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Dear Colleague

Firstly, let me wish you a happy and productive New Year as 2011 gathers pace. There are several important and exciting developments on the horizon in the field of cryobiology, and our science continues to be an important keystone for so many different scientific endeavours in the coming decade.

What's New?

The 48th Annual Congress will be held in Corvallis, Oregon, USA on Bristol, UK, 24-27 July 2011. This is the first time that the Society has visited Corvallis and the beautiful campus of Oregon State University provides us with a great location to move ahead into the new decade. Full Congress details are available on the website <http://www.cryo-2011.org/>, including the outline of scientific content, grants and awards for members, and travel to Corvallis. The website will be updated frequently over the next few weeks, **so watch this space!**

Highlights of the meeting include Keynote Sessions on

- Freeze Drying and Anhydrobiosis
- Cryopreservation Technology for Food and Agriculture
- Best Practices in Biobanking
- New Developments in Mathematical Modelling

There will also be concurrent sessions which represent the wide diversity of cryobiology, including :
 Themed sessions for basic science and applied topics :

- Cryo-Biomedicine, Hypothermia in Transplantation, Cryosurgery
- Cryopreservation of Animal and Plant Germplasm
- Bioengineering and Modelling in Cryobiology
- Crystal Award session,
- Inauguration of Fellows of the Society
- Members submissions, Your New and Best Research, New Hypotheses for the 2010s, Tackling the Controversies, New Looks at Old Ideas
- Social events – including BBQ Outing with International Young Cryobiology Group and a chance to visit a local winery
- Registration and Abstract Submission dates will be announced soon. **Registration will be open soon**, so watch the web site at <http://www.cryo-2011.org/>

Society members honoured!!

We are very pleased to hear the news that two members of our Society received a prestigious award recognizing their services to cryobiology in reproductive medicine.

At the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) meeting in Denver, Colorado last Autumn, **William F. Rall** and **Gregory M. Fahy** were each presented with a Distinguished Scientist Award in Reproductive Biology. This was in recognition of their pioneering work on vitrification.

Members' Services

We are currently working with our Secretariat at Portland Customer Services to update and improve the

Society Web Site – but the address will remain the same. There is a wealth of useful information, including member contacts and Society details of the Society for Cryobiology web site.

Want to publish your paper in Cryobiology? Go to Member's Area and Publications - Details can be found for on-line submission or electronic access to past volumes.

How about visiting and contributing to one of the Bulletin Board / Announcements sections?

Nominations for CryoFellows in 2011

The annual election of Cryo-Fellows is about to commence. This is a way to honour those Society Members who have made significant contributions to our field of science. You will be receiving an electronic notification in mid-February, with instructions as to the procedure. Please reply promptly as the deadline for receipt of nominations is May 1. John H. Crowe, President-elect and chair on the Fellows Nominating Committee.

Editor-in-Chief of Cryobiology

Following the planned retirement in 2011 of Professor David Pegg as Editor-in-Chief of our journal Cryobiology, the Publications Committee has been overseeing the evaluation process for the potential candidates throughout the past few months. The process is nearing its' completion and you will be receiving full details of the outcome from the Board in the next few weeks. This is an important position in our Society, and I would like to thank everyone involved so far for their efforts in moving this forward.

Announcement

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the recent death of Professor Valentin Grischenko, Fellow of the Society for Cryobiology and Head of the Institute for Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine in Kharkiv, Ukraine. Professor Grischenko was a staunch supporter of our Society for more than 30 years, and we send our deepest condolences to his family and colleagues.

Other Cryo Meetings

There are also some upcoming meetings which may be of interest to our Members:

Symposium on Regenerative Medicine and Cryobiology

March 23rd and 24th, Linean Society, London, UK.

Hosted by the Society for Low Temperature Biology

For details visit : <http://www.sltb.info/>

2nd International Congress on Controversies in Cryopreservation of Stem Cells, Reproductive Cells, Tissue & Organs (CRYO)

Palacio de Congresos, Valencia, Spain

April 7-9, 2011

For details visit : <http://www.comtecmed.com/cryo/2011/>

I would personally like to thank the members of the Board of Governors and Society Committees for all their hard work during 2010 in helping the Society to move ahead.

If you have news or a wish to see other items in the E-Bulletin, let me know. Wishing you all the best for the coming months.

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