



INTERNATIONAL GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY SOCIETY

Newsletter – Christmas/December 2014

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Dear Members,

As the year turns from 2014 to 2015, I would like to wish all the members of the International Genetic Epidemiology Society a happy and brighter New Year and best wishes for a happy holiday season. As the year changes, so does the leadership of the Society, with Dr. France Gagnon taking over as President and Dr. Josée Dupuis as our new President-Elect for 2016; I am confident that the Society is in good hands. I would like to extend my special thanks to Dr. Andreas Zeigler, our outgoing Past-President for his leadership and hard work during the past three years, as well as our other Officers for their efforts during this very difficult period.



The approaching New Year brings other changes as well; at the end of the year members need to remember to pay their membership dues for the Society on an annual basis and members now have the ability to make a donation to IGES (tax-free where applicable). Furthermore, Genetic Epidemiology transitions to an online format in January. As I transition from President to Past-President, I extend my thanks to all the members of IGES for their support and effort, without whom there would be no reason for the Society to exist. I look forward to seeing you all in Baltimore for the 2015 IGES Meeting, October 4 – 6, 2015.

Alexander F. Wilson, Ph.D.

Results of the 2014/2015 IGES Election

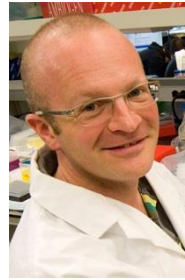
We would like to present the newly-elected IGES officers and board members, who will take up office starting 1 January 2015. Please refer to the October 2014 pre-election newsletter for their biosketches. Congratulations to the three of you and thank you all for your willingness and input to serve IGES.

President-Elect for 2016 is ***Josée Dupuis***



The two newly-elected members on the Board of Directors are:

Celia Greenwood and ***Andrew Paterson***



Treasurer's Corner Mariza de Andrade

This past year was challenging for IGES, but I am pleased as Treasurer to share with our members that we now are in good standing financially, though not totally off the hook. We have been careful in our negotiations and management of resources to maintain this good standing and I would like to thank our President, Alec Wilson, for his leadership, fiscal prudence, and for his skilful negotiations with ASHG in support of the 2015 IGES Meeting to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, US.

As a reminder for next year, IGES is a charitable and educational organization and any contribution provided by its members is tax-deductible as allowable by law. This can be done along with your membership renewal process. Your continuous support of IGES is really appreciated.

Happy Holidays to you all!

Mariza de Andrade
Treasurer

2014 IGES Officials

The names of all the IGES officials are available on our **website**:

<http://www.geneticepi.org/organization/>

Current **officers are**: President: Alexander F. Wilson; Past President: Andreas Ziegler; President-Elect: France Gagnon; Treasurer: Mariza de Andrade; Secretary: Heike Bickebölller; Editor-in-Chief, Genetic Epidemiology: Sanjay Shete.

Board members are the officers and the following 6 people: Jenny Barrett, L. Adrienne Cupples, Josée Dupuis, Inke König, Andrew Morris, and Kristel Van Steen.

The **Education Committee** is led by Elizabeth Gillanders. The **ELSI Committee** is chaired by Claire Simpson. The **Membership Committee** is chaired by Yan Sun (chair). For members see our website.

This year's **Publication Committee** is chaired by France Gagnon. Standing member as Editor of Genetic Epidemiology is Sanjay Shete. Further members are Alexander Wilson, Nancy Saccone, David Conti, Peter Kraft, Bertram Müller-Myhsok, Rasika Mathias, and Shelley Bull.

The **Program Committee** included Justo Lorenzo Bermejo (Chair), Celia Greenwood, Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat, Andrew Paterson, André Scherag, Nathan Tintle, Alec Wilson (President) and France Gagnon (President-Elect). André Scherag will be the Chair for the 2015 meeting.

The **Young Investigators Committee** includes Elizabeth Blue (formerly Marchani) (Chair), Katie O'Brian, Melanie Quintana, Lara Sucheston, Amy Spencer.

The **Communication Committee** is chaired by Heike Bickebölller (ex officio). Members are Saonli Basu, Jessica Dennis, Claire Simpson, Kristel van Steen, Jin Zhou.

The **Wiley/Genetic Epidemiology Liaison Committee** is chaired by Mike Province. Members are Sanjay Shete, Angelo Canty, and Alexander Wilson.

The **IGES webmaster** is Jessica Dennis. The **IGES Facebook and Twitter master** is Jin Zhou.

The **office** is thankfully organized by Delaine Anderson.

IGES Web Site: <http://www.geneticepi.org/>

IGES Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/geneticepi?ref=hl>

IGES Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/Iges2013>

IGES Facebook page exclusively for Young Investigators:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Genetic-Epidemiology-Society-Iges-Next-Generation/174416209303988?ref=hl>

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