

President's Note

It is with some excitement that we start out the new year 2013. We are moving as a young society on several fronts and are heading towards our next international meeting in the late summer/early fall of 2014 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. In the meantime, we are growing the educational programs of the ISRN and promoting our activities at other meetings of our peers. Here's to a great year.

Committee Reports

The Board of Directors of ISRN has established four standing committees, Education, Membership, Website, and Standards. The Education committee is chaired by Milan Dimitrijevic who has started to develop plans for a series of workshops in restorative neurology at centers across the globe. These will be small gatherings where a specific technique or approach is taught in a standardized ISRN format. The society plans to offer certificates of completion to our members for these events. The membership committee is chaired by Barry McKay and he is working to recruit our international community of peers to become formal members of the ISRN. We hope membership will bring the rewards of access to information, peer interactions, and educational opportunities needed by the field of restorative neurology. Nils Andresen and Art Sherwood are leading our website development efforts and Keith Tansey heads our standards committee. Anyone interested in joining a committee should email the executive director at the email address below.

The ISRN: Coming to a meeting near you

In 2013, members of the ISRN will make contributions to several meetings in the US. In May, they will lead a course in the restorative neurology of the upper extremity in tetraplegia at the 40th American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) meeting in Chicago. In August, members will attend the National Neurotrauma Society (NNS) meeting in Nashville and in November, we will be represented at the American Society for Neurorehabilitation (ASNR) and the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meetings in San Diego. Dr. Dimitrijevic is leading an effort to have ISRN members and others who do research in restorative neurology present as a group in one of the SfN poster sessions. It would be great to include news from our colleagues in Europe, Asia and elsewhere on how they are promoting restorative neurology amongst their peers. For instance, the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) meeting is in Istanbul this coming October and several US and European colleagues will represent ISRN there. Stay tuned for developments of our next ISRN international meeting, "Practice, Science, Vision", in 2014.

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