

ISCEV News Extra 2012

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From the Secretary-General

A symposium, a ballot and three awards

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The ISCEV News Extra provides an update to members following each annual symposium. The 50th Symposium was held in June 2012 in the beautiful Spanish city of Valencia, hosted with calm efficiency by Dr Concha Vilela and her team. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank them for all their hard work. I look forward to their *Recollections* report in the 2013 newsletter.

The most important task of this newsletter is to provide the membership with the information required to vote in the e-ballot.

This year, we will be employing an e-ballot using the company Mi-Voice. This will reduce the cost of running the ballot each year, while preserving high standards in anonymity and independent counting.

Eligible members will shortly receive an e-mail with full details and a unique voting code.

This year, there are three items to be decided:

- Member-at-large position on the Board
- Host location for the 2015 Symposium
- Approval of the PERG Standard

Draft PERG standards were posted on the website and comments invited from the membership on 25th May and again on 1st July 2012.



Symposium members at the University for the Adachi lecture

Only those members who have paid their dues will be invited to participate in the e-ballot.

If you are in any doubt about your eligibility, please contact me:

secretary-general@iscev.org

Adachi, Dawson, Dodt — the ISCEV Awards 2012



Prof Paul Sieving, pictured above with ISCEV President Prof Tormentone (left) and Prof Adachi, gave the 7th Adachi Award lecture in the surroundings of the University of Valencia on the topic of translational research with CNTF for retinal neurodegeneration.

The Adachi committee will award Professor Yutaka Tazawa in 2013.

The second William Dawson Memorial Lecture was given by Prof Carmen Ayuso on molecular genetics of retinal dystrophies. Bill's wife, Judyth, was unable to travel to Valencia but sent her warmest wishes to Prof Ayuso and to ISCEV colleagues and friends.



Congratulations to Dr Kauro Fujinami (above, right), recipient of the 17th Eberhard Dodt Memorial Award, for his paper on genotype-phenotype correlations in Stargardt disease/ ABCA4-related retinopathy. Frau Dodt had travelled to Valencia with her daughter, and made the €3000 award in person.



International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision

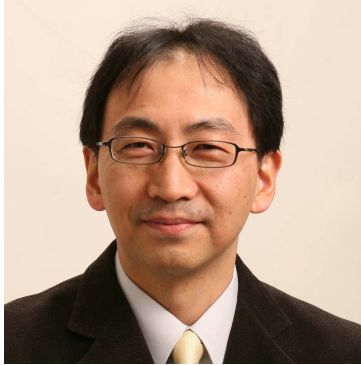


An International Society concerned with clinical visual electrophysiology



Candidate statement (Member-at-large)

Shigeki Machida, MD, PhD



Personal Statement

It is my great pleasure and honor to be considered for a position as a member-at-large of the ISCEV board. I am very proud to be a member of ISCEV, a leading society with a 50-year history of promoting visual science. I have been a member for over 20 years, and have attended annual meetings since 1993. The first talk I delivered at ISCEV was at Chiba in 1993 – an unforgettable experience for me. I have also been a board member of the Japanese Society of Electrophysiology for Vision since 2005, and as president of that society I held its 58th annual meeting at my hometown in 2010.

My special interest in the research field is the clinical use of the photopic negative response in diagnosing diseases involving the retina and optic nerve. I have also immersed myself in basic research using animal models of photoreceptor degeneration to develop new treatments and advance the understanding of the pathophysiology of photoreceptor disease. I have been using electrophysiological techniques extensively in clinical and animal research.

If elected as a member at-large of the ISCEV board, I would encourage younger scientists and clinicians to join ISCEV. Through lectures and publications, I also would like to disseminate accurate information regarding visual electrophysiology to scientists worldwide who are not familiar with this field. I believe that ISCEV must keep pace with new techniques in fields such as genetics and imaging, and expand our horizons involving people from these research fields. I believe that such efforts would lead to growth in membership and further development of ISCEV.

Current Position

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Iwate Medical University School of Medicine

Training and Experience

MD, Iwate Medical University School of Medicine (1989)

PhD (medical science), Iwate Medical University School of Medicine (1990-1994)

Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology, Iwate Medical University School of Medicine (1997)

Research fellow, Kellogg Eye Center, University of Michigan (Prof Sieving, 1998-2000)

Associate Professor, Ophthalmology, Iwate Medical University School of Medicine (2005-)

Committees and Memberships

Board member of Japanese Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision

Scientific board member of Japanese Retinitis Pigmentosa Society

Program organizing committee of Japanese Ophthalmological Society

Editorial board of Case Report in Ophthalmological Medicine



Candidate statement (Member-at-large)

Zheng Qin Yin, MD, PhD



Personal Statement

For over 30 years, I have been focused on clinical ophthalmology and vision research. Since 1990 when I joined the ISCEV meeting in Guangzhou, I have dedicated myself to visual electrophysiology and become an active ISCEV member. By using electrophysiology techniques including ERG, VEP, unit recording and patch-clamp, I explore the underlying mechanisms and novel therapeutic interventions of various eye diseases. These works are reflected by 161 peer reviewed publications and 11 book chapters. As the President of Visual Physiology and Vision Science Committee in China, I have introduced eagerly the ISCEV standards and guidelines to Chinese ophthalmologists. Since 2005, I have organized annual clinical and experimental continuing education symposia and teaching courses at the Chinese National Ophthalmology Congresses which attracted 300-400 audiences. I have actively promoted the communications between ophthalmology society, visual science society and neurology society in China. Through many years' continuous efforts, the ISCEV standards and guidelines have been accepted by many Chinese physicians and manufacturers in China. With my academic and administrative experience, I am enthusiastic to serve the ISCEV in multiple ways: to generate creative ideas for the development of our community; to promote communications between physicians and researchers in related fields; to provide more opportunities for our young fellows and to make our ISCEV more prosperous in this region.

Current Positions :

Professor and Director, Southwest Eye Hospital/Southwest Hospital, The Third Military Medical University, Chongqing, China

Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, Chinese PLA General Hospital, Beijing, China

Chair of the Key lab of Visual Damage and Regeneration & Restoration in Chongqing

Adjunct Professor, Biomedical Engineering, Chongqing University, China

Education and Experience :

1986 M.D. West China University of Medical Science, Chengdu, China

PhD. Shanghai Institute of physiology, Academy of Sciences, China, Visual Electrophysiology

1992-1997 Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Officer, Department of Ophthalmology, School of Optometry, New South Wales University, and University of Sydney, Australia

1999- Professor of Ophthalmology, Southwest Eye Hospital/Southwest Hospital, The Third Military Medical University, Chongqing, China

Honor, Awards and Major Grants:

Outstanding Youth Award of Natural Science Foundation of China (2001)

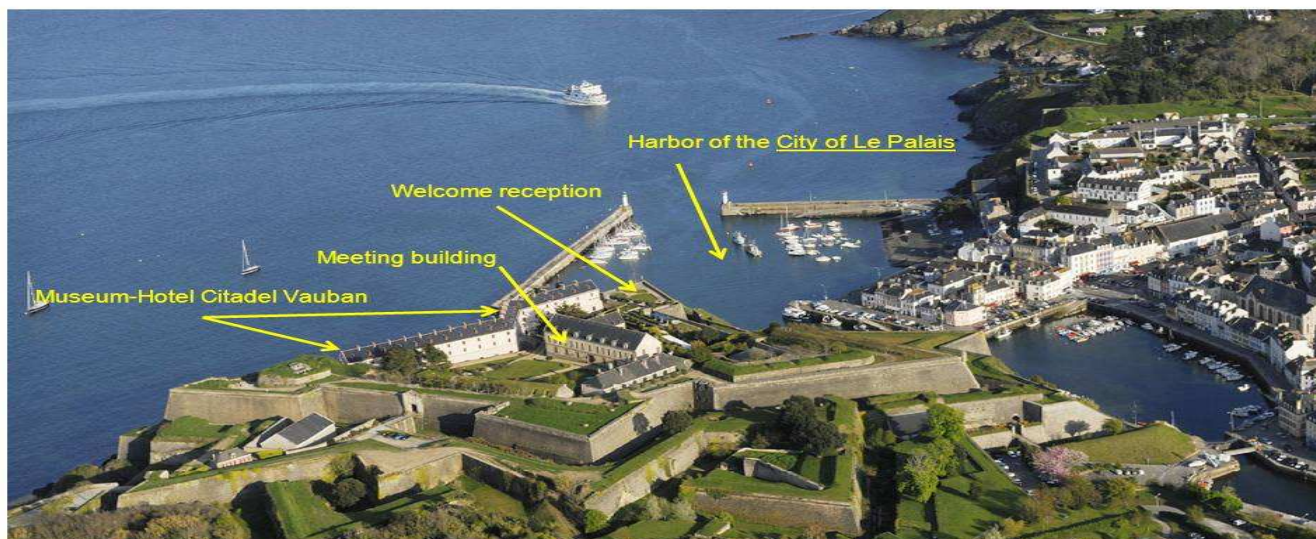
Save Sight Outstanding Contribution Prize of Asia-Pacific Association of Ophthalmology (2009)

Golden Key Award of Chinese American Ophthalmologist Society (The highest for Chinese Ophthalmologist, 2010)



2015 Symposium Invitation

Belle-Ile en Mer, Brittany, France: June 7-11th



Dear members of the ISCEV family,

The French ISCEV members would be most honored if you would accept our invitation to hold the 53rd ISCEV symposium in our beautiful country. For this second reunion on French soil (after Fontevraud in 2006), we would like to host you at the unique Museum-Hotel Vauban Citadel (a jewel of *Hotels Particuliers*: leshotelsparticuliers.com) in the city of Le Palais which is the most important harbor of Belle-Ile, the largest island of Brittany. We chose this venue because we felt that it fitted extremely well with our Society and this cannot be better exemplified than with their motto “*the art of living in a unique historic setting*” which could easily be ours as well. Since the end of the 19th century, Belle-Ile has attracted numerous artists such as Sarah Bernard and the painter Claude Monet. The type of soil and the climate (18-20°C in June) sustain exceptionally high-quality meadows enabling remarkably high quality gastronomical products such as the “*pré-salé*” lambs, a naturally-salted lamb meat due to the fact that the lambs feed on salted pasture: your taste buds will be enchanted!

Several ferry companies offer more than 12 crossings (30-45 minutes in duration) per day for passengers and vehicles from Quiberon to Le Palais. Access to Quiberon is possible from three international airports; Lorient, Rennes and Nantes. In addition to the Museum-Hotel Vauban Citadel, Belle-Ile offers a wide range of accommodations (belle-ile.com), including 16 hotels (from 1 to 4 stars: 39€-180€, double occupancy), furnished accommodations, Bed and Breakfasts and camping grounds for all budgets (40€/2pers/day-250€/2pers/week) as well as a famous thalassotherapy center (castel-clara.com). Registration fee (under 600 €) will cover the welcome reception, high quality lunches & dinners, half-day boat trip in the Gulf of Morbihan, visit to the old city of Vannes, a sumptuous gala dinner that will, in the French tradition, combine high quality food with entertainment. All will contribute to make this 53rd reunion a unique and unforgettable event.

Although we are still exploring several options, the following social activities (participants and/or accompanying persons) are considered: exploring Belle-Ile; visit of old city of Vannes and the gulf of Morbihan (Carnac megalithics site, city of Auray); visit of Pont-Aven (Gauguin’s school of Pont-Aven) and the city of Concarneau. Of course, tasting local food specialities will be included in the program! Finally, just think of the endless Olympiad possibilities that Belle-Ile has to offer!

We hope that this will convince you that Belle-Ile en Mer is an exciting venue to hold the 2015 ISCEV reunion. If you are ready to provide exciting science, we will be more than happy to fill the rest of the days with even more exciting activities.

The ISCEV 2015 Team (Florence Rigaudière, Isabelle Audo, Pierre Lachapelle, Jean-François Le Gargasson, Serge Picaud and Serge Rosolen)



2015 Symposium Invitation

Ljubljana, Slovenia: 24-28th June 2015

It is our honor to invite ISCEV members to [Ljubljana](#) for the 53rd annual Symposium in 2015. Suggested Dates: 24-28th of June 2015 (Wednesday-Sunday), at the beginning of summer, when the weather is sunny and warm, with temperatures up to 28°C. The Venue - Ljubljana Congress centre: The meeting is planned to take place at the Congress Center, located in the heart of Ljubljana. From the conference site attendees could discover the cultural richness of the capital. Ljubljana is known for its fine architecture, several museums, philharmonic hall, live music and other artistic and historical attractions. Attendees can enjoy excellent Slovenian [cuisine](#) and wine for a reasonable price.

Why come to Slovenia ?

There are several reasons to make Slovenia your choice for the 2015 symposium. From the scientific aspect, Slovenia has a long tradition of clinical electrophysiology which began in early 70's. The University Eye Hospital in Ljubljana, where the ISCEV course would take place, is one of the EBO, SOE and ICO teaching hospitals. Furthermore, Slovenia will be of great interest for accompanying persons and families as everything is near and safe and almost everyone speaks English.

Within less than an hour's drive from the city centre one can reach the [seaside](#) and refresh with a swim in the Adriatic sea. Or, in the opposite direction, one can enjoy the view from the high [mountains](#); discover the [caves](#), waterfalls and other highlights of Slovenian [natural richness](#).



Accessibility: Ljubljana is easily accessible by airplane from major European cities through [Ljubljana International Airport](#). From the airport, there is a regular shuttle connection every 20 minutes. It is also possible to reach Slovenia by low-cost flights (EasyJet - Ljubljana; Ryanair - Trieste).

Accommodation - costs from 50 to 200 €: Ljubljana city centre offers a wide range of accommodation, all within walking distance of the congress centre. At the [Grand Hotel Union](#), a fine, four star hotel, offering standard and historical hotel rooms, the prices for the room range from 170-190 €. Another boutique hotel nearby is [Hotel Antig](#), offering luxury for an extraordinary low price (double room 110 €). At the [Hotel Park](#) and [Hotel City](#), three star hotels, the prices ranges from 83 € for a single room, up till 110 € for a double room. One of attractive options for those who prefer saving the budget is [Hostel Celica](#), a European-awarded high quality hostel, with prices starting from 20 € with breakfast included.

Registration fee and social program: The registration fee is planned to be in the range of 480€, covering all the costs of the conference, including lunches, a welcome reception, a congress dinner and a half day tour to [Bled](#) where the ISCEV Olympics would take place.

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to Ljubljana in 2015.

Sincerely, Marko Hawlina and Jelka Breclj.

Committee: Maja Šuštar, Manca Tekavčič Pompe, Martina Jarc Vidmar, Ana Fakin, Alma Beharić and Branka Stirn Kranjc



News from the Board of Directors

2012 Board Elections

Several Board positions fall vacant at the end of 2012, and therefore candidates were sought to fill the vacancies as of January 1st 2013. The following election results were obtained at the Membership Business Meeting, held on Friday June 8th during the ISCEV Annual Symposium:

Congratulations to Dr Mitch Brigell, elected to serve a second term as Vice-President, Americas. Similarly, Prof Mathias Seeliger was also elected to serve a second term as Member-at-large. Welcome to our new Board member, Mr Richard Smith, MB ChB FRCS FRCOphth, (pictured) who was elected as Vice-President, Europe & Africa.



Two familiar faces will take up the Director of Standards and the Director of International Communications roles: Prof Daphne McCulloch and Prof Michael Bach respectively.

All candidates were elected unopposed. One final Board position, that of Member-at-large, has two excellent candidates (see pp 2 & 3), and the result of the e-ballot will decide which of them takes up the position.

Committee Updates

The Finance Working Group, chaired by Prof Kellner has made several recommendations including stricter enforcement of prompt payment of Membership dues, and a review of ISCEV grants and awards.

A new two-year role of Symposium Coordinator is proposed for each Symposium. The co-ordinator will liaise between the local organiser and the Board, with the purpose of maintaining low costs and supporting the local organiser. Prof Colin Baber will undertake the role for Boston 2014.

The ISCEV website will expand to take on two new roles aimed at making the Symposia run more smoothly. Each Symposium site will now sit within the ISCEV site to avoid year-on-year duplication of effort by the local organiser. The mechanism for paying ISCEV dues will be employed to pay Symposium registration fees via the ISCEV website.

Finally, an e-questionnaire will be circulated shortly asking about members' use of the ERG. This is to aid the ERG Standard revision. Please participate if you can.

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Standards & Guidelines

The PERG standard awaits approval via the e-ballot.

Prof Ulrich Kellner has been appointed Chair of the committee reviewing the ERG Standard. Those with an interest in contributing to this update should contact Prof Kellner.

Discussions have begun regarding forming a committee to review the VEP Standard. Anyone interested in contributing to this update should contact the Director of Standards, Prof Mike Marmor.

Prof Scott Brodie has been appointed Chair of the committee reviewing the Procedures Guidelines, and should be contacted directly by anyone wishing to contribute.

Other News

ISCEV Members who are registered with the International Council of Ophthalmology (icoph.org) should note that they can now select "electrophysiology" as their subspecialty. It is also now possible to select "scientist" as your profession.



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Honorary Members

It is with great pleasure that ISCEV announces two new Honorary Members: Prof Eberhard Zrenner, and Prof Colin Barber. Both have given generously to ISCEV over many years and it is with grateful thanks that the Society honours their contribution in this manner.



Prof Eberhard Zrenner



Prof Colin Barber