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President's Message

Summertime is a time of holidays and, hopefully, creative thought. As our annual meeting of the Microcirculatory Society came to an end I was excited to take a vacation, reflect on the activities of the past year, and begin, rejuvenated, to plan for the next year.

As observed at the 2005 EB/IUPS meeting in San Diego, the MCS is still a very strong and relevant society. A large number of scientists attended Society's keynote address, the Landis Lecture and the President's symposium. Even though we did not have a separate MCS poster section, our members presented a number of provocative abstracts that generated a great deal of interest. The science that was presented by our members was state of the art, as our members are among the finest scientists in the world.

The journal Microcirculation continues to be the leading journal for microcirculatory research. Bill Jackson has done a commendable job in improving the quality of the journal. The impact factor for Microcirculation was 2.91 for the most current year, 2003. The special

topics issues continue to cover "hot" areas of research. By submitting your work to Microcirculation, you will help to improve the quality of the journal.

The importance of a joint meeting with Experimental Biology has been questioned by some members of the MCS. The cost of hosting a separate meeting prior to EB at the same venue is not financially feasible. The ability to interact with more scientists is a benefit of the association with EB. As a Society there are several steps that we are taking to provide opportunities for personal and detailed scientific discussions between our members.

The Society has organized a joint fall meeting with the British Microcirculatory Society to be held September 10-13, 2005 in New Hampshire (see <http://Microcirc.org> for more information). The purpose of this meeting is to provide the small congenial atmosphere. We are expecting 100 registrants, approximately ½ from each Society. I hope you will make every attempt to attend. The success of this meeting will provide

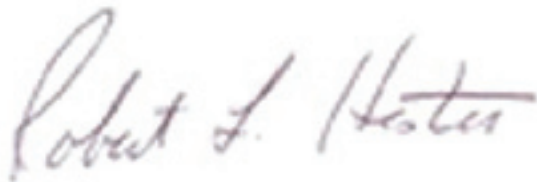
Welcome to New MCS Members

incentive to have future meeting in a similar format.

EB2006 will be held April 1-5 in San Francisco. The MCS will sponsor the President's Symposium (Saturday afternoon), a Young Investigator's Symposium, and the Landis Lecture (both on Sunday). MCS will have separate poster topics as in previous years and we will be working with the Cardiovascular Section of APS to evaluate the best placement of posters with microcirculatory interests. As a brief note the abstract deadline is Nov 3rd, 2005.

MCS will have several rooms available Saturday after the President's Symposium for an informal meeting to increase scientific discussion among members. I hope that we will be able to provide a social hour during this time. Each room will have a designated topic of discussion, such as vascular control, inflammation, or permeability. A moderator will give a brief discussion relative to the topic followed by an open discussion. Interested investigators could present 1-2 slides with a new hypothesis or data. This presentation could be a preview of material that will be presented at a later poster. I hope this arrangement will allow our members an atmosphere for personal interaction and these sessions will attract other scientists with common interests.

The MCS is strong, with many dedicated members. With continual discussion, proposal of new ideas, and feedback from the members we can improve the activities of the Society. I welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the upcoming meetings and the Society, in general. Please give a call (601-984-1816) or e-mail (rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu) if you care to discuss ideas or if I can be of assistance to you.



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