *J.P. Bourassa*.

The best poster award was presented to *Rafael Latorre* for "Macroscopic Interpretation of Horse Head Sectional Anatomy Using Plastinated S10 Sections", presented in collaboration with *M. Orenes*, *J. M. Vazquez Autón*, *F. Gil Cano*, *G. Ramirez-Zarzosa*, *O. Lopez-Albors*, *A. Arencibia* and *F. Moreno Medina*.

The best specimens award was presented to *Bob Parmelee* for his exhibit. Visitors were particularly impressed by his elephant heart, slice of an elephant foot and dolphin foetus.

Finally, I again invite you to submit papers. We absolutely want to keep editing 2 issues per year and this will be only possible if we receive your papers. The next issue is already under preparation and I wish to have it published before the next interim conference. It could also be very interesting to include in it the answers to the survey that you will find on page 42 of the present issue.

I hope to meet many of you next July in Rochester.

Thank you,

Gilles Grondin