

## President's Message



Dear plastination colleagues:

Wow! what A **FANTASTIC** job Dr. Weiglein and his staff did to organize such a "superb conference"! Everything was perfect. Andreas, I want to publicly thank you and all of your staff who made the 7th International Conference on Plastination the best plastination event yet. Your wife, Marion, deserves a Great BIG Thank You for the **TREMENDOUS** spouse program. The social events were marvelous as well as lively. If you were unable to attend, you missed a highly organized and very informational meeting. The scientific papers were excellent and covered many topics. Each conference that I have attended has been great. One wonders how each subsequent conference can be significantly better.

The 4th biennial meeting of the International Society for Plastination was historic. We are now an official body. Bylaws and constitution for the ISP were written and adopted. A slate of officers for the ISP were proposed and elected. I want to thank you for the vote of confidence in electing me as the first president of the society. This new job is a tremendous challenge and I pledge to do my best. We welcome any suggestions. We are in the process of appointing committees to work on several projects. Items of pressing importance are: Finance - both dues and corporate sponsorship, Communication - the journal, Internet, and advancing plastination, and Reaching and including new people. The new Internet computer communication system set up by Ron Wade will help facilitate communication ([LISTSERV@UMAB.UMD.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@UMAB.UMD.EDU)).

I want to invite you to mark your calendars now and attend an interim scientific meeting on plastination, July 12 - 15, 1995. It will be hosted by two sister institutions The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. It promises to be a great interim gathering. Presentations will be by poster and platform as well as a hands on workshop. Also, mark your calendars and start planning for the 1996 Brisbane meeting.

Finally, I want to thank Dr. Harmon Bickley for bringing the plastination technology to the USA. He was instrumental in starting the International Society for Plastination. Harmon served as the director of ISP from its inception and as the first editor of our journal. Thanks!

Please inform me or any of the executive committee if you have any special needs, problems, or desires. We want the organization to serve you and your needs. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Ohio, USA, in July, 1995, and in Brisbane, AUSTRALIA, in 1996.

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