

Message From The President October 2006

Dear PNIRS Community:

I think by all accounts the PNIRS meeting in Miami Beach with the theme: ***Cutting Edge in PNI: New Facts and Concepts*** was a great success. The science was excellent, it was a great social scene, and the meeting was a financial success as well. Cobi Heijnen as chair of the scientific program committee did an outstanding job. Also, many thanks are in order to the local organizers; Neil Schneiderman, Michael Antoni, and Moni Fleshner for organizing the organizers.

The 2007 meeting will take place in Arcachon, France from May 30 through June 2. Our local hosts, Rose-Marie Bluthe', Lucile Capuron, PhD and Robert Danzer, PhD, have been working hard to make the meeting a wonderful experience. Initial plans call for a welcome reception the evening of the 30th and scientific sessions will start on Thursday the 31st. The theme of the conference will be: ***Psychoneuroimmunology: Bridging the Gap Between Mind & Disease***. This is a broad theme that should allow us to cover all aspects of PNI from molecules and structures to health outcomes. I ask members and non-members alike to submit ideas for symposia, particularly those that integrate PNI in the big picture but also those that address fundamental aspects. The PNIRS is an open group of scientists and we welcome everybody who is interested in advancing PNI to participate in Arcachon and move the field into the future. A call for symposia proposals will be sent out to everyone in September.

It promises to be an exciting year for the PNIRS. We are happy to continue working with our website master, Ian Hill, PhD. Our site is continually being improved and up-dated. We welcome your comments and suggestions to make it even better. The PNIRS has several other initiatives going on such as participating as a guest society in the annual Neuroscience and AAI meetings. In addition, a future joint meeting with the Society for NeuroImmune Pharmacology is under discussion. And, once again, we plan to offer continuing medical education credit (CME) for the 2007 meeting. More details on these activities will be posted as the website is updated. I look forward to working with everyone this year and welcome your comments and suggestions.