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ISLRR's Objectives:

- To stimulate scientific research in the field of low vision and in the field of rehabilitation of people with low vision
- To promote the exchange of information in these fields

Have a Colleague Who is Not an ISLRR Member?

Please share the ISLRR membership form with them! We welcome new members to the Society.

President's Message

On behalf of the ISLRR Officers and Executive Committee, I thank you for your membership in the Society over the past year. You will note that there has been a delay in getting information to you for the 2010 membership year, however, the Officers and Executive Committee have been deliberating on some important issues regarding the organization, and wanted these decisions finalized before moving forward with the new membership year. Announcements included in this issue of *Low Vision News* address these changes. If you have any questions or comments, please share them with a member of the ISLRR leadership. We look forward to your active participation in ISLRR in the coming year.



Ger HMB van Rens
President

ISLRR Reduces Membership Fees

Nearly two years ago, the publishers of the *Visual Impairment Journal* (VIR) stopped publishing the *Journal*. Since then, the ISLRR Officers have discussed the financial outlook of the Society and how to fairly assess membership dues while keeping the organization financially stable.

After much deliberation, in March the Officers proposed

reducing the annual membership fee to \$35 per person. In addition, a new membership category, Student Member, was created at an annual rate of \$15 per person.

The Officers felt that this small fee would help defray the costs of tracking membership, supporting the Executive Board's work with the Kuala Lumpur organizing committee on

Vision 2011, assist in funding the various awards ISLRR plans to present during the meeting, and support enhancements to the ISLRR website.

If you have any questions regarding the organization's finances, please contact ISLRR Treasurer George Timberlake via email: timberl@kumc.edu.

New Membership Forms Available

Along with this newsletter, you are receiving an ISLRR membership form for 2010, with the new membership rates and categories. Please complete the electronic form in its entirety so that the ISLRR database can be updated with your current contact information. As most of ISLRR's correspondence to you will be through email, please be sure to provide your email address.

For those who will be joining with the student category, please note this category is for those enrolled full time in a program that will lead to a position in the field of low vision research or rehabilitation.

Membership forms are due by May 31, 2010, and the ISLRR membership year will run June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Members will continue to receive discount on the registration fees to low vision meetings for which ISLRR is a sponsor. **For Vision 2011 ISLRR members will save at least \$75 and for the European Congress on Visual Impairment members will save €45.**

Please mail check payment to the address noted on the form. Credit card payments may be sent via email lornafl@verizon.net, fax +1 509- 355-3620 or post. Should you have any questions, please contact Lorna Frazier-Lindsey.

ISLRR Website Revamp

The ISLRR website (www.islrr.org) is getting a new look. You will continue to find valuable information on past and upcoming conferences, ISLRR activities, and newsletter, and soon there will be more information on the volunteers who work to guide the Society.

Members will still have access to *Low Vision: The Reference*, and abstracts from past conferences. Both are indispensable resources for researchers in low vision. *Low Vision: The Reference* is a searchable bibliographic database of low vision literature with over 10,000

references and citations. It is edited by ISLRR members Gregory Goodrich, Ph.D., F.A.A.O. and Aries Arditi, Ph.D., F.A.A.O.

ISLRR will send an announcement via email as soon as the site is available.

Vision 2011: Vision Rehabilitation — Towards Better Living

The 10th International Conference on Low Vision, Vision 2011, will be held February 20-24, 2011, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre Malaysia. The conference is being sponsored by ISLRR, the Malaysia Association for the Blind, and the Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital. This is the first time the conference is being held in Asia.

Members of ISLRR's Executive Committee recently met with conference organizers, and were very impressed with the planning being done for this conference stating, "The KL organizing committee are to be congratulated for keeping the registration fee the same as was in their bid. Early bird fees will be \$525 for ISLRR members, \$600 for non members and \$250 for students. The registration includes all lunches, tea and coffee breaks during the conference, plus a welcome reception, gala dinner, and special Malaysia Night dinner. Thus, we feel that the fee represents very good value."

The plenary sessions of Vision 2011 will focus on the four central themes:

- New Developments in Research & Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation & New Advances
- Multidisciplinary Intervention
- Epidemiology in Developing Countries

A full schedule of conference events can be viewed at the website:

www.klvision2011.org.my/

Currently, there are six workshops planned with speakers from all over the world. Workshops include:

- What You Need to Know in Low Vision: Recent Updates on Low Vision Devices
- Low Vision and Children
- Low Vision Mobility
- Low Vision and Reading Ability
- Workshop for Special Education Teachers
- Managing Multiple Disabilities in Low Vision

During the conference, ISLRR's Board will meet and the general assembly will take place. At the general assembly, ISLRR members will vote to elect new Board Members and will hear an update from the organization.



**Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre
Malaysia**

Accommodations are available at six five and four star hotels, and several optional tours are available for those wishing to extend their stay.

As one of the conference hosts, ISLRR members will receive a substantial discount on the registration rate. Register before November 20, 2010, to receive the early registration discount rate. Be sure to include your ISLRR member number in order to receive the ISLRR discount, as well.

For additional information on Vision 2011, the location, program, and registration, visit:
www.klvision2011.org.my/

First European Congress on Visual Impairment

The First European Congress on Visual Impairment, "Rehabilitation and Attention of People with Visual Impairment," will be held October 22- 24, 2010, in Valladolid, Spain. ISLRR is partnering with several other international organization in sponsorship of this conference.

The objectives of the Congress are:

- To let the scientific community dedicated to visual impairment share their knowledge and main research interests.

- To settle the basis for the future European Society of Professionals and Researches dedicated to visual impairment.
- To get an overview of the state of the art of the research and the rehabilitation procedures in Europe.

Scientific abstracts for the Congress are being accepted through April 30, 2010. Several ISLRR members are currently scheduled to speak at this meeting. For addi-



tional information on the meeting and submitting an abstract, please visit the website: <http://eurovisionrehab.com/>. You can register for the meeting through the website, as well. Remember that ISLRR members save £45 on the registration fee – more than the cost of ISLRR membership.

The Low-vision News welcome article submissions and suggestions from members. Please send a short (500 words or less), informal reports of research results, queries on research methodology or equipment, innovative solutions to problems encountered.

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