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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

This issue of *iSLB* contains messages from the **Membership Task Force** highlighting the benefits, both tangible and intangible, of SLB membership. We are formulating strategies that will recruit other scientists interested in leukocyte biology to join our ranks and that will



guarantee that our current members remain excited by and about SLB.

The recruitment campaign is just beginning, so you can anticipate seeing more activity in this regard in the near future. If you wish to participate in the membership campaign, contact Andrei (amedvedev@som.umaryland.edu), me (william-nauseef@uiowa.edu), or John Lord at the SLB office (jlord@faseb.org).

In the past 12-18 months, we have solicited input from the membership and consequently pursued several initiatives to respond to your constructive suggestions. It is important that you realize that because of your insights and suggestions, the SLB leadership has implemented many changes that better engage the membership directly. Just to highlight a few:

- **Travel awards** for students have been increased to facilitate student participation in the Annual Meeting: we've allocated \$60,000 for Lisbon!

- Responding to the suggestion to "fix it", we have initiated a complete revision of the **SLB website**, which we hope to unveil in part in Lisbon
- The **program for the 2010 Annual Meeting** will be built in large part from the direct input and suggestions of the membership (more soon on that)
- The **Website Task Force** [Miki Rahat (chair), Angela Dolganiuc, Janos Filep, Melanie Scott, and Michael Smith (Council liaison)] and the **Membership Task Force** (see above), each comprised of members who volunteered to participate in addressing an important issue for SLB. We anticipate that more groups will be needed in the near future, and we see these activities as a way to engage the membership in the management of SLB and to cultivate the next generation of SLB leadership.

We're committed to expanding these opportunities for SLB members and to maintain SLB as a dynamic organization that reflects the interests and enthusiasm of its membership. Thanks for all you have done thus far and stay tuned for more opportunities.

William M. Nauseef
SLB President

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

The annual meeting in Lisbon is rapidly approaching. With 65 invited speakers, 60 abstracts selected for talks and nearly 600 poster presentations, the meeting promises to be our biggest meeting ever!

Late breaking abstract submissions (for poster presentations only) will be open through August. Submit your abstracts here ([click here](#)).

Don't forget to register at www.trisociety2009.org!!!



VALUES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF SLB MEMBERSHIP:

What is special about the SLB and why become a member?

- **Affordability:** annual membership costs only \$50 for regular members and \$10 for postdocs/graduate students. Members get reduced rates for SLB conferences, discounted subscription and reduced page charges for the *Journal of Leukocyte Biology*, one of the leading peer-reviewed immunology journals.

- **Annual Meeting:** SLB conferences offer a focused atmosphere with “community flavor.” In just three and half days, you can be sure to meet people who share your interests and to attend the talks that most interest you, given the limited number of concurrent sessions. Members can develop symposia for the Annual Meeting, a new initiative inaugurated for the 2010 SLB Meeting in Vancouver, and design satellite symposia and workshops focused on a specific topic of interest. The Annual Meeting is a great and economical opportunity not only to reinforce your expertise, but also to expand your horizons, given the interdisciplinary interests of the attendees. You will learn the newest findings from recognized leaders in the field, exchange ideas and discuss your results with colleagues, maintain ongoing and establish new collaborations, and build rewarding relationships.

- **Resources:** the *iSLB* electronic newsletter will keep you updated on SLB activities; have the opportunity to advertise on the SLB website and/or the newsletter; and have voting privileges in annual SLB elections. The Society sponsors local

journal clubs through its “Pizza and Pubs” program and keeps you updated about upcoming meetings organized by other societies, and its database of career opportunities is at your fingertips to explore.

- **Focus on Junior Scientists:** Students and postdocs can become SLB members for just \$10/year! Travel awards are readily available for postdocs and graduate students, with **\$60,000** available for the upcoming 2009 SLB meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. Several talks are selected each year from abstracts submitted by junior scientists. Each year, three pre-doctoral students and three post-doctoral fellows/junior faculty are nominated for the Presidential Award (one for each of the two categories), which includes prize money to the top two oral presentations.

- **Professional Development:** The SLB hosts “Meet the Speaker” lunches for students/postdocs, and professional workshops, such as meeting an NIH executive, Program Officer or Scientific Review Administrator. The Annual Meeting offers members of all ranks a wonderful opportunity to get experience presenting their research, exchange ideas, explore career opportunities, develop professional skills, and build collegial relationships.

The SLB Membership Task Force,

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SO, FOR ONLY \$50 A YEAR, FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE SLB GIVES YOU:

- New insights into the leukocyte biology that is critical for innate and acquired immunity and inflammation
- Networking, both personal and professional
- Opportunities to initiate new collaborations
- Opportunities to design symposia and workshops for the Annual meeting
- Access to job opportunities especially for junior scientists and fresh post docs
- Reduced page charges for manuscripts published in *The Journal of Leukocyte Biology*
- Reduced registration to SLB annual meetings
- Eligibility for awards
- Subscription to the *iSLB* newsletter
- Access to advertising on website and/or newsletter
- Voting privileges in society elections
- Opportunities for leadership positions in a small but very dynamic society

TRAUMA, SHOCK, INFLAMMATION AND SEPSIS

TSIS 2010, March 9-13, 2010 Munich, Germany: www.tsis2010.org

FIRST THREE SIGN UP FOR PIZZA AND PUBS PROGRAM

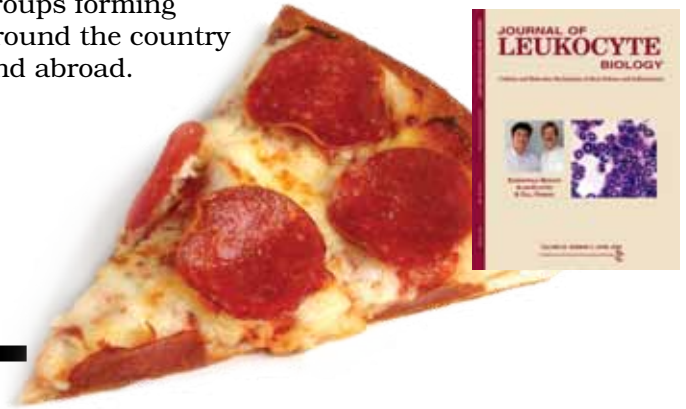
Discussion groups from the University of Iowa, the Mayo Clinic, and the University of Michigan were the first to sign up for SLB's **Pizza and Pubs**. The New Jersey Medical and Dental School is the newest member of the club! Our program, designed to support local *Journal of Leukocyte Biology* discussion groups dedicated to discussing articles contained within our very popular publication, provides \$200 per year to local groups to be used at regular meetings. This can buy you a lot of pizza! It can also buy a lot of interesting discussion and interaction about the exciting world of leukocyte biology.

To qualify, your group needs to have at least 10 people, of which at least two must be PIs who are SLB members, and one student/postdoc who will join SLB as a new member.

To apply, simply send us an email (slb@faseb.org)

with the names and email addresses of the members of your group, a brief description of the lab group/journal club/discussion group, and a paid application for a student membership (you may download this off the SLB Web site www.leukocytebiology.org). Feel free to sign up more than just one student. The more, the merrier!

We look forward to seeing many more **Pizza and Pubs** groups forming around the country and abroad.



Vancouver

The Three R's of Immunity

Annual Meeting October 6-9, 2010

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International Endotoxin & Innate Immunity Society