



International Society for Enzymology (ISE)

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1. Financial Affairs

The transfer of accounts from Dr. Mario Werner (Previous Treasurer) to Dr. M. K. Schwartz (Current Treasurer) has now been completed, and the new account has been established on behalf of the Society at Citibank, New York. Our total assets come to US \$132,237.52 of which SF 159,203.22 are currently held by the Union Bank of Switzerland in the form of interest-bearing investments, together with SF 20,150.90 as liquid assets. The latter will immediately be transferred to the Society's New York account. Dr. Schwartz undertook to have a complete review of the investments, as some are approaching maturity.

2. Incorporation of Society

Dr. Schwartz will examine the advantages and disadvantages of this arrangement, and an Executive decision will be taken on the unanimous agreement of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

3. Subscriptions

Having moved to a 2-year subscription, it is now necessary to standardize the payment to avoid cheque conversion at very high rates of commission. Specific instructions for payment are now provided on the new Membership Application Form, as follows: Membership fees must be in US dollars drawn on a US dollar account or sent as a US dollar draft payable to *The International Society of Enzymology*.

4. Current Membership

This now stands at 180 Life Members, 13 Regular Members, and 6 Honorary Members.

5. Future Meetings

- (a) 1998 Conjoint Meeting with the Canadian Atherosclerosis Society — The Preliminary and Final Programs of this International Conference: Enzymes, Receptors and Drugs in Obesity and Atherosclerosis have previously been circulated to the Membership. The latest details are available from the Conference website at <http://www.utoronto.ca/erdoa/>. Although the President has raised approximately \$130,000 in financial support, with a calculated expenditure of around \$190,000, there is the potential for a significant shortfall. At the current rate of registration this looks to be likely, and any losses will be shared by the two sponsoring Societies.
- (b) *Satellite Meeting During Florence IFCC Congress, 1999* — Dr. Mario Plebani is working on such a meeting, of two days duration, before or after the IFCC Conference, possibly in Sienna. Two Symposia are already being planned: one on Proteinases being organized by Dr. Plebani, and one on Enzymes in Molecular Biology organized by Dr. E. P. Diamandis (Life Member, Toronto).
- (c) *Meeting in Italy, 2000* — Dr. Franco Salvatore has agreed to organize a Meeting on behalf of the Society in the year 2000,

probably during the month of October in conjunction with the Molecular Biology Meeting usually held in Capri (CLIN BIO). The actual site may not be Capri, but some other location close to Naples. It has been proposed that the Meeting be dedicated to the late Professor Angelo Burlina.

- (d) *Meetings with Other Societies* — The following spheres of medical interest are considered worthy of such arrangements: Pathology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Clinical Investigation, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Cancer, Pharmacology, Cardiology, Immunology. The Ligand Society and the International Academy of Tumor Markers represent specific Societies that offer a sound basis for future collaboration.

6. Board Membership

We welcome Professor Gérard Ailhaud of the University of Nice to Membership of the Board, replacing Dr. Cees van der Heiden, to whom our thanks are due, not only during the period for which he served as Board Member, but also because of his participation in the original Founding Committee that led to the creation of the Society.

7. Company Membership

Previous arrangements with commercial companies seem to have lapsed, denying the Society a reliable annual income. This avenue of support will be vigorously pursued. The benefits that could be offered include the following:

- Pool of expertise on technical and marketing problems as well as trials of instruments and reagents under ISE authority.
- Access to our Membership List
- Full Membership privileges for two of the Company's scientific staff holding a doctoral degree.

8. Next Business Meeting

This will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 8th May in the McLeod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. It will be preceded by a Board Meeting on Wednesday, 6th May at the Colony Hotel, Toronto. The **AGENDA** will include the following:

- 1) Adoption of Minutes of General Business Meeting held in Cambridge, England on 14th July, 1996.
- 2) Business Arising
- 3) President's Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Secretary's Report
- 6) Report on International Conference: *Enzymes, Receptors and Drugs in Obesity and Atherosclerosis*
- 7) Plans for Future Meetings
- 8) Other Business

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