

INTERNATIONAL ISOTOPE SOCIETY NEWS

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY HELD AT INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA 17-21 JULY 1988

Scientists from twenty five countries attended the Third International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopically Labelled Compounds held at the Kongresshaus, Innsbruck, Austria. This highly successful meeting is the first major event organised by the International Isotope Society (IIS) since the Society was founded and incorporated in the State of New Jersey USA on 24 November 1986 (see *Journal of Labelled Compounds and Radiopharmaceuticals*, 24(7)(1987)877). Of the 320 scientists attending 25% were from the USA, 47% from the European Economic Community, 6% from the far east, 5% from Canada and 17% from other countries. Accompanying persons brought the total attending to about 400.

On Sunday evening 17 July a delightful and generous reception for all participants was given in the Imperial Palace (Hofburg) by Der Landeshauptmann von Tirol und Der Bergermeister Der Landeshauptstadt Innsbruck which was gratefully acknowledged on behalf of the Society by Tony Evans, President of the IIS.

The Symposium and Scientific Programme was officially opened by Dr Franz Meisinger representing the town of Innsbruck. Following one hour Plenary Sessions each day 22 Session Chairmen and Co-Chairmen conducted the two parallel scientific sessions with over 70 oral presentations. In addition over 150 scientific Posters were presented and 18 Companies participated in the associated trade exhibition. The Exhibitors hosted an Exhibitors evening for the participants and accompanying persons on 20 July.

A meeting of the IIS Executive Committee and Advisory Board members took place on 19 July 1988 and those attending were as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

E.A.Evans (UK) President and CEO
A.B.Susan (USA) Executive Secretary
D.W.Blackburn (USA) Secretary-Treasurer
E.Buncel (Canada)
T.A.Baillie (USA)
W.P.Duncan (USA)
J.R.Jones (UK)

ADVISORY BOARD

J.Allen (France); M.Arnold (Canada); J-P.Beaucourt (France); A.Benakis (Switzerland); H.Filthuth (for F.Berthold)(FRG); O.Buchman (Israel); J.R.Harding (UK); M.Hasegawa (Japan); G.W.Kabalka (USA); F.M.Kaspersen (The Netherlands); I.Lesk (Canada); A.A.Liebman (USA); M.A.Long (Australia); H.A.Musallam (USA); C-T.Peng (USA); L.Pichat (France); C.Filer (for M.Randall) (USA); D.Saunders (UK); H.-L.Schmitt (FRG); P-E.Schulze (FRG); M.Simonyi (Hungary); R.W.Voges (Switzerland); G.Stocklin (for A.P.Wolf) (USA) and Z.Q.Xia (China).

Following a brief introduction by the President, the Secretary outlined the activities of the Society since 1986 which included several local (Chapter) meetings of the Society in the Eastern USA (see *Journal of Labelled Compounds and Radiopharmaceuticals*, 25(4)(1988)439-440). The Treasurer presented the accounts to date and reported the Society to have positive funds and now on a sound financial basis for the future. Additional funds were anticipated as a result of the Innsbruck Symposium. It was proposed and the Committee endorsed the rationalisation of the subscription date to 1 January 1989 and that subscription rates for 1989 would remain as at present viz. US \$35 for personal membership and US \$350 for Associate membership.

The Chairman for the Election Committee (A.A.Liebman) reported on the ballot amongst the members on nominations for the Executive Committee and Advisory Board effective 1 January 1989 through 31 December 1991. The Advisory Board Members are as listed above plus G.Kramer (Switzerland).

Elected Officers and Executive Committee are as follows:

E.A.Evans (UK) President and CEO for 1989
A.B.Susan (USA) Executive Secretary
D.Blackburn (USA) Secretary-Treasurer
A.A.Liebman (USA) President Elect for 1990
T.A.Baillie (USA) President Elect for 1991
J.R.Jones (UK)
L.Pichat (France)

The Committee decided to recommend endorsement by the IIS members that the Fourth International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopically Labelled Compounds would be the next major event for the Society to be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in September 1991. Professor E.Buncel (Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada) and Professor G.W.Kabalka (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA) were elected to be co-organisers of this Symposium and full details will be issued to members later.

Following the publication and issue of the first edition of the IIS NEWSLETTER (Editors A.Benakis and A.B.Susan), I.Lesk (Canada) offered to assist in the production of the next edition of the Newsletter which is expected to be sent to all members about November 1988 together with details of subscriptions due for 1989.

A meeting of the Editorial and Advisory Board of the *Journal of Labelled Compounds and Radiopharmaceuticals*, the official Journal of the IIS was held on the 20 July at an evening reception organised at the Kongresshaus by the publishers John Wiley and Sons Limited.

The GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Members, as required to be held every three years according to the Constitution and Byelaws of the Society, was held concurrently with the Symposium Banquet at the Kongresszentrum Igls Austria on 21 July 1988. 6

The members were informed of the results for the election of Officers for 1989-1991, the financial status of the Society, current and future activities of the IIS and the proposed date and location of the International Symposium in 1991.

The Proceedings of the Third International Symposium are to be published by Elsevier later this year and orders accompanied by payment (DF1.280) should be sent directly to Elsevier, Amsterdam, Holland.

The Society thanked and is indebted to the following organisations for financial support for the Innsbruck Symposium

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University of Washington (USA)
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In addition to the social programme organised for participants and accompanying persons during the week, following the meetings a number of members embarked on the post Symposium tours of Austria.

The International Isotope Society sends good wishes to all its members, welcomes new members and looks forward to your participation in the 1991 Symposium in Toronto.

E,Anthony Evans
President IIS
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