

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

Dear fellow plastinators,

WELCOME TO ROCHESTER, NEW YORK!

Thanks to the efforts of Cynthia Ryan, we are looking forward to a very well organized and hopefully well attended interim meeting - the last meeting of the members of the ISP before the millenary.

Platform and poster presentations dealing with new applications of the plastination techniques both in teaching and in research show that plastination is going beyond the borders of medical schools, increasingly addressing a wider community.

Basic lectures will introduce all the plastination procedures and the specialty of the interim meetings - the hands-on sessions - will complete a week of experiences.

This time four special topic workshops are offered, that should attract both freshman and expert plastinators: the not so commonly used techniques of sheet plastination of body slices (epoxy) and brain slices (polyester) are offered as well as completely new workshops on color injection casting and on room temperature plastination.

I wish Cindy and her team at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry a successful 6th interim meeting and I am convinced that all the participants will enjoy a week of intensive work and discussion resulting in new experience and new friendships.

With the kindest regards from Europe, where we hope to meet you next time in July 2000 in St. Etienne, France.

Yours sincerely

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