



International Association for the Study of the Liver

The Secretary-Treasurer

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Dear Members,

Greetings from the office of the IASL. Earlier this year I took over as the Secretary/Treasurer of IASL from Professor Wolfgang Casselman in Germany and the central office has now moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the United States. The IASL hopes to maintain communication with the loyal members of the Society; an organization that has a rich tradition and background of fostering International Education and Scientific activity. The current officers, apart from me as Secretary/Treasurer are:

Tom Boyer – Past President – United States
Federico Villamil – President – Argentina
Mario Mondelli – President-Elect – Italy

The IASL is in the process of electing a new Executive Committee member from the Asian Pacific area. In addition, over the past several months, the Society has been working on organizing educational activities around the World. Plans are under way of organizing a meeting in Paraguay in October 2010 that will be in conjunction with the Paraguay National Gastroenterology Society. There will be a combined EASL/IASL meeting in 2012 in Barcelona as well. While the leadership is working on setting up meetings globally, I encourage the membership to plan regional meetings, along with the central office, in their respective countries. There will be an enthusiastic involvement of the leadership in advising on meeting content, making faculty recommendations, and obtaining sponsorship. The central office can be reached through our e-mail: iasloffice2010@gmail.com

The official journal of the IASL is “Liver International”. It is under the stewardship of Samuel Lee in Canada, the journal’s editor-in-Chief. I am pleased to report that the impact factor of the journal has been in the high 2 range and is likely to move above 3. This is a major achievement, our compliments to Dr. Lee. We encourage all members to submit high quality papers to the journal, particularly those that have a global impact and relevance.

The IASL’s support comes from the membership and the visibility is through all of you. To that end I would suggest that you encourage your colleagues to become members of the IASL which would then become a bigger family.

Best regards,

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