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The forthcoming 2019 ISEBTT Council Elections

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One of the benefits of being a member of the International Society for Electroporation-Based Technologies and Treatments is that you can nominate, be nominated, and be elected to the Council of the Society. It is true that since our Society is not large, we mostly know each other, and we can make contacts easily and put forward our ideas to the fellow members either in meetings, or through the Council. But it is also true that we are a young society, and we only meet every other year. Therefore, it is very important who we nominate, and who is elected and “runs” the Society between the two World Congresses.

The third elections are coming up this summer and we will be electing a new president-elect, who will step up as president in January 2022, succeeding Lluís Mir who will be stepping into the shoes of Richard Heller in January 2020. In addition to the president-elect, who we thus elect every two years, we also change roughly one half of the Council members every two years in order to maintain stability and continuity (list of current officers available from www.electroporation.net/council).

Although we have by Bylaws (available for download from www.electroporation.net/society-documents) a fair representation of different interests and specialties in the Council, I personally am convinced that the President sets an important tone in running and presenting the Council and the Society, i.e. us – its members.

We have had so far (and we still have) presidents coming from the area of biomedicine, and I personally am convinced that it is time to have a president-elect from the food or biotechnology/environment area. It needs to be emphasized that this is my personal view, and that eventually the members will nominate and finally elect the best candidate irrespective of my personal opinion.

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3rd World Congress on Electroporation
& Pulsed Electric Fields in Biology, Medicine
& Food and Environmental Technologies
Toulouse, France September 3–6, 2019





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In order to have true democratic elections this August we need you, the members (and if you are not yet member you should become one – see hyperlink below), to nominate candidates for the open positions of Council members, and we need at least two nominees for each position. When nominating (before July 17 – see the Elections Schedule below) please use the link that was provided to you in an email sent on June 18. If it does not work, this means that you have not yet paid your membership dues for this year – pay and it should work ☺. When nominating you do not need to seek approval of the candidates – we will check the nominees for eligibility (i.e. are they a member in good standing), and ask them if they are willing to serve as candidates in the forthcoming elections.

All documents related to the rules and procedures are accessible at www.electroporation.net/society-documents (these public documents are available regardless of membership status). The Nomination Committee composed of Emanuela Signori, Justin Teissié, and myself (available by email at damijan.miklavcic@fe.uni-lj.si) will monitor the process and contact the nominees in due time. If you have any questions or comments you are welcome to contact us.

Elections Schedule:

June 18, 2019 00:00 (UTC) Opening of nominations
July 17, 2019 23:59 (UTC) Closing of nominations
July 18, 2019 00:00 (UTC) Collecting candidatures from nominees – start
August 3, 2019 23:59 (UTC) Collecting candidatures from nominees – end
August 4, 2019 00:00 (UTC) Opening of voting period
August 18, 2019 23:59 (UTC) Closing of voting period

To become a member/renew your membership, follow:

<https://isebtt.electroporation.net/membership>

Forthcoming events

3rd World Congress on Electroporation and Pulsed Electric Fields in Biology, Medicine, and Food & Environmental Technologies

Toulouse, September 3 – 6, 2019

<http://wc2019.electroporation.net>

Electroporation-Based Technologies and Treatments

Ljubljana, November 10 – 16, 2019

<http://2019.ebtt.org>

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Suggestion box at the 1st World Congress for participants to drop in their proposals for the name for the new society, now ISEBTT.

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