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An Address by the new President of the Society, Javier Raso

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Dear ISEBTT members, newsletter readers, friends,

It is a great pleasure to address you as the current president of the International Society of Electroporation-based technologies and treatments. I am very honoured but at the same time, it is a big responsibility to serve as the first president of ISEBTT which comes from a discipline different from biomedicine. I am a Professor of Food Technology at the University of Zaragoza (Spain) where I have been conducting research on fundamental and applied aspects of pulsed electric fields for the food and biotechnology industry for over 25 years. I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to Professor Knorr of the Technical University of Berlin and Professor Barbosa-Cánovas of Washington State University for introducing me to the fascinating world of PEF.

I would like also to recognize the contribution and hard work of the past presidents of our society in collaboration with the members of the council. Although we are still a young society, thanks to the excellent work done during their terms we now have solid foundations that are crucial for the further advance of ISEBTT in the next years. The updated Bylaws of the Society (available from <https://www.electroporation.net/society-documents/>), revised last year, the incorporation of two new members who will act as treasurer and secretary into the council, and the partnership with Bioelectricity as the official journal of ISEBTT, will – as I firmly believe – contribute to the growth of our Society.

During the 4th World Congress held in Copenhagen, a partnership between ISEBTT and the journal “Bioelectricity” from Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. whereby this Journal became an Official Journal of our society was announced. The aims and Scope of Bioelectricity were updated to cover all research topics of ISEBTT members. So, I encourage all of you to submit high-quality papers to this journal and contribute to making Bioelectricity a reference journal in the field of electroporation and pulsed electric fields in the near future. ISEBTT members will have many benefits from this partnership that will be announced in a forthcoming newsletter but I would like to state in advance of that announcement that since the middle of November, all the members have unlimited access to Bioelectricity in the “for members” section of the ISEBTT web page or through the following link: (<https://isebtt.electroporation.net/p/bioelectricity>).

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In the past several months, the ISEBTT council has also been working on the proposal of launching a Gold Open Access journal dedicated to electroporation and pulsed electric fields in partnership with Elsevier. We are aware that this is a very ambitious project but we believe the effort that will carry it forward will contribute decisively to increasing the visibility of our society and its growth in the coming years. The success of this venture is very dependent on getting the right Editors-in-Chief. They must believe in the project and they have to dedicate an important part of their time to conducting crucial actions in the first 2-3 years in terms of promoting the journal and driving contents. Please let us know if you are interested in leading and/or contributing to this project.

In recent years, ISEBTT has sponsored several Schools and Workshops that are within the scope of electroporation. I would like to stress that during my term, the EBTT School and International Workshop organized by the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at the University of Ljubljana will celebrate its twentieth anniversary next year and in 2024 the School in Pulsed Electric Field Applications in Food and Biotechnology will celebrate its tenth edition. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the organizers of these events and at the same time, I would like to encourage you to organize new events of this type. You will always be supported by ISEBTT as education, and training is one of our main assignments.

The Word Congress held every two years is the main event organised by ISEBTT. I would like to thank to Julie Gehl and the rest of the members of the organizing committee of the fourth world congress held in Copenhagen in October 2022 for making it a rewarding and successful event. It is always a difficult task to organize an event like this in normal conditions but it is much more complicated when you are in the middle of a pandemic that forced a postponement.

We now must look forward to the active and busy year 2023. I invite all of you to be actively engaged in the different missions we have this year. We have to give our support to the organizers of the 5th World Congress that will be held in Rome in 2024 to make it a rewarding and successful event like the previous editions. I welcome all of you to contact us if you are interested in organising the world congress in 2026, if you have any suggestions for the webinars that are going to be planned in the coming year and please let us know if you are interested in becoming more actively involved in the ISEBTT through participation in any of the existing or new committees that are being organized.

Just to conclude, I will simply say that I will do my best to try to live up to the position I occupy for the next two years as president of ISEBTT. The door of my office will always be open to all members of the society to receive any comment, suggestion or complaints that may contribute to the progress of the International Society on Electroporation-Based Technologies and Treatments. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2023!

Javier Raso

Forthcoming events

9th School on Pulsed Electric Field Applications in Food and Biotechnology

Vienna, September 4 – 8, 2023

<https://pefschool2023.electroporation.net/>

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The ISEBTT Rushmore in Ljubljana at EBTT, November 17, 2022 (left-to-right: Javier Raso, Lluís M. Mir, Richard Heller, Damijan Miklavčič).

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