

## **IIS Board of Trustees Meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Present:** Richard Heys, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Crist Filer, Scott Landvatter, Ken Lawrie, Bill Wheeler, John Allen

**Apologies for absence:** Dennis Dean, Alex Susan

### **1) Presidents Report**

RH opened the meeting by welcoming members of the current BoT and members of the 2007-2009 BoT. He suggested that as most of the time available at the current meeting would be spent discussing the status of the Symposium, a BoT teleconference should be held relatively soon after the Symposium in order to discuss other IIS business in addition to reviewing the Edinburgh Symposium. As a further suggestion, it was proposed that the current BoT hold a final teleconference prior to the end of the year before handing over to the 2007-2009 Board. Both suggestions were readily agreed to.

For the benefit of the new BoT members, RH explained that the current BoT has been holding 3-4 teleconferences per year. DH added that wherever possible they have been timed to coincide with local chapter meetings in order to have some face to face component.

### **2) Symposium Update**

KL updated the Board on the status of the Edinburgh meeting. He stated that including the exhibitors, there are a total of 376 registrants, which also includes the non paid registrants, such as invited speakers etc. He also stated that as the conference was budgeting for an attendance of 400-450, as was seen for Dresden and Philadelphia, the meeting will run a deficit of approximately £20,000. About £95,000 was raised from Sponsorships and Exhibitors, which more than covered the cost of the conference venue. There are 25 Exhibitors participating at the conference and 10-12 sponsors.

A brief discussion was then held about the attendance at the conference, which was in line with the attendance at Boston and at meetings in the 1980s, but lower than Dresden and Philadelphia. It was generally agreed that this lower attendance figure may now be the norm, due to a variety of factors such as consolidation in the Pharmaceutical Industry and that future conference organizers should budget for this lower attendance. Further discussion on this topic was held over until the next BoT teleconference.

KL also updated the Board on the scientific programme. In addition to the 4 plenary lectures, there are 75 oral presentations, 160 posters and over 200 abstracts. In response to a question from RH about the ease of filling the scientific

sessions, KL stated that there were no particular issues and in the case of the major scientific sessions, there were an abundance of abstracts to select from. KL also stated that the Conference Organizers greatly facilitated the abstract submission process with the On-Line submission via the web-site. In terms of publishing the conference proceedings, KL stated that they will be published by Wiley as an edition of J. Labelled Compounds, which will greatly improve the accessibility of the proceedings and also reduce the cost, when compared with publishing a book. Authors will be submitting their manuscripts directly to Wiley 'On-Line' and Profs. C. Willis and W. Lockley will be serving as reviewers.

As a final item on the Symposium, CF suggested that at the final BoT teleconference of 2006, the organizers of the 2009 Symposium be invited to participate in the teleconference to update the Board on their progress. It would also be an opportunity for them to share feedback received from the Edinburgh meeting.

### **3) AOB**

RH stated that he will chair the BoT/BoR meeting to follow and will preside over the General assembly to be held at 12.45pm, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The agenda items for the BoT/BoR meeting will be the selection of a venue for the 2009 Symposium and also a discussion on the role of the BoR. The Board held a brief discussion on the Societies finances. At present the Central IIS funds are held in a checking account at Synergy Bank. Once the expenses are cleared for the Edinburgh Symposium, it is planned to approach Synergy to re-invest a portion of the funds in a high interest bearing account. SL also distributed the Audited Financial statements for 2004 as prepared by Nicolini, and stated that the 2005 report is in preparation. He also requested that the two US local chapter treasurers should forward him a copy of their year end financial statements in order to allow Nicolini to prepare the IIS tax return with the IRS.

The BoT also briefly discussed the IIS Council. At present the BoT has completed its selection and appointment of the 5 members to be appointed by the BoT. BM stated that the selection and appointment of up to 5 additional IIS council members by the BoR is in progress.

A discussion was also held on the IIS web-site. It was generally agreed that while that the web-site is a significant improvement from the old one and that the web-master is highly responsive to posting information on the web-site, further development of the web-site is needed, such as the setting up of local chapter pages which could be updated by designates for the local chapters. Further discussion on this topic was deferred to the next BoT teleconference.

RH then stated that the 2007-2009 BoR needs to be completed by the end of the year and a Chairman should be elected by the BoR to serve as a member of the 2007-2009 BoT. RH stated that he has already sent out an Email to the local chapters asking them to select their BoR member as soon as possible and to send him the contact information of the chosen representative. RH then stated he would then provide all members of the new BoR the necessary contact information to enable them to elect a Chairman by the end of the year.

RH closed the meeting by suggesting that the society through the BoR should consider its future opportunities and potential growth areas and also examine areas where it is strong, such as organizing symposia and areas where it could expand into, such as other disciplines using isotopes.

## **Joint Board of Trustees, Board of Representatives Meeting, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Present:** Richard Heys, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Crist Filer, Scott Landvatter, Ken Lawrie, Bill Wheeler, John Allen, George Ellames, J. Q. Xia, Yves Nadeau, Raymond Oekonomopoulos, Darren Brown, Matt Braun, Barry Kent, Mike Marx, Carol Gregg, Gary Rotert, John Kennington.

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### **1) BoR Report**

BM presented an update on the activities of the BoR. The BoR has held several teleconferences and has put together a Charter, which is posted on the web-site. The primary role of the BoR is to act as the 'eyes and ears' of the IIS membership and to act as a conduit between the IIS membership and the BoT. It is also empowered to act on behalf of the BoT in certain short and long term assignments, such as the recent discussions with members of the ICI community about joining the IIS. BM stated that the BoR is the process of selecting up to 5 additional individuals to serve on the IIS Council.

A discussion was then held concerning potential opportunities for additional ICI type sessions to be held during IIS Symposia, which would have the advantage of increasing the attendance at an IIS Symposium. It would also offer a stable forum for ICI type sessions to continue as the future of the ICI Symposia is uncertain after 6ICI, due to be held in South Korea in 2008. It was noted that greater incorporation of ICI type sessions into an IIS symposium would potentially necessitate the need for three parallel sessions as opposed to the current two in order maintain the current 4 day format. It was generally agreed that this issue will need to be addressed in some detail by the new BoT and BoR. JA noted that in his role as an editor of J. Labelled Compounds, there have been discussions about the future of the Journal and there is potential to move into areas such as the applications of isotopes, and that these areas are also under represented at the Symposium and offer areas for the IIS to expand into.

### **2) IIS 2009 Venue**

The Board entertained two proposals to host the 2009 IIS symposium. The first presented by John Kennington, Gary Rotert and Brad Maxwell proposed holding the meeting at the Chicago Hilton in either June or September 2009. The second presented by Carol Gregg and Mike Marx on behalf of Eagle Picher, proposed holding the meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel in Kansas City in the summer of 2009.

In response to a question from RH about his availability to serve as a member of the organizing committee for the Chicago bid, GR replied that he had the total

and unqualified support from his management at Abbott with his role as a potential organizer of an IIS symposium in 2009.

With members of both presenting groups absent from the room, a substantive discussion on the merits of either proposal was held. Following the discussion, the joint BoT and BoR voted to select the Chicago group as the organizers of the 2009 symposium.

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