

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

Dear ISP-Members,
Dear fellow plastinators,

We are running towards the end of the 2nd millenium and there are several news taking place in the International Society for Plastination.

* First of all, we will have some amendmets of our bylaws which I hope you will accept and vote for. The main amendment enables every member to vote via secret mail ballot in order to give all members the chance to express their opinion independently from their presence at the biennial general meeting. The draft of these amendmets has been sent to you by the chair of the bylaws committee, Robert W. Henry, who together with the bylaws committee members did tremendous work for these changes.

* Secondly, we will elect a new executive board and to do that, the chair of the nominations committee, Robert W. Henry asked you for nominations. Each member may nominate one person - including him- or herself - for each Executive Office. Please be sure that the nominated person is willing to serve as an officer and that the person is a member whose dues are paid up to date. If the amendemets of the bylaws are accepted by the majority we will have a mail ballot to vote on the Executive Board Members in Spring 2000.

* And thirdly, I regret to inform you that our treasurer, Ronald S. Wade requested to be excused from his office as Treasurer and Executive Board Member of the International Society of Plastination, an office that he held since 1994. Ronn ensured me that it was with no ill will toward any member, issue, action, or reaction that he resigned. He also helped that his resignation created as little disruption as possible to the ISP-members.

At this point I, on behalf of the members of the

International Society for Plastination, want to thank Ronald S. Wade for his long term serving the ISP and we wish him all the best for the future!

* The resignation of Ronald S. Wade required several other changes:

1) Wolfgang Weber, Iowa State University, Dept of Veterinary Anatomy, Ames, Iowa, USA was appointed interim treasurer until the elections in 2000. I am happy that Wolfgang Weber accepted to serve as interim treasurer and I am sure that he will meet our expectations and I strongly encourage you to express your acceptance by nominating Wolfgang for the treasurer's office from 2000 to 2002 and vote for him as well, as this is a key position in our society.

2) The ISP-Listserver has to be transferred to Graz. This listserver will work like the one that has been established in Baltimore by Ronn Wade and will start within the next days. All currently subscribed list-members will automatically be subscribed to the new server and you will get the respective information. I am sure that the transition will run smoothly and that we will have our pan-world-communication system running as it did for the last four years, thanks to Ronn Wade.

Finally, I cordially invite you to participate in our society and in particular to participate in the 10th International Conference on Plastination in Saint-Etienne, France. This important meeting will take place from July, 2nd to July 7th, 2000.

With the very best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful start into the year 2000 I remain,

Yours sincerely

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