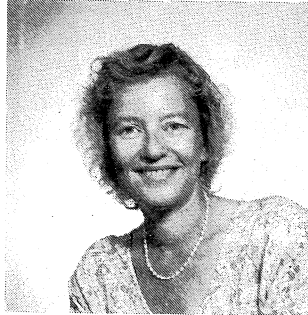


FOREWORD

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



A warm greeting to all members of the International Society for Stereology (ISS) and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

It was with great pleasure that the 9th International Congress for Stereology could welcome so many participants from 26 different countries to Copenhagen in August this year. The personal enthusiasm and the scientific contributions by all of you has given me the best possible start as new president for ISS.

I am proud to have with me into the presidency three excellent vicepresidents Professors Adrian Baddeley (Perth, Australia), Peter Ehlers (Calgary, Canada) and Dietrich Stoyan (Freiburg, Germany), who each can juggle with the complex world of mathematics and statistics. Having their support I feel that nothing can go wrong.

Dr. Aurora Astudillo who has been a worshipped secretary/treasurer for the last 1½ year will have to concentrate on other obligations in the years to come. Fortunately Dr. Jens Nyengaard (Stereological Research Laboratory, Bartholin Building, Aarhus University, 8000 Århus C, Denmark, Tlph.: +45 89 49 36 54, FAX: +45 89 49 36 50, e-mail: stereotsj@svfcd.aau.dk) has offered his services as our new treasurer. With a background both as a medical doctor and an education in commercial transactions our economy will rest in firm but gentle hands. The membership fee should be paid to the treasurer by cheque, bank transfer or credit card. A membership application form and further information is enclosed in this volume of Acta Stereologica.

The job as secretary will be held by Roger Bjugn, assistant professor (Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of Bergen, Årstadveien 19, 5009 Bergen, Norway, Tlph.: +47 55 20 63 83, Fax : +47 55 20 63 60, e-mail: roger.bjugn@pki.uib.no). Roger Bjugn has been working with stereology for almost 10 years. He will collect and edit all information to ISS and keep and update a reference list of recent stereological literature. Roger Bjugn will be

interested in getting all information you may wish to pass on to other members of the society, so please keep him updated. More news will follow in Acta Stereologica, that we are pleased to announce will be our new house-journal from January 1996.

I have the great misfortune to be president after Vyvyan Howard. His enormous energy, travelling around the world to spread the words of stereology, his equally large talent for giving presidential talks, and his humor is indeed impossible to match. We want to thank him for his many contributions to ISS during the last four years and wish him the best of luck with his forthcoming presidency for the Royal Microscopical Society.

Despite our obvious weakness, that ISS is composed of scientists from very different scientific disciplines, the strength of stereology, that unites us, is in itself so unique and the openness to communicate so uncommon that the members of ISS combined represent a society with unusual potentials. The new ISS-Board begins its duties for the next four years with confidence and great expectations.

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