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Dear Colleague

Welcome to the Third E-Bulletin for 2011. Cryo 2011 was a fantastic success and both the President and Board are extremely grateful for Barbara Reed, Adam Higgins, Michelle Kutzler and all the team at Oregon State for welcoming us to Corvallis. Both the science on offer, and the facilities available on the OSU campus were superb, and the meeting will be fondly remembered by all who took part. Special congratulations go to Allison Fry who won the Crystal Award, Julien Nunes for the Best Poster Award and the Student Travel Award winners (Maryam Akhoondi, Christina, Vogiatzi, Michael Zielinski, Julien Nunes, Nadezda Kipryanova, Estefana Rosendo, Ketia Endoh, Maria Zhurova, Siji Anjil, Ralf Spindler).

We now move on to think about **Cryo 2012**, and our good wishes go to Joaquin Rodriguez, Edgardo Guibert and their group in Rosario, Argentina. This will be a unique and exciting opportunity to meet with our cryobiology colleagues across Latin America. The first details can already be seen at the Web Site <http://cryo2012.org/>. **Save the Dates – June 3 -6, 2012!**

What's New?

1. Elections to the Society Board of Governors

You will already have received some information by e-mail about the candidates for the **2011 Society Elections**. The final slate of candidates have been circulated. Please take time to review these details, and make your choice. The Board is the central powerhouse of the Society, and members have to be committed to work hard to keep our Society moving forward. Your votes count! So please make sure you return your choices in good time.

2. Media networking and the Society

At the 2011 Board meeting in Corvallis, there was a good debate on how best to move the Society forward into the new era of media networking and web opportunities. Facebook, Twitter, Professional e-Networks, streaming of debates and presentations are all becoming part of our everyday lives, and offer opportunities for us to raise the Society profile and make new contacts in cryobiology across the world. The Board would like to set up an ad hoc committee to plan what we should do in the Knowledge Transfer environment, so if anybody would like to be involved or make suggestions, please contact the President (email below) and we can get the ball rolling!

3. New arrivals at the Cryo2011 Meeting

The Board was please to confirm the election of two new Fellows of the Society at the Corvallis Board meeting. Hearty congratulations go to Barbara Reed, and John Crowe, who were elected to this

prestigious honour. Election to Fellow recognises a sustained and high-profile contribution to both the field of cryobiology and to the Society. Details of this, and the Minutes of the Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be available soon on the Society web site.

4. New Editor-in-Chief

Also in attendance was David Rawson, the new Editor-in-Chief for our journal, Cryobiology. David was able to report that the journal is in good health, and will be working with Elsevier in the coming months to plan new initiatives to take the journal to even higher levels of success. He will send out these plans for your feedback in the near future.

5. Consensus Practices and the Society

John Baust Sr is continuing his work as Chair of the Society Committee looking at ways to move the practice and profile of the Society ahead by establishing Consensus and Best Practice guidelines. These will become ever more important as the applications of cryobiology increase in areas of Biobanking and Biopreservation. Many governmental and regulatory bodies are starting to ask for such guidelines, and we need to make sure the members of our Society, with all their relevant expertise, are fully involved in developing these. John reported that the Society has already been able to collaborate with other professional societies (SLTB and ISBER) in the initial discussions, which will add even greater weight to what we are attempting to achieve. John will be asking you for your thoughts and ideas in the coming weeks, so please be ready to feedback!

Members' Services

The work is continuing with our Secretariat at Portland Customer Services to update and improve the Society Web Site –significant progress has been made but there is still work to do. Check out the site, and feedback any comments.

<http://www.societyforcryobiology.org/>

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?

Other Cryo Meetings

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

Society for Low Temperature Biology Annual Meeting
6th and 7th October 2011
Linnean Society, London, UK

Details can be found by following the link below:

<http://www.sltb.info/> or contact h.w.pritchard@btinternet.com

(If you have news or a wish to see other items in the E-Bulletin, let me know).

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