

Election Information

Online voting procedure for the Board of Governors elections

As in the last several years, the governor and vice president elections will be done electronically through the IETS website. The voting will be done between the September newsletter (presentation of the candidates and a call to vote) and the December newsletter (presentation of voting results), prior to the annual conference. You can vote only once and only when you have paid your annual fee for the current year. When you go to the IETS website to enter the voting system, you have to enter your last name and ID number, the same as when you access the newsletter. If you cannot remember your ID number, please e-mail Debi Seymour, executive secretary of IETS (debis@assochq.org), to refresh your memory.

There are separate pages for new governors and the new vice president. Please vote for two candidates for governor and one candidate for vice president. It is possible to enter other candidates for governor at the end of the page, replacing the option for nominees from the floor in the business meeting. Do not enter the name of the nominees again; it must be a different name to be counted. The governors will serve a three-year term starting in January 2012. The vice president will serve a three-year term starting in January 2012, succeeding to president in January 2013 and to immediate past president in January 2014.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can fill in the ballot included at the bottom of this document and fax it to Debi Seymour at 217-398-4119.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE VOTED PRIOR TO 15 NOVEMBER, 2011

Retiring Governors

Completing their term of service as of January 2012 are Pascale Chavatte-Palmer (France, academic) and Matt Wheeler (USA, academic). Remaining on the board as officers will be Gabriel Bo, immediate past president (Argentina, academic), and Henrik Callesen, president (Denmark, academic). Remaining on the board as governors for the third year of their terms will be Gregg Adams (Canada, academic) and Lucky Nedambale (USA, industry). Also remaining on the Board as Governors for the second year of their terms will be Patrick Blondin (Canada, industry) and Osamu Dochi (Japan, academic).

Responsibilities of Governors

Article VI, Section 1. The Board of Governors shall be the governing body of the Society, and it shall have control and management of the affairs and business of the Society. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board of Governors shall approve the format and guidelines for the conduct of the annual conference and business meeting and that for any other meeting or activity including the approval of documents issued in the name of the Society. It shall have the discretion in the disbursement of its funds and may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed appropriate. The Board of Governors shall report its actions to the Members of the Society at the Annual Meeting as well as in its regularly published newsletter.

Eligibility to Hold Office

Article III, Section 3. Only persons holding Regular Membership in the Society and those entitled to the rights of Regular Membership by virtue of their Emeritus status or representing a Sustaining Member are eligible to vote, hold office, or to nominate candidates for office in the Society.

Election Procedures

Article X, Section 1. Election for members of the Board of Governors and for the position of Vice President shall be by mail or electronic ballot, by Regular Members following publication of the names and biosketches of the candidates. Votes shall be counted by the Business Office, which will communicate the results to the Board of Governors. In the event of a tie for the positions of Governor or Vice President, the outcome shall be decided by a ballot among the Board of Governors.

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Article VI, Section 2. The Board of Governors shall consist of Governors elected from and by the Regular Membership of the Society by means of an annual ballot. The Governors shall be divided into three classes, each class consisting of two Governors being elected every third year. Each member of a class of Governors shall be elected and hold office for a term of

three years and until a successor has been elected and qualified or until such Governor's early death, resignation or removal in a manner hereinafter provided. In the event that a Governor is serving as Secretary/Treasurer in the third year of his/her term, and designated by the Board in unanimous action to succeed him/herself and if such Governor has committed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer in a succeeding term, such Governor shall not stand for re-election but will continue as a Governor in the class to which such Governor would have been elected. The chairman of the Nominating Committee will include such action in his/her report to the membership. From each annual ballot, a number of Governors equal to that of those whose terms are about to expire, shall be elected for a term of three years. In addition, as deemed necessary by the Board to maintain the number of Governors, one or more replacement Governors may also be elected by the Regular members when a Governor's position has become vacant prematurely due to resignation, removal or death. In the event that the elected term of a Governor has expired by the time of commencing his/her term of office as vice president succeeding to president and/or as president succeeding to past president, such officers will continue as members of the Board of Governors until completion of their terms as past president. Any Governor shall be eligible for re-election but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms as a Governor. A Member of the Society who is elected to the position of Vice President and who is not a current Governor shall become ex officio a member of the current Board of Governors. Board members shall take office at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Candidates Put Forward

Vice President

Peter J. Hansen, PhD (USA)



Peter J. Hansen is distinguished professor and L. E. "Red" Larson Professor of Animal Sciences at the University of Florida. His research interests center around elucidating effects of elevated temperature on early embryonic development; development of embryo transfer as a reproductive management strategy to overcome infertility in dairy cows; and characterizing interactions between the immune system, the reproductive tract, and the embryo. His education was at the University of Illinois (BS), University of Wisconsin (MS, PhD), University of Florida (postdoc), and University of Guelph (sabbatical). Dr. Hansen has published more than 220 refereed papers and received several awards. He is a past president of the American Society for Reproductive Immunology. He served the IETS as co-chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the 2001 meeting and chair of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2006 and 2010 meetings, and as director and treasurer from 2008 to 2011. If elected, a major goal would be to work with other of-

ficers to develop a role for the IETS to influence the setting of research priorities by national and private funding agencies. The embryo is at the center of genetic and assisted reproduction technologies, and the funding to support embryo research is inadequate to fully capture the benefits of these technologies. Other goals would be to continue current IETS efforts to strengthen ties with practitioners and with students (The Morulas) and to bolster funding of the IETS Foundation through delivery of IETS Innovation Conferences.

Rebecca L. Krisher, PhD (USA)



Rebecca Krisher is a reproductive biologist focusing on oocyte and embryo physiology. She received her BS in biology from Hanover College, followed by a MS in animal sciences at North Carolina State University. She then worked for Granada Biosciences before completing her PhD at Virginia Tech in animal science/dairy. After working as an embryologist in human clinical reproduction, she returned to academia to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, after which she joined the faculty of Purdue University in the Department of Animal Sciences. She moved as an associate professor to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Currently, she is the research director at the National Foundation for Fertility Research in Denver, Colorado. Rebecca has been actively involved as an IETS member for many years. She served on the IETS Board of Governors from 2007 to 2010, in addition to working on the Audit

committee. She has served as a judge for the RFD student poster competition for four years and as abstract section chair, annually reviewing abstracts and helping as session co-chair. Rebecca is an active member of CANDES, having served as co-chair of the Research subcommittee, co-chair of the 2009 postconference symposium, and guest editor of a special CANDES issue of RFD. Rebecca is currently working as program co-chair for the 2012 Annual Conference. She looks forward to addressing the opportunities facing our society, including novel ways to keep the society relevant and being inclusive of our trainee members.

Governor

Pascale Chavatte-Palmer, DVM, PhD (France)



Pascale Chavatte-Palmer graduated as DVM in 1989 from Maisons-Alfort, France, and subsequently worked as an intern in equine pregnancy and neonatology in Newmarket, UK. She got her PhD in placental endocrinology of the equine in 1996 from the University of Cambridge, UK, after having completed a residency in theriogenology at the University of Florida. In 1998, she joined Prof. Jean-Paul Renard's laboratory at INRA in France, where she studied fetal and postnatal development of cloned cattle. She currently leads a research group titled "Epigenetics and precocious determinants of adult health" with both agronomical and biomedical objectives. Her interests focus on long-term effects of alterations in maternal nutrition and placental function during pregnancy and on fetoplacental imaging, using various large animal species. She is author or coauthor of more than 40 peer-reviewed international papers and several book chapters.

Pascale Chavatte-Palmer joined the IETS in 2000. She participated on the HASAC Food Safety subcommittee report and contributed a chapter to the new edition of the IETS manual on the health and care of animal clones. In 2011, she succeeded Michel Thibier as the animator of the HASAC committee. Her goals for the IETS are to help improve the balance between fundamental and applied topics at IETS meetings to better respond to the needs of all members, as well as to make sure that the society keeps up with cutting-edge concepts and embryo biotechnologies. In that respect, the scientific program for the 2012 IETS meeting in Phoenix (with Rebecca Krisher and Chavatte-Palmer as scientific organizers) includes a practitioners' "think tank," in addition to the practitioners' forum. She would also like to help develop the IETS common expertise on the use of large animals as biomedical models. One step toward this goal has been to organize a preconference symposium on biomedical models with Matt Wheeler and Fulvio Gandolfi for DABE in 2012. Finally, she and her team are motivated to work toward hosting IETS in France in the future.

Daniel Salamone, DVM, PhD (Argentina)



Daniel Salamone was born in Argentina and received his DVM in the College of Veterinary Science at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). He received his MSc at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, and his PhD at the University of Massachusetts, USA. He made a graduated training course in the National Breeding Center, Japan. Since 1985 he has been involved in embryo research. Initially, he worked in disease transmission and embryo transfer in bovine, sheep, and goat. During the period between 1992 and 2000, he worked in IVF, OPU, and oocyte developmental competence in bovine. In 2000 he won the IETS student competition. Since 1997 he has been working in NT, producing several cloned and transgenic bovines in South America between 2001 and 2002 and a cloned horse in 2010. Now he is a professor in the College of Agriculture, UBA, working in micromanipulation and transgenesis in different domestic species such as bovine, horse, sheep, goat, pig, and cat. During 1993, 2007, and 2009, he organized theoretical-practical courses on IVF, cloning, and transgenesis supported by the Argentinean Brazilian

Center of Biotechnology. In addition, he has taught graduate courses at universities in Zaragoza and Valencia, Spain, and has given more than 111 presentations at national and international conferences. He has published more than 25 peer-reviewed papers. He has been an active member of IETS since 1995. Salamone would like to support active participation of a larger number of society members in oral presentations during IETS meetings, preconference and postconference.

Matthew B. Wheeler, PhD (USA)



Matthew B. Wheeler received his PhD in 1986 from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. He was a NIH postdoctoral research associate at the University of Virginia and the University of Wisconsin–Madison from 1986 to 1989. Since 1989 he has been a faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His current position is professor of biotechnology and reproductive sciences and director of the Large Animal Transgenic Facility in the Departments of Animal Sciences, Bioengineering and Veterinary Clinical Medicine. Wheeler is involved in teaching, research, service, and outreach.

He attended his first IETS meeting in 1978 in Denver, Colorado, and has been an active member, first as a trainee and then as a regular member beginning in 1979. As a graduate student, he was involved in the local arrangements of the IETS Annual Conference for five years. Since 1994 he has served as chair of the IETS Publications Committee and editor of the IETS Newsletter. Wheeler served as the program chair for the 2002 Annual Meeting in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, and for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Cordoba, Argentina. Wheeler is part of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. He has overseen the production of the proceedings of the annual conference since 2002. Wheeler was a member of the Board of Governors from 2002 to 2004 and from 2009 to 2011 and served as vice president in 2004 and president in 2005. He is currently the IETS and IETS Foundation treasurer.

Wheeler would like to continue to develop the international nature of the IETS and help make it the world's premier scientific society for embryo biology and technology. Wheeler's focus would be to work for the continued improvement of the Society's publications, website, educational materials, annual conference, finances, and member services. He would also like to work toward increasing the Society's role in policy making and increasing the Society's influence in guiding international regulatory policy regarding livestock embryo use and embryo technologies.

Patrice Humblot



Patrice Humblot got his degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM), from the National Veterinary School of Maisons Alfort, France (1978), and Docent from the University of Tours, France (1999). He has been employed as a research scientist in UNCEIA (National Union of French Breeding companies) where he became R&D director in 2001. In 2010 he joined the Division of Reproduction, Department of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal sciences, SLU, Uppsala (Sweden) where he is currently full professor in Reproductive Physiology.

Humblot has been working in applied research, his main topics of interest being the phenotyping of reproductive function and relationships between nutrition, genetics and reproduction. More recently he has initiated and been involved in several research programs aiming to study gene expression in reproductive tissues and to identify genetic markers in relation with reproductive function. He has been a member of IETS since 1997, a time at which he participated to the organisation of the annual conference in France, and attended regularly ever since. He is also a member of the European Embryo Transfer Association and was part of the core-group organising the annual meeting in 2008. He collaborates with many scientists from academic, private, and research institutes and is active in promoting embryo based reproductive technologies to facilitate sustainable selection schemes based on multiple traits. Humblot would like to serve IETS while providing to the Society additional links between applied and basic research and between research and student education. Another goal would be to support IETS efforts in its interaction with stakeholders to promote the development of reproductive technologies for the benefits of society and support research in that field.