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EDITOR'S NOTES

After eleven months in my new position for SLB and with the end of the year just around the corner, it's a good opportunity for me to reflect on my experience as editor of the SLB newsletter. This great journey has been very enriching and stimulating. I have received a lot of positive feedback, both personally and through the 2010 membership survey, about the i-SLB (see Liz's comments), all of which encourages me and my supporting cast at FASEB to keep it up! Because this is an effort that relies on team work, it is both interesting and stimulating. We genuinely appreciate your feedback and will explore realizing the suggestions offered in the survey for additional information that you wish to have incorporated into the newsletter. In addition, we will initiate in 2011 a new section in the newsletter called "Short Interview with an SLB Member". The intention of this new feature is to allow members to know each other a bit better. To that end, we decided to start with introducing to the members those whose research articles were featured on the cover of *JLB* during 2010. At the end of 2011, we'll be checking with you to see if the feature is informative, enjoyable to read, and worth continuing.



In this issue of i-SLB, our current president, Liz Kovacs, highlights some recent changes in the composition of the Council and also the results from the 2010 membership survey. Whether or not you attended the 2010 meeting in Vancouver, don't miss reading Bill's and Neil's post-meeting updates! Also new in this issue there is a section that relates to the scientific meetings sponsored by SLB. Included there is a description of a very innovative workshop organized by Domenico Mavilio and colleagues from the Italian Society of Immunology (SIICA). The focus of the SIICA meeting was to enhance interactions between basic scientists and physicians with respect to understanding the physiopathology and cellular therapy of immunological disorders (see Domenico's comments). This issue also includes an update from Julian G. Cambroner, the chair of the Professional Development Committee, about their main goals for consideration at the 2011 SLB annual meeting. Sit comfortably, and start enjoying a great issue of i-SLB!

Silvia Uriarte, iSLB Editor

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) had their initial meeting in Vancouver to define, as part of the educational mission of the society, the program the committee wants to implement for the 2011 SLB annual meeting. The committee decided to focus on two main areas:

1-*The PDC section for the SLB website.* Angela Dolganiuc and Michelle Pritchard have already designed the PDC section that will be posted on the SLB website shortly. This section will include a very useful list of resources that provide information on *How to*: identify funding resources, write a successful grant, run a successful lab, network, select your next job, manage work and have a life, and much more.

2-*Organize a workshop for the 2011 SLB annual meeting.* A large number of excellent workshop topics were suggested by different members of the committee, and it was hard to pick one for the upcoming 2011 meeting. The consensus vote was to start with grant writing for 2011. The title of the workshop will be "How to Write Your First Grant Application". This workshop will target graduate students, post-docs, and junior faculties. Stay tune for more details and updates from the PDC in the next issues of i-SLB.

Julian G. Cambroner,
Chair



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

We are still enjoying the feedback and success of the 2010 meeting while we start to prepare an exciting program for the 2011 meeting in Kansas City. Meanwhile, I'd like to share with you changes that occurred in our Council at the meeting in Vancouver. **Chris Karp** and

Moira White completed their terms on Council, and we want to thank them for their great service! The Council welcomed its two new members, **Marco Cassatella** and **Dan Remick**. Marco will replace Chris as Council Liaison to the Meetings Committee and Dan will take Moira's place as the Council Liaison to the Professional Development Committee. The Meetings Committee also got a boost with the appointment of **Bill Nauseef** as the new Chair. Lastly, **Andrea Tenner** agreed to serve as the Chair of the Fundraising Committee. She is working hard on a NIH R13 meetings grant application to help support the 2013 meeting. [Go Andrea!!]

I want to share with our members some of the highlights from the 2010 membership survey. Recognizing that a vibrant society requires an engaged membership and a responsive leadership, I was especially gratified by the number of members who responded affirmatively to query #10 ("Are you willing to serve on an SLB Committee or Task Force?"). I look forward to contacting those volunteers to share with you our needs and to learn what you would like to bring to SLB. In addition to demonstrating your interest in being more involved in SLB, the survey revealed other

interesting features about the membership. The primary motivation of respondents to join the society was an interest in leukocyte biology. Members considered the scientific content of society meetings and the journal to be among the important benefits of membership. Networking and opportunities for trainees to present at the annual meeting were also ranked high as benefits of SLB membership. Most felt that monthly emails and a quarterly electronic newsletter were the most effective ways to communicate, in that order. Eighty-five percent stated that they read the quarterly newsletter and nearly all of them found the newsletter (**i-SLB**) to be informative and useful. [Congrats to Silvia M. Uriarte, Editor of the i-SLB Newsletter!!] Members also liked **e-JLB** and the electronic table of contents [Congrats Luis Montaner, Editor-in-Chief, **JLB**!!] For those who did not attend the SLB/IEIIS meeting in Vancouver, the most common reason for missing the meeting was a scheduling conflict. For those who attended, the joint meeting received overwhelming praise (91%) [Congrats to Bill Nauseef, Neil Reiner, Alan Cross and Steve Opal, 2010 Program Committee!!].

The main mechanism for SLB to improve the society is by responding to the member's feedback and suggestions. The survey is a useful tool that provides very important information to improve the society. We want to encourage SLB members that next time when a survey appears on their emails, please take the time to complete it consciously, because we really pay attention and value your comments!

*Liz Kovacs,
SLB President 2010-2011*

Vancouver

The Three Rs of Immunity

2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings from Vancouver, British Columbia! We want to thank all the SLB members that attended the recent 2010 SLB and IEIIS joint meeting in Vancouver, helping to make it a terrific success! We had a great attendance around 500 participants including regular members of the two societies, students and speakers. Approximately 25% of attendees were from overseas and the remainder came from Canada and the US.

Scientific highlights included talks by more than 50 invited speakers. In addition, there were nearly 300 abstract submissions for the Poster Sessions and 25 selected talks were presented from submitted abstracts. The student postdoc mixer and the evening dinner cruise

on Vancouver's inner harbour were a great success. Vancouver's flagship Fairmont Hotel served as a splendid setting for the meeting. Feedback received thus far confirms that participants at the meeting considered it to be a great experience both scientifically and socially. To all of you who were able to attend, thank you for coming to Vancouver and helping to make this year's joint meeting an outstanding success. For those of you who were unable to make it, we look forward to seeing you in Kansas City in 2011. In the meantime, here's to a happy and successful year.

*Neil Reiner,
2010 Meeting Co-Chair*

SLB AWARDS AT 2010 MEETING IN VANCOUVER



Annually we formally recognize the excellence of our membership and have awards that highlight the achievements of individuals at different stages of their professional career.

Charles N. Serhan, from Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital

and Harvard Medical School, is the 2010 winner of the Bonazinga Award, the highest recognition presented by SLB. **Denise Monack**, from Stanford University School of Medicine, is the 2010 winner of the *G. Jeanette Thorbecke Award* and **Madhavi J. Rane**, University of Louisville, is the 2010 *Dolph O. Adams Award* winner. All three scientists demonstrated why they were selected for such recognition by SLB, delivering outstanding presentations describing their ongoing research.

In addition to the aforementioned awards, the *SLB Presidential Awards* serve to highlight the current achievements of members whose abstracts at the annual meeting and accomplishments to date are especially noteworthy, as judged by the SLB Awards Committee. The SLB Presidential Awards are divided into two categories, one for junior faculty and postdoctoral scholars, and another for students. Three finalists for each of the two categories are selected to deliver oral presentations at the Annual Meeting. As in past years, all the presentations were excellent and provided evidence that the scientific future of SLB is bright. In the *Junior Faculty/Post-doc category*, **Judith Silverman**, University of British Columbia, **Anju Singh**, Albany Medical College, and **Rick W. Cheung**, Merck Research Laboratories were the first, second, and third finalists, respectively. In the *Student Category*, **Juhi Bagaitkar**, University of Louisville, **M. Indriati Hood**, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and **Chi Fung Lee**, University of Texas, San Antonio were the first, second, and third finalists, respectively.

We anticipate that the excellence exemplified in 2010 will be repeated in 2011 and encourage the membership to participate in the competition. When nominations are solicited next year, plan nominating yourself or deserving and eligible colleagues for the *G. Jeanette Thorbecke Award* and *Dolph O. Adams Award*.

Bill Nauseef,
Awards Committee Chair

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS SPONSORED BY SLB

The Italian Society of Immunology (SIICA) organized a very innovative workshop, in Rozzano, Milan, Italy during November 2-4, 2010, entitled "*Innate immunity in the pathogenesis of immune-mediated diseases*". The main goal of this workshop was to enhance synergic interactions between basic scientists and physicians in regards to the physiopathology and cellular therapy of immunological disorders. The meeting was organized in three sessions, each one dedicated to three important cell types belonging to the innate immune system: Natural Killer (NK) cells, Monocytes/ Macrophages, and Dendritic Cells (DCs).

Prof. Françoise Barré Sinoussi (2008 Nobel Prize recipient for the discovery of HIV-1) gave the opening lecture of the meeting and Prof. Luigi Notarangelo (one of the top expert in the field of pediatric immunodeficiencies), gave the closing lecture. The meeting had 20 invited speakers and 8 short talks selected from the submitted abstracts. The talks focused on the physiology of NK cells, Monocytes/Macrophages, and DC as well as on their role in the pathogenesis and/or therapy of the following human diseases: HIV-1 infection and infectious diseases (e.g. HBV, HCV, CMV, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, etc), cancer (mainly hematopoietic tumors and a few other solid cancers), and immuno-mediated disorders (e.g. autoimmune diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, pre-eclampsia and pregnancy, etc).

The remarkable number of basic and clinical immunologists, and students that attended the workshop fulfilled our expectations for this meeting. Overall, we had more than 200 registered participants for the whole meeting and an additional 150 people attending the opening and closing lectures. We had a very high level of scientific interactions between the speakers and the participants and between participants themselves. As an SLB sponsored meeting and in agreement with the editor in chief of the *Journal of Leukocyte Biology*, a cluster of 6-8 invited overviews were selected from the meeting talks to be published in a single issue of *JLB*. We think that this will help to highlight once more the importance of translational immunology.

In summary, we are very pleased with the feedback we received from the scientific community in terms of number of participants and level of scientific exchange/ interest, especially taking into consideration that this was the first time we organized a meeting of translational medicine. Therefore, we are seriously considering the possibility to repeat this meeting next year.

Massimo Locati,
Silvano Sozzani
and Domenico Mavilio,
2010 Meeting Organizers

EUROPEAN PHAGOCYTE WORKSHOP

The European Phagocyte Group is organizing a Workshop during the 45th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation that will take place in Heraklion/Crete, Greece, during April 13-16 2011. This workshop will focus primarily on aspects of phagocyte biology, so it will be an excellent opportunity for SLB members to present their research work. Importantly, the meeting offers a significant number of **TRAVEL GRANTS**. So start writing your abstracts for the European Phagocyte Workshop, the deadline is November 30th (see the advertisement). If you want more information about the meeting go to <http://www.phagocytes.net>.

Isabelle Maridonneau-Parini,
2011 Meeting Organizer

PIZZA AND PUBS PROGRAM

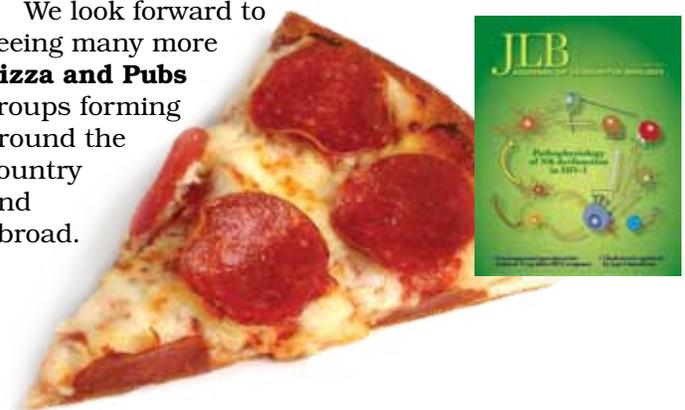
Pizza and Pubs continues to grow! Current participants include groups at: Florida Atlantic University, University of Iowa, Kansas State University, Mayo Clinic Arizona, New Jersey Medical and Dental School, Rutgers University, and University of Michigan.

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.



EUROPEAN PHAGOCYTE WORKSHOP 2011 Abstract Deadline Extended Until December 7

At the 45th Annual
Scientific Meeting of ESCI
(European Society for
Clinical Investigation)
April 13-16, 2011
Mövenpick Resort, Iraklion,
Crete, Greece
Organizers:
Isabelle Maridonneau-Parini
and Timo Van den Berg

website: <http://www.phagocytes.net>

2011 44TH ANNUAL MEETING SOCIETY FOR LEUKOCYTE BIOLOGY Infection, Inflammation and Immunity September 22-24, 2011 Kansas City, Missouri

Organizers: Douglas Drevets & Pieter Leenen
Keynote Speaker: Hugh Perry
"Peripheral Infection Affecting
CNS Inflammation
Satellite Symposium Presented by
The Psychoneuroimmunology
Research Society (PNIRS)
Guest Plenary Presented by
the Inflammation Research Association (IRA)

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