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# ISCEV News Extra



from the  
Secretary-General

The ISCEV New Extra is the annual update to the Newsletter of the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision with information for elections and highlights of the annual meetings held during the XLVII ISCEV International Symposium in Padova and Abano Terme Italy, 6-10 July 2009.

## 2009 ISCEV ELECTIONS

ISCEV members present at the annual membership meeting unanimously re-elected: Prof Laura Frishman, Editor-in-chief of Documenta Ophthalmologica, Prof. Graham Holder, Director of Education and Prof. Marko Hawlina, Member-at-Large; each will serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> four-year term (2010-2011) on the ISCEV Board of Directors. The ISCEV treasurer, Prof Ulrich Kellner, was unanimously re-elected to serve a third term. This exceptional circumstance arose as there were no nominations for the post. The members present also elected Prof Karen Holopigan (New York, USA) and Dr David Sculfor (Aylsbury, UK) to serve as ISCEV auditors, regular ISCEV members who undertake an independent review the annual financial reports of our society.

Thus, we are in an unusual situation with no contested posts for the ISCEV Board of Directors on our annual postal ballot. But of course, the ballot has another important function; this year we will vote to choose the venues for both 2011 and 2012 ISCEV International Symposia. Unforeseen circumstances led to the withdrawal of Berkeley, the venue previously selected for the 2011 Symposium. ISCEV is fortunate that two invitations to North America have been re-opened (see pages 2-3 to inform your vote). For the 2012 Symposium in Europe, three generous invitations were extended. We will vote to select one of the two finalist venues (see pages 4-5). Numbered ballots have been sent by airmail to voting members. Please return by post or fax to the Secretary-General. For details of ISCEV procedures see <[www.ISCEV.org/bye-laws/](http://www.ISCEV.org/bye-laws/)>.

**Voting Deadline: 25 September, 2009. Please use your vote!**

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

We are finalizing a process to give 'ISCEV approval' to a set of extended protocols suitable for detailed clinical investigations or clinical trials. Consultation about several such protocols has reached advanced stages. Check the ISCEV Wiki site for details of the rod b-wave series, rod recovery after bleach and the s-cone ERGs. Updates will be sent by email.

Prof Colin Barber (VP, Europe and Africa) is heading an ISCEV initiative to assess the organization and funding of future ISCEV symposia. After initial discussions, his committee will seek members input.

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### A personal invitation to Amelia Island, Florida!

On behalf of the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Florida – Jacksonville it gives me immense pleasure to invite the ISCEV membership to hold their 2011 annual meeting at one of the top rated North American Islands, **Amelia Island, Florida!**



#### **Why Amelia Island?**

- An abundance of nature with bird watching, sea turtles, hunting for sea shells and shark teeth – rightfully known as the ‘nature lover’s paradise’!
- Enjoy 13 miles of white sandy beaches amongst the unique native wildlife.
- A myriad of activities on the island including golf (world renowned courses), tennis, horseback riding, fishing, sailing, kayaking, walking tours and more!
- Savor the local flavor with Amelia Island’s abundant restaurants!
- Experience the eclectic collection of antique shops, book stores and boutiques that line the charming Centre Street.
- Relax in one of Northeast Florida’s most luxurious day spas.
- Full day trip to St. Augustine, Florida – the nation’s oldest city which still has not lost the charm!



#### **Proposed Dates: August 2011**

#### **Destination:**

Amelia Island is conveniently located in Northeast Florida and is only a half hour drive from Jacksonville and a two hour drive from Orlando. The closest airport is Jacksonville International Airport. This close proximity would allow you and your family to visit popular destinations such as magical Walt Disney World, historic St. Augustine, and the exciting Daytona International Speedway.

**ISCEV 2011**  
**September 19-23, 2011**  
**Québec City, Québec, Canada.**



**Québec City**



**Manoir St-Castin du Lac Beauport (Quebec, Canada)**

Dear members of the ISCEV family,

Eastern Canada ISCEV members would be honored to welcome you to our part of the world for the 2011 ISCEV Symposium, to be held in September 2011. For this third reunion of the ISCEV family on Canadian soil we have chosen to host you in the vicinity of the beautiful Québec City. As stated on the official website (<http://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/EN/touristes/connaitre/portrait/index.aspx>) of Québec City: "Québec City is 400 years old. It boasts four centuries of history marked by encounters with the First Nations, battles between the French and English, terrible epidemics, and the acts of the men and women our streets are named after today; four centuries during which Québec has grown into the city we know and love, forging a character all its own built around a thriving culture, economic success, urban transformation, neighborhood life, and the French language". Clearly one cannot think of more appropriate grounds to host the 2011 annual ISCEV scientific debates as well as the already eagerly awaited ISCEV Olympiads. Although we have not yet finalized our choice of venue, the meeting will most probably be held in the Lac Beauport area which is located 30 minutes north of downtown Québec, most probably at the Manoir St-Castin ([http://www.hotelsvillegia.com/villegia\\_stcastin/pages-eg/](http://www.hotelsvillegia.com/villegia_stcastin/pages-eg/)) to which other smaller hotels and Inns will be added to accommodate all budgets.

**TENTATIVE SOCIAL PROGRAM:** Although we are still at the exploring stage, social activities (pre, post and during symposium) may include the followings : Autumn's flamboyant foliage, whale watching (The months of September and October are a good time for whale watching: the whales tend to be both numerous and active [ <http://www.tadoussac.com/EN/tourismeeng/cruises.htm> ] migration of the snow geese [ <http://www.chaudiereappalaches-travelguide.com/La-Cote-du-Sud/Centre-des-migrations/> ] visit of Old Quebec, Ste-Anne river canyon [ <http://www.canyonste-anne.qc.ca/ENG/home.html> ] lunch and ISCEV picture at the Montmorency waterfalls [ <http://www.sepaq.com/ct/pcm/en/> ] dinner with the Huron Indians [ <http://www.huron-wendat.qc.ca/01/en/index.html> ] or gourmet / bicycle tour of l'Île d'Orléans [ <http://www.iledorleans.com/eng/tourisme-ile-dorleans.asp> ] and many more.



**Montmorency waterfalls**



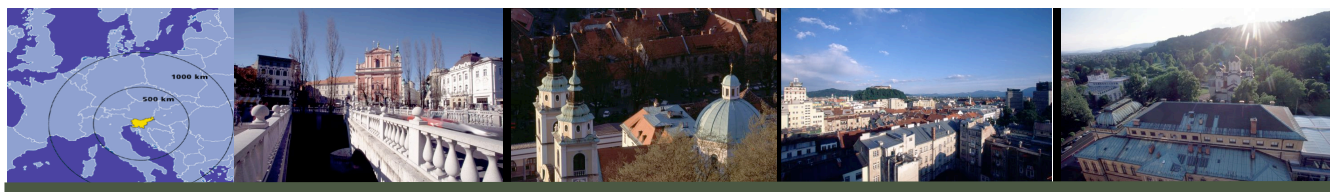
**Ste-Anne River Canyon**

We most sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation as we would be delighted to host you on Canadian soil for the third time.

The ISCEV 2011 team (Michelle McKerral, Jacqueline Orquin, Marie Sylvie Roy, Marc Hébert, Dave St-Amour, François Tremblay, Pierre Lachapelle: [pierre.lachapelle@mcgill.ca](mailto:pierre.lachapelle@mcgill.ca) )



## 50<sup>th</sup> ISCEV Symposium invitation: Ljubljana, Slovenia in June, 2012.



We are honored to invite for the second time all ISCEV participants and their accompanying persons to the 50<sup>th</sup> annual ISCEV symposium in Slovenia, which would take place in our capital town Ljubljana in June, 25 – 30, 2012.

Scientific programme is proposed to focus on '**Functional imaging in clinical use**' and '**Pediatric Electrophysiology**', whilst including all other aspects of visual electrophysiology.

Location: Ljubljana is a university town of 300.000 citizens, with 60.000 students (<http://www.uni-lj.si/en/>), with lively street life along the café-filled banks of Ljubljanica river with the castle in the middle of the town. It has a rich history from Roman time, when it was called Emona, to the Napoleon, when it was the capital of Illyrian Provinces. A city of Renaissance, Baroque, and especially Art Nouveau facades, it is also a city of a great architecture of Slovenian master Jože Plečnik (<http://www.visitljubljana.si/en/>).

The venue of the congress will be **Grand Hotel Union Ljubljana**, which is a fine Art Nouveau building that has a long tradition of hosting successful congress events and prominent guests (<http://www.gh-union.si/executive/index.php>). It is located at the old centre of Ljubljana, within walking distance from Ljubljana castle and park Tivoli.

Accommodation: Hotels, which are categorized according to international standards, and several youth hostels are available at the prices starting from 20 €/day to allow participation of our young colleagues. (<http://www.visitljubljana.si/en/accommodation/>).

Access: BY AIR: The airport (<http://www.lju-airport.si/eng/default.asp>) is located 15 km from the city centre of Ljubljana with daily flights to major European cities and also low cost Easyjet service to London.

BY TRAIN: Ljubljana is at one of major train crossroads in central Europe (<http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/>).

BY CAR: You can easily reach Slovenia along good highways via one of the border crossings from Italy, Austria, Hungary or Croatia, or you can rent a car in one of our car rental agencies.

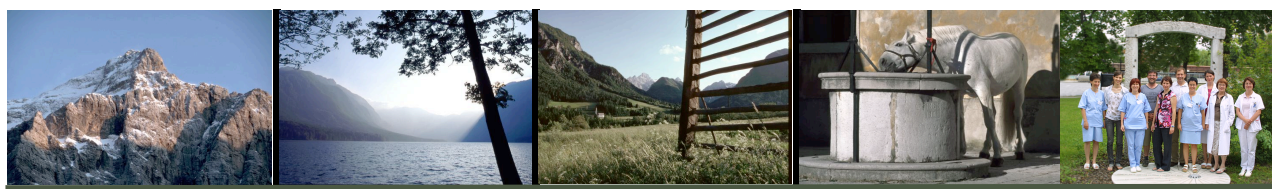
Social programme: Ljubljana has a lively cultural life of numerous theatres, museums, and galleries, one of the oldest Philharmonics where also Gustav Mahler used to work and more than ten thousand cultural events some of which we would like you to explore (<http://www.ljubljanafestival.si/en>, <http://en.ljubljanajazz.si/>), and to taste Slovenian delicacies and wines as enjoyed by our guests at international meetings, such as EVER ([www.ever.be](http://www.ever.be)), CVRS, ESOPRS and many others.

Less than an hour of drive from Ljubljana there are diverse geographical areas: mountains region with our highest mountain Triglav (2864 m), attractive alpine valleys, lakes and many high mountains ([http://www.tnp.si/national\\_park/](http://www.tnp.si/national_park/)). A seaside region at the Adriatic coast is delightful to enjoy swimming (<http://www.portoroz.si/en/>) and where day tours with fast catamarans depart to Venice. There is a Karst region with beautiful caves (<http://www.postojna-cave.com/>, <http://www.park-skocjanske-jame.si/eng/>) and Lipica, home of famous Lipizzaner white horses (<http://www.lipica.org/?lng=eng>). Wine regions are famous for quality wine (<http://www.klet-brda.com/eng/>) and cherries whilst not far away there is breathtaking turquoise Soča river canyon (<http://www.bovec.si/en/>) where last part of Disney's Chonicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian, was filmed. Slovenia offers plentiful bikers traits and all these regions are quickly accessible as Slovenia offers geographical diversity within short distances. We would like to share some of our beautiful and well preserved nature with 'ISCEV people' at the end of June when the weather is nicely warm (approx. 24-26 °C). We plan for you to explore our high mountains Alps and to swim in our lakes Bled (<http://www.bled.si/en/>) or Bohinj where we would go for a tour and can perform ISCEV Olympics.

Dear all, we hope that you will choose this opportunity to explore Slovenia (<http://www.slovenia.info/?lng=2>) which is one of the safest central European countries where nearly everyone speaks English. We will do our best to make you feel good in Ljubljana, to see some of our diverse countryside and also meet our electrophysiology team who would be glad and honoured to make your stay a pleasant and memorable one.

Looking forward to meet in Ljubljana in 2012!

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### Proposed dates: Sunday 3th to Thursday 7th, June 2012

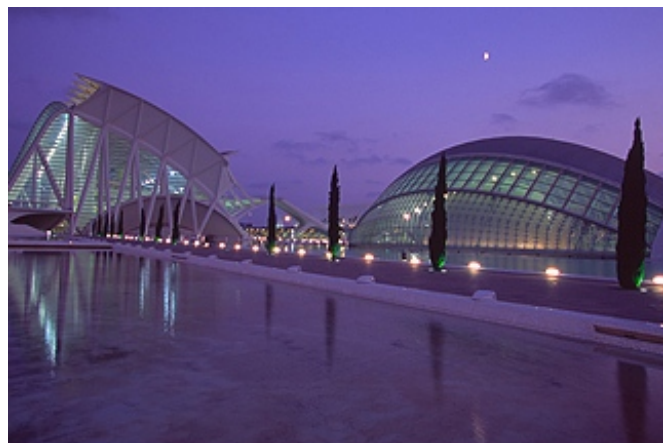
We would be delighted to have the opportunity to invite you to Valencia, a city that looks to the future persevering remnants of its glorious past, is situated in the centre of the Spanish Mediterranean coastline. It overlooks the spacious Gulf of Valencia

The Symposium is timed on Spring, (21°C. average temperature), will be perfect to enjoy the best of our ancient monuments in the old city interspersed with some of the most spectacular and imaginative ninth and tenth century architecture.

**ISCEV 2012:** The symposium will be held at the Mediterranean Ophthalmological foundation <http://www.fom.es>, ideally located, It is close to the international airport at Manises and has excellent links into the city centre by metro and bus.

**Accommodation:** More than 17,000 hotel rooms, dozens of leading and unique spaces, continuously increasing flight connections and an internationally renowned name. Valencia has established itself as one of the best cities to host congresses.

**Access:** Valencia is very well connected by air not only to Europe but to the rest of the world. Easily accessible from major Spanish and European cities. Main routes: A-3 Motorway (Madrid-Valencia) and the Mediterranean Motorway AP-7 (connects with Barcelona and the European network of motorways).



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### Hospitality and Social programme:

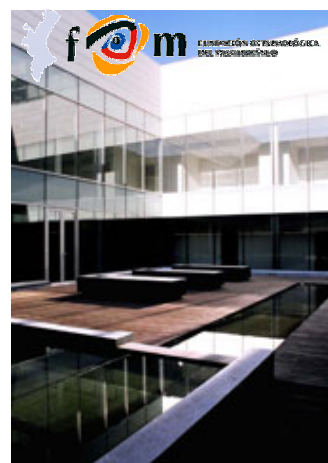
The programme of activities and outings will help you to discover Spanish culture, we would like to share with you our 2000 years of history. Medieval towers, Gothic cathedrals, renaissance palaces, programme of activities and outings will help you to discover Spanish culture.

Also will invite you to discover the delights of the rich flavours of the Mediterranean Gastronomy, and the most important green areas of the city including the Turia Gardens that cross the city, the Glorieta, with the centenary ficus, the Botanical garden whose origin dates back to the XVI century. Finally a visit to the The Roman theatre of Sagunto that dates from the first century and was built within a dip in the land.

**More Information:** <http://www.turisvalencia.es>  
<http://www.aboutvalencia.com/>  
<http://www.valenciavalencia.com/>

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## UPCOMING ISCEV INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA:

**November, 2010:  
XLVIII Symposium  
Perth Western Australia**

*Scientific Topics:*  
Electrophysiology,  
genetics and imaging  
in retinal disease.

*Stimulus paradigms  
in multifocal electro-  
physiology*

**2011 and 2012  
See pages 2-5 for  
invitations and use  
your vote!**

**2013: 51<sup>st</sup> ISCEV  
Symposium, in the  
Asia / Oceania Re-  
gion is open for invi-  
tations.**

ISCEV information and  
events:

[www.ISCEV.org](http://www.ISCEV.org)

## THE 2009 ISCEV AWARDS AND HONOURS

The 2009 **Eberhard Dodt Memorial Award** for an outstanding presentation at the ISCEV Symposium by a young scientist was awarded to **Dr Charlotte Poloschek** (Freiburg, Germany) for her presentation, "Give and take: the geneticist needs the electrophysiologist but we need the geneticist too". In addition, the Awards panel commended Audrey-Anne Éthier, Caroline Jacques, Tobias Röck and Lucia Ziccardi for their excellent presentations.

**Professor Günter Niemeyer** delivered the fourth **Emiko Adachi Award Lecture** in the beautiful *Aula Magna* of the University of Padova giving us his insights into advances in retinal research in his presentation of "A Vision of Electrophysiology".

Congratulations **Prof Yozo Miyake**, winner of the **2009 Emiko Adachi Award** for contributions to science and for dedicated service to ISCEV. We look forward to the Award Lecture next year at our Symposium in Perth, Australia. Congratulations to **Prof William Dawson** for his election as new honorary member of ISCEV.

## ISCEV SMALL GRANTS FOR LABORATORY VISITS

ISCEV small grants, first awarded in 2008/9, lead to successful international collaborative visits by Ling Wang (Shanghai) to Prof Wachtmeister's lab in Umeå, Sweden, by Frédéric Gallard, (Pointiers, France) to Dr Suavé, Alberta, Canada and by Susan Eklund (Boston, USA) to Dr Jalaili in Hyderabad, India. New proposals supported for 2009/10 are for Thomas Meigan (Germany) to study lateral interactions in the retina of animal models in Houston & Los Angeles, Anderson Rodrigues (Brazil) to study chromatic adaptation in the ERG in Erlangen, Germany and Anastasios Anastasakis (Greece) to study Desferral toxicity in thalassaemia patients in London, UK.

ISCEV awarded 12 travel grants for the 2009 ISCEV Symposium to worthy applicants (4 regional, 4 overseas and 4 special grants). Next year, all travel grants will be at the 'overseas' level to help our young presenters meet the challenge of reaching Perth in Western Australia.

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