



As the ISE Office looks towards a summer vacation, we thought it timely to share with you an update of activity in recent months and what is in store for the rest of 2009-2010. In addition, ISE has just completed a strategic review that we hope will further improve our ability to develop and promote Endocrinology globally, working more closely with you as our National member societies.

ICE 2008, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2008

ICE Brazil was extremely successful with 5,203 delegates attending the meeting from 86 different countries. We extend our thanks to the Chairs of the Programme Organising Committee (Professor John Wass) and Local Organising Committee (Dr Amelio de Godoy-Matos) and their committees for making this possible.

As part of the ISE-Brazil collaboration, ISE provided travel grants to 79 endocrinologists in training from countries outside Brazil to attend the meeting.

ISE Statutes

At the Brazil meeting, the revised ISE Statutes were ratified by the ISE Central Committee. These can be viewed on the ISE website (www.endosociety.com). Highlighted changes include a revised Executive Committee with greater involvement of developing/emerging nations and a new meetings structure that will oversee a two-yearly partnership ICE-Member society meeting that will replace the "stand-alone" four-yearly ICE congress.

Developing Global Endocrinology: The Chinese Society of Endocrinology

Over the last three years ISE has helped the Chinese develop a Professional base – The Chinese Society of Endocrinology (CSE) – from within the Chinese Medical Association. At its annual Congress held in Ha'erbin, China from the 17-20 July 2008, ISE sponsored a Symposium on Pituitary Disease. Drs Paul M Stewart (UK), Rudolf Fahlbusch (Germany), Xavier Bertagna (France) and Janet Schlechte (USA) represented the ISE and made presentations on 'An Evidence

Base for Treatment of Acromegaly', 'Diagnosis and Treatment of Cushing's Disease', 'Prolactinomas – Some Unresolved Issues', and 'Neurosurgical Management of Craniopharyngiomas'.



A Fellows' Forum included research presentations from about 80 young investigators across China. As part of the ISE's mission to support Endocrinology trainees, ISE awarded eight travel fellowships of US\$1,000 each to the trainees judged to have the best presentations at the Fellows' Forum. The CSE provided an additional US\$1,000 each to the trainees judged to have the best presentations at the Fellows' Forum. The CSE provided an additional US\$1,000 each to the winners. These awards supported travel to the Brazil ICE meeting.

ISE Strategic Review

To further define the role of ISE and its future direction, a detailed Strategic Review has recently been completed. ISE aims to increase its partnership with, and communication to, its existing 69 member Nations. However, the face of endocrinology globally has changed significantly since its inception in 1964, principally with the development of other outstanding "International" bodies such as The US Endocrine Society (TES) and the new European Endocrinology Society (ESE). Here ISE will take on a global endocrine alliance role to ensure co-ordination of activity across the World, the adoption of best practices and avoidance of duplication. By focussing resource on Northern and Central Africa, India, China and Asia, ISE will prioritise activities with National organisations that are not easy geographical targets for established Continental based bodies such as TES

and ESE. Despite the economic down-turn, ISE finances are robust; internal administrative changes and new budget streams will be put into place to achieve these aims.

So what's happening next ...?

14th International Congress of Endocrinology (ICE 2010) and Annual Meeting of the Japan Endocrine Society



The above Congress will be held on March 26-30, 2010 in Kyoto, Japan. This international congress is the largest meeting in the field of endocrinology and metabolism, expecting around 6,000 participants from over 60 countries. More than 80% of the programme has already been agreed through a partnership Programme Organising Committee comprising ISE and Japanese delegates. 11 official satellite symposium are planned before and after the main congress in Kyoto and other cities.

Registration is now open – register early and save up to 30%. Abstract submission will begin on July 15, 2009. For registration and up-to-date information of the congress, please visit <http://www.congre.co.jp/ice2010/>.

(Using a similar ICE-partnership structure, the contract for the 15th International Congress of Endocrinology to be held jointly with the 14th European Congress of Endocrinology in Florence, Italy 2012 is being finalised).

Travel Grants for ICE2010, Kyoto, Japan

ISE will once again be offering young endocrinologists the opportunity to apply for Travel Grants under the Awards Scheme (US\$1,500 for trainees outside Asia, US\$1,000 for those within Asia) – procedure and application form will be posted on the ISE website (www.endosociety.com) and ICE2010 (www.congre.co.jp/ice2010) in the near future. Please encourage your up and coming young endocrinologists to apply.

Developing Global Endocrinology

As part of ISE's mission, we will continue to develop Endocrinology globally through the instigation and recognition of National Professional bodies akin to the "China model". ISE sponsored symposium are planned at National meetings in Ghana and Egypt during the autumn of 2009 (championed by ISE Executive members Xavier Bertagna and Richard Santen respectively).

ISE Executive Committee Appointments

As agreed at the ISE Central Committee Meeting Rio de Janeiro in November 2008, the ISE Executive Committee will be replaced with a new membership at the Kyoto meeting in March 2010. We will shortly be placing a call with our National society members for their nominations.

Benefits of being a member of the International Society of Endocrinology:

- The opportunity to be part of, and contribute to, the leading global network of endocrinologists, representing more than 50 countries around the world.
- Substantially reduced rates for your own individual members for subscriptions to *Nature Reviews – Endocrinology*. The Journal also offers ISE and yourselves as member Societies two pages in each monthly edition to advertise and promote your activities. ISE also have three Executive Committee members serving on the Editorial Board.
- Entitlement to Travel grants for Young Investigators to attend the new ICE meetings.
- Voting and nomination rights for the election of ISE Officers
- Opportunity to propose members to serve on the Programme Organising Committee of the ICE congresses.
- Opportunity to liaise with strategic planning committee for educational opportunities/fellowships in ISE societies in developing countries.
- Opportunity to submit updates for inclusion on the ISE web site.

Administrative Issues:

Dues

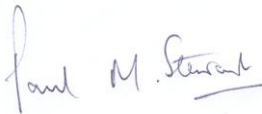
Could we ask you to check that your ISE membership dues are paid up-to-date? ISE activities rely heavily on its subscription base; our National Members **will not** be entitled to the above benefits including voting/nomination rights if dues are outstanding.

Contacts

Please advise us if there are any changes to the President, Secretary and Treasurer of your Society. This will assist in keeping our records and website updated. This is particularly important to ensure that the activities of your National Society can be promoted on the ISE website (www.endsociety.com).

Please forward any updates to Carol Kenny, Secretary, College of Medical & Dental Sciences, The University of Birmingham, Institute of Biomedical Research, Wolfson Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT, United Kingdom or you may e-mail: info@endsociety.com.

Finally, the Executive Committee are always happy to receive comments/feedback from any of its membership. Feel free to contact us at any time via Carol Kenny (info@endsociety.com).



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