

## **International Society for Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis (ISFP) Newsletter**

The council of the International Society for Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis had its annual meeting during the recent ISTH congress in Boston (July, 2009). The Council wishes to take this opportunity to remind its members of some important initiatives implemented by the Council and also to advise the membership of new developments relevant to our society.

First and foremost, the most significant event on the ISFP calendar is our **International Congress**. As already advised, the next ISFP meeting will take place in Amsterdam, from August 24-28, 2010 ([www.isfp2010.org](http://www.isfp2010.org)) under the Presidency of Prof Kees Kluft, so please make note of this in your diaries. The Amsterdam meeting will also be the occasion for a new initiative of the ISFP, that being the presentation of the inaugural D. Collen Young Investigator awards. These awards are to be restricted to Ph.D./young post-doc level under the age of 40 years and winners of these awards will be determined as follows:

Five abstracts submitted to the congress will be selected by the scientific program committee on the basis of grading and contents. The first author of submitted abstracts will have the option to indicate whether they wish to be considered for one of these awards. The selected abstracts will be presented in a special oral communications session. The scientific program committee will select one abstract as winner, receiving \$US5000, the four others will each receive \$US1000.

For more information, contact the Executive Director of the ISFP ([roger.lijnen@med.kuleuven.be](mailto:roger.lijnen@med.kuleuven.be)) or consult the website (<http://www.fibrinolysis.org>)

The **2010 ISFP prize** to be awarded at the Amsterdam congress will be funded jointly by the ISFP and the "Life Sciences Research Partners" (\$5000 each). The Council very much appreciated the support of Wyeth for its sponsorship of the previous two ISFP prizes (San Diego, 2006; Vienna 2008). Please be advised that **nominations for the 2010 ISFP prize** can be forwarded directly to Prof Roger Lijnen via email ([Roger.Lijnen@med.kuleuven.be](mailto:Roger.Lijnen@med.kuleuven.be)) no later than October 15, 2009. The nominated scientists will be ranked by a jury chaired by Prof Bernd Binder and the winner announced before the end of 2009. More information on the ISFP website.

We would also like to remind our members of the **ISFP travel bursaries** that are designed to provide funds to young members of the society to visit other laboratories to learn new techniques and to foster scientific collaboration. Please consult the society webpage for further information and application details.

We all appreciate that the continued involvement of young investigators in our field is of vital importance for the future of the ISFP. Growth of our society will depend on the input of young investigators interested in the field of Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis. Individuals interested in becoming a member of the ISFP can also find membership

applications on the ISFP website. During the Council meeting in Boston, it was also decided to alter the membership payment options. While members can still elect to pay the annual 60 Euro membership fee, it will now be possible to pay for a two year membership fee for 100 euro.

Our relationship with the **Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis** as our flagship society journal has continued to be very positive. Prof Robert Medcalf (currently ISFP Chairman) will continue as Associate Editor of JTH handling all manuscripts related to Fibrinolysis. We are very pleased that the impact factor of the journal has risen to 6.29 and we encourage our members to submit their manuscripts for publication in JTH

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the **2012 ISFP Congress** following the Amsterdam meeting will take place in Brighton, UK, in the summer of 2012, under the Presidency of Dr Colin Longstaff. More details of the 2012 meeting will be sent to members in the next Newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next ISFP congress next year in Amsterdam.

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