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2021 and 2022, two important years for the ISEBTT

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Dear colleagues, dear readers of the Newsletter, and in particular dear members of the ISEBTT,

2021 has been an “unusual” year for most of us, as well as for the ISEBTT. For a young Society like ISEBTT, which is now reaching maturity, 2021 has been a year in which a few things have been blocked while many others have progressed. The 4th World Congress, the place where we all planned to meet, was moved because of the pandemic from 2021 to October 9-13, 2022. We will thus meet “physically” in Copenhagen next year. However, in September 2021 we instituted a new activity, a webinar over two days, which was very well attended (and the Council decided to maintain the webinar on the years between two consecutive world congresses, at no fee for the ISEBTT members). Our by-laws, as originally written, had not considered these potential changes, nor many more that were becoming urgent to address. For example, the present by-laws do not foresee the attribution of specific awards by the ISEBTT. Nevertheless, funds have been secured to award a prize *in memoriam* of our colleague Justin Teissié who passed away in 2020. Specific donations are not only welcome but made possible thanks to our Past-President who has opened specific accounts in the bank that keeps the Society assets. The General Assembly of the ISEBTT was held in September 2021, after the webinar, and the ISEBTT members were informed of these and many more changes in the by-laws.

Now the time for voting on these changes has arrived. This is a very important event for ISEBTT. The voting material will be sent to the ISEBTT members in good standing with their membership. They will receive the voting material on November 4th and the vote must be completed by November 30th. All ISEBTT members are asked to vote on this important matter. If you are not (yet) member, join us. It is very simple (<https://isebtt.electroporation.net/membership>). All new members will be allowed to vote within the same time-window.

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Moreover, very important elections will happen in the first half of 2022. There are four positions in the Council that must be renewed. Moreover, the new by-laws, if approved, foresee the separate election not only of the President-Elect, but also of the Treasurer and of the Secretary of the ISEBTT (a new position defined by the amended by-laws). All ISEBTT members, both present members or new members, will be entitled to be a candidate for these positions and to vote. Our Society has reached maturity and the renewal of the Council and of the leaders of the ISEBTT ensures the stability of our Society as well as its further development. It requires your active participation and I believe I can count on you. Do not hesitate to contact me (luis.mir@cnr.fr) or our Past-President, Richard Heller (rheller@usf.edu), chair of the ISEBTT Elections Committee.

2022 will be an important year for all of us. I already mentioned the elections and I already recalled the 4th WC in Copenhagen. But there will be the first call for open proposals for the 2024 WC (the 5th one) following the new rules set by the Council, as well as the first call to apply for the Justin Teissié Award that will be awarded at the WC (the rules for this prize have already been published in the ISEBTT and the WC websites). The students and post-docs that will present communications at the 4th WC can apply for travel awards that should facilitate their venue to Copenhagen. Julie Gehl, chair of the 4th WC, and the ISEBTT Awards Committee have already secured 35 such travel grants coming from donations of generous contributors (in particular 28 grants from the Doreen J. Putrah Foundation and 7 from Oncosec; details at: [Grants & Awards – WC2022: World Congress on Electroporation and Pulsed Electric Fields in Biology, Medicine, and Food & Environmental Technologies](#)). I also want to thank all of our sponsors and exhibitors of the 4th WC who accepted to transfer their support to October 9-13, 2022.

Thus, I remain waiting to see all of you, “physically” in Copenhagen, as well as to read “on line” your name in the list of the ISEBTT members! Thank you in advance! Our Society, your Society, is not only mature but also dynamic, thanks to you.

Respectfully,

Lluis M. Mir, *President of the ISEBTT*

Forthcoming events

15th interdisciplinary postgraduate course and international workshop Electroporation Based Technologies and Treatments (EBTT)

Ljubljana, November 14 – 20, 2021 (*on-site* and *on-line* event)

<http://www.ebtt.org>

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In 2022 it is again time to constructively contribute to our Society by I. Making sure you have a valid membership and extend if not, and II. Nominate and vote for Council member candidates!

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