



## Newsletter No. 44

### Presidential Address by the incoming President of the ISEBTT

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My dear colleagues, dear members of the ISEBTT, dear future members of the Society,

On January 1st 2020, teaming with Richard Heller, Past-President, and Javier Raso, President-elect, I will undertake the responsibility to consolidate and further expand the ISEBTT and its activities, as President of our Society. It is an honour for me, but a great responsibility as well. Indeed, ISEBTT is still a “young” society. Thanks to ISEBTT founding President, Damijan Miklavčič, and thanks to its second President, Richard Heller, who legally established the Society, ISEBTT has been growing within its first four years of existence. Now it is time to consolidate these achievements, which will require some efforts of the Council and of all of you – the Members – I am really counting on you all and I thank you in advance for your support and contributions.

We all know that ISEBTT membership offers substantial reductions to attend the schools supported by the Society and the World Congresses that give us a comprehensive and important information on the results and achievements of the ISEBTT members (and non-members as well). It also brings us free access to the electronic version of the Handbook on Electroporation. ISEBTT is working out the possibility to get reductions in the fees to publish in Open Access journals that regularly publish papers in our field of activities.

However, using a sentence coined in another time and for another situation, *do not ask what else the ISEBTT can bring to you, please ask what you can bring to the ISEBTT*. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, I (with Richard and Javier) will be more than happy to receive your inputs, ideas, suggestions – briefly in one single word – your help.

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**7<sup>th</sup> School on Pulsed  
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in Food and Biotechnology**  
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Among the committees of the Society, only the Awards Committee is actively populated. Still, some restructuring of this committee is required, and I will work on it with substantial help of some ISEBTT members already active in the Committee. Other committees need to be populated and/or created. In the past, the Council agreed that the Nominations Committee (for elections) is chaired by the Past-President. This was an excellent motion and we should maintain it. Please, we need candidates for active participation in this Committee under the lead of Richard Heller. I hope that Richard and I will receive a large number of candidatures, since the Council will have to evaluate them in order to respect an equilibrium between the different components of our community in the composition of this Committee.

The Publications Committee also needs your help. Damijan Miklavčič is responsible for the Newsletter, but the Publications Committee, currently still vacant, should take care of many other vital aspects for the ISEBTT, such as the contents of webpages, the negotiations with editors to try to reduce the costs of publishing in the journals of general interest for us, etc... We can also foresee the presence of ISEBTT in the social media, and for this we need young people in the Committee, familiar with modern communication means.

Helped by my experience as a re-founder and treasurer of the Bioelectrochemical Society for 8 years, as re-founder and President of the European Bioelectromagnetics Association, I also foresee changes in the bylaws that the Council will discuss. I will present these changes in a future Newsletter. Together with all of you, we will consolidate and develop the Society – I deeply acknowledge the work and enthusiasm of my predecessors as Presidents of the ISEBTT, Damijan and Richard, and I really count on all of the ISEBTT members to continue their work and expand the visibility of ISEBTT as well as the benefits of adhering to the Society as members. Thank you!

Respectfully yours,

Lluis

## Forthcoming events

### **7<sup>th</sup> School on Pulsed Electric Field Applications in Food and Biotechnology**

Zaragoza, May 25 – 30, 2020

<http://pefschool2020.electroporation.net/>

### **8<sup>th</sup> European Medical and Biological Engineering Conference – EMBEC 2020**

Portorož, June 14 – 18, 2020

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