

# ISCEV News Extra 2015

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From the Secretary-General



## Elections

The 53rd Symposium was beautifully hosted by Marko Hawlina, Jelka Breclj and their team in the small and perfectly-formed city of Ljubljana, Slovenia. The quality of the science was very high, thanks in part to the combined sessions with EUNOS. A full report will of course appear in next year's newsletter. This News Extra serves to prompt members to vote in the forthcoming e-ballot.

There are two very strong candidate cities, so enjoy their statements and make sure you use your vote before the deadline towards the end of October. Voting will begin on the 24th of August.

As with previous years, those of you who have paid for membership for 2015 will be sent a ballot by the company Mi-Voice. They will email you a unique voting code, along with full details on how to use it.

Ruth Hamilton, Secretary-General

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Elections are very straightforward this year: we need vote only for our host city for 2018.

## ISCEV Awards 2015

### The Adachi Lecture

It was a pleasure to hear Professor Richard Weleber delivering the Adachi Lecture on the topic of "Metabolic disease with choroidal atrophy: gyrate atrophy and LCHADD". Professor Adachi presented the award in person (below).



The winner of the 2015 Adachi Award was announced as Professor Michael Bach, and we look

forward to hearing his lecture in Singapore in 2016.

### The William Dawson Memorial Lecture 2015

Professor Graham Holder delivered the Bill Dawson Memorial Lecture on "Electrophysiology in neuro-ophthalmology", introduced by Professor Marko Hawlina.

### The Eberhard Dodt Memorial Award 2015

The winner this year was Ana Fakin (Slovenia) for her poster "Retina-wide disease and foveal sparing in ABCA4-related retinopathy", work undertaken at Moorfields Hospital in London, UK. Three young scientists were commended for their presentations: Dennis Fritsch

(UK), Antoine Brassard Simard (Canada) and Panagiotis Sergouniotis (UK).

### The Marmor Award for Clinical Innovation 2015

This year, one initial award was given to a project investigating the effect of shorter dark-adaptation on ISCEV standard ERGs, and exploring the dark-adapted red flash ERG. The project team was Ruth Hamilton and Kirsten Graham (UK).

Any follow-up Marmor awards will now be made after two years to allow sufficient time to "demonstrate clinical use or value".

Full reports on all the awards will appear in the 2016 Newsletter.





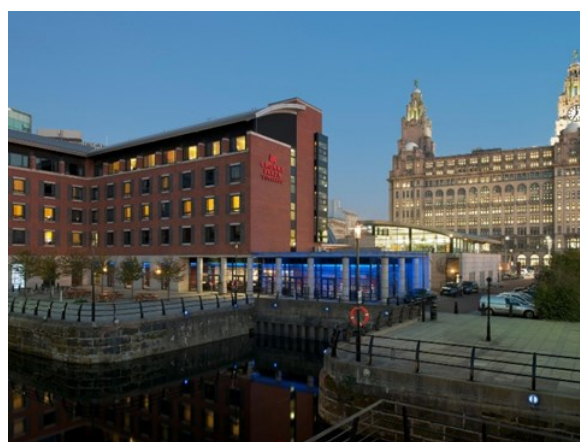
## 2018 Symposium Invitation

### Liverpool, England

Dear ISCEV Colleagues

We are thrilled at the prospect of hosting ISCEV 2018 here in Liverpool. Our invitation is supported by [BriSCEV](#), the British chapter of ISCEV. Our intention is to promote Great Science within a convivial and collegiate setting that is accessible to all ISCEV members. The Local Organizing Committee is drawn from the University of Liverpool's Dept. of [Eye and Vision Science](#) and [Dept. of Physics](#), and the Royal Liverpool University Hospital's Dept. of [Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering](#) and the [Clinical Eye Research Centre](#).

The proposed venue is the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) situated on the [Liverpool Pierhead Waterfront](#) adjacent to the Royal Liver and Cunard Buildings. The conference theme will be *Maritime Liverpool* and is based on the old port on the River Mersey. The waterfront venue is exceptional having been completely developed for the 2008 City Year of Culture. Museums, bistros, restaurants, art galleries and night clubs are nearby. City centre theatres are within a ten minute walk. The [ferry services](#) on the River Mersey across the water to the Wirral Peninsula and beyond to North Wales and the high-speed [catamaran service](#) to the Isle of Man are features of the location's fabulous riverside and canal-side location.



Liverpool is served by an excellent transport system with two local international airports: Liverpool John Lennon and Manchester, four and 25 miles from Liverpool city centre respectively. *The North West of England is known as the cheapest air travel hub in the World.* The two international airports in London are two hours away via an excellent (and affordable) high-speed train service or a 30 minute domestic flight.

Hotel accommodation in Liverpool is as for most out-of-London city locations: a typical price for B&B in a 4 star hotel is ~£85 per night at 'conference rates'. There is an extensive range of budget hotels (e.g. Formal One, Ibis etc.) on the Waterfront and near (5 minutes' walking) to the proposed venue. Up-market hotels include the Sheraton and Hilton.

Proposed dates for the Symposium are flexible between June and August 2018 (inclusive): ISCEV is free to choose.

Liverpool bids to host the 2018 ISCEV Symposium promising *Great Science* in an amazing location, *delivered with economy in mind.*



Colleagues are invited to visit the [LiverpoolEye\\_ISCEV2018](#) website where we have provided more information through a slide show presentation.

With best wishes,

Prof A.C.Fisher MD PhD



## 2018 Symposium Invitation

**20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, REIMS, France**

The French Society of Exploration of Vision and Electrophysiology (**SEVE**) has the great pleasure to invite you to the heart of Champagne.

A powerful city in the Roman Empire, over two thousand years old, the **coronation site** of 33 French Kings, **Reims** is a historical city which deserves absolutely to be visited. You are invited to discover its rich and varied monuments listed in the UNESCO World Heritage, its museums, testimonies of its prestigious past, its champagnes and its gastronomy. Reims is also a gateway to visit the northern half of France from Alsace to Normandy and Brittany, and nearby Belgium.

### Venue

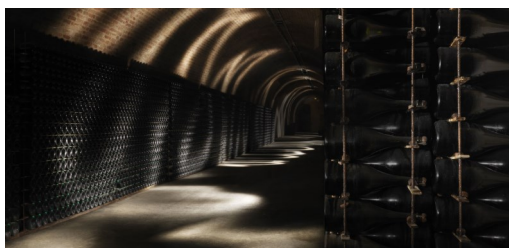
There are High Speed Train (TGV) connections to **Paris** (45 minutes), **Charles de Gaulle Airport** (30 minutes), **London** Saint Pancras via Marne la Vallée (3 hours) and Bruxelles (2 hours). The contemporary Convention Centre has a comfortable Auditorium with leather seating located within a park in the City Centre with many restaurants, 5 minutes walking distance from the station and 10 minutes from 64 major hotels and apartment houses of different categories (50€-250€/night).



### Hospitality and Social programme

A Welcome Reception in the **City Hall** will be held on Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening, all the participants are invited to a **Concert** given by the **Cathedral Singers** taking place in the Basilica. The **Gala dinner** on Friday evening at **Pommery** will give the occasion for all participants to visit at least one Champagne cellar ! The **Olympics** will take place on Saturday afternoon in another wonderful Pommery location, a **Stadium** designed in 1920, situated in a lovely park. On Sunday morning, the “**Mountain of Reims**” will offer a charming scenery for the **cycling tour**.

For the accompanying people, there will be a visit of the famous Cathedral, a City Tour, excursions to several small wine houses within the “Mountain of Reims” and a visit to another famous city of Champagne, **Epernay** with its cellars in limestone soil.



Expected cost of registration: 500 euros

**We are looking forward to welcome you in Reims !!**

**For the SEVE organization committee: Carl Arndt, Martine Crochet, Serge Rosolen, Marc Talmud**



## News from the Board of Directors

### Changes on the Board

It is a great pleasure to announce that Professor Patrizia Tormene was re-elected for a second term as ISCEV President at the 2015 Membership meeting. Although continuing her role as a Senior Scientist at the University of Padua as well as her own electrophysiology practice, Patrizia has retired from her hospital work, and plans to have more time to devote to ISCEV and its numerous projects.

Meanwhile, Mitch Brigell completed his second term as Vice-President of the Americas. He will remain on the Board as Symposium Coordinator for the 2017 Symposium in Key Largo.

The Board are delighted to welcome back Professor Laura Frishman as Vice-President of the Americas. Laura was elected unopposed at the Membership Meeting 2015, and her term will begin in 2016.

### Seeking volunteers for working groups on ISCEV extended protocols

Those of you who were in attendance at the membership meeting in Slovenia may recollect that the ISCEV Board has approved the eight tests listed on the right to go forward to the preparation stage for developing extended protocols. These specific protocols are accepted (passed stage 1 - approval of concept) which acknowledges the need for specialized procedures. This approval is based on the

frequent use reported in the 2012 ISCEV survey of electroretinography practice.

- On and off ERG
- DA ERG luminance-response function
- S-cone ERG
- Photopic negative response
- DA red flash ERG
- LA ERG luminance-response function
- Saturated a-wave series
- Scotopic threshold ERG

Board member-at-large Suresh Viswanathan is working with Daphne McCulloch, the Director of Standards, to convene working groups for each of the above protocols.

If you are interested in volunteering to develop protocols for any one (or more) of the specific topics listed then please directly contact Dr Suresh Viswanathan by email ([sviswanathan@sunyopt.edu](mailto:sviswanathan@sunyopt.edu)) on or before September 15th 2015.

Useful links:

[www.iscev.org/standards/pdfs/ISCEV-ExtendProtocol-Nov09.pdf](http://www.iscev.org/standards/pdfs/ISCEV-ExtendProtocol-Nov09.pdf)

[www.iscev.org/misc.html#erg-survey2013](http://www.iscev.org/misc.html#erg-survey2013)