Message from the President

Dear Colleagues:

It has been a great honour for me to serve as your President from this year. Currently, the AOSCE consists of more than 550 members. At the beginning of my presidential work, I asked myself a simple question: What can our AOSCE Society do for its members? If you are like me, you probably agree with the following answer: the Society could support the progress of scientific activities in the field of Comparative Endocrinology in Asia and Oceania and promote a deep relationship among the members. Therefore, the Society needs to hold Congresses and Intercongress Symposia.

We had an excellent AOSCE Congress at Siliguri, India in 2007. The scientific programme included five plenary lectures by Profs. Yoshitaka Nagahama, Hyuk-Bang Kwon, Ishwar Parhar, Kaoru Kubokawa, and myself, seven invited lectures, and plenty of oral and poster presentations. It was a very fruitful meeting organized by Prof. Samir Bhattacharya, the fourth President of our Society.

The next meeting of our Society is the Sixth Intercongress Symposium which is going to be held at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand from 19 to 22 January 2010. Dr. John Cockrem, the Secretary-General of our Society is organising this Intercongress Symposium. He is planning an excellent scientific programme and also a wonderful excursion to a wildlife centre and to an area of vineyards in the nearby Wairarapa. I encourage your active participation to make this Intercongress Symposium a grand success. I look forward to seeing you in Palmerston North in January 2010.

As always, I welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions for our Society. Please send them to me and the AOSCE council members.

Sincerely,

Kazuyoshi Tsutsui, Ph.D.
President
Forthcoming meetings of the AOSCE
The Sixth Intercongress Symposium will be held at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand from 19 - 22 January 2010.

The 7th Congress of the AOSCE will be hosted by Prof. Ishwar Parhar in Malaysia in 2012.

History of the AOSCE
The idea for a society of comparative endocrinologists in Asia and Oceania was first discussed at the 10th International Symposium for Comparative Endocrinology at Copper Mountain, Colorado, United States, in 1985. The AOSCE held its first congress in Nagoya, Japan, in 1987. A constitution was adopted, a council was elected and Prof. Susumu Ishii became the first president of the AOSCE.

The Society is affiliated with the journal "General and Comparative Endocrinology".

The Presidents of the society have been:
Prof. Susumu Ishii 1987 - 1992
Prof. Jean Joss 1996 - 2000
Prof. Samir Bhattacharya 2000 - 2004
Prof. Hao-Ran Lin 2004 - 2009
Prof. Kazuyoshi Tsutsui 2009 - 2012

AOSCE Congresses are held every four years, with Intercongress Symposia held between Congresses. Congresses and Intercongress Symposia have been held as follows:
1st Congress Nagoya, Japan 1987
1st Intercongress Symposium Hong Kong 1989
2nd Congress New Delhi, India 1991
2nd Intercongress Symposium Thailand 1993
3rd Congress Sydney, Australia 1996
3rd Intercongress Symposium Kwangju, Korea 1998
4th Congress Taipei, Taiwan 2000
4th Intercongress Symposium Guangzhou, China 2002
5th Congress Nara, Japan 2004
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Newsletter prepared by John Cockrem, Secretary-General of the AOSCE
On behalf of the Local Organising Committee I am pleased to invite you to join us for the Sixth Intercongress Symposium of the Asia and Oceania Society for Comparative Endocrinology (AOSCE). The Symposium will be held at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand from 19 to 22 January 2010.

The theme for our conference will be "Comparative endocrinology into the future in Asia and Oceania". We would like to encourage younger endocrinologists to attend the meeting and to share the excitement of meeting other endocrinologists and seeing how much we can contribute to our science of comparative endocrinology.

The conference will be held in January, which is summer in New Zealand. The scientific sessions will be on the Turitea campus of Massey University which is just outside our small city of Palmerston North. We are planning an excursion to a wildlife centre and to an area of vineyards in the nearby Wairarapa region for the last day of the conference, and you will of course be able to take the chance to enjoy other places in New Zealand during your visit.

We look forward to seeing you here in January 2010.

John Cockrem
Chair of the Local Organising Committee