

## March 2007 Newsletter

### Registration for PS07 now available on-line



The next international congress on Photosynthesis, PS07 in Glasgow 22-27 July 2007, will be open to all interested in progress of research in the discipline. There are significant discounts on Congress registration **for ISPR members renewing their membership for 2007** and registering for the Congress by **4 May 2007**. Registration fees are:

Full Members ISPR (paid up 2007) (including emeritus members and those from soft currency states)	£399.00
Student Members ISPR (paid up 2007)	£260.00
Non-Member Registration	£455.00
Non-Member Student Registration	£325.00
<b>(add £50 for late registration after 4 May)</b>	

You may recall that all who registered for PS2004 in Montreal automatically became members of ISPR through December 2005. Unfortunately, on this occasion ISPR membership (\$US 50, or \$US 30 for emeritus, soft currency nations and students) will not be collected as part of the registration fee. Your renewal of ISPR membership provides the above discounts, so please renew your membership on the ISPR website <http://www.photosynthesisresearch.org/>

and proceed to register for PS07 on-line at the site on <http://www.sebiology.org.uk/Meetings/pageview.asp?S=2&mid=84>

If you have difficulties in confirming your eligibility for the discount, please contact [dgates@allenpress.com](mailto:dgates@allenpress.com)

## Only 4 weeks left for nomination of ISPR awardees

We have a deadline of **30 March 2007** for nomination of individuals for ISPR Awards to be announced at PS07. This year there will be five awards, including a new Innovation Award.

**1) The Robin Hill Award:** This award was initiated in 1998 by the Society to honor the contributions of Robin Hill to photosynthesis research. It is for outstanding investigations into physical aspects of the photosynthetic process to a scientist who is under 40 years of age on January 1st of the year of the presentation, or is less than 10 years from the granting of the doctoral degree. It is accompanied by a small gratuity sponsored by Springer.

**2) The Melvin Calvin Award:** This award was initiated in 1998 by the Society to honor the contributions of Melvin Calvin to photosynthesis research. It is for outstanding investigations into metabolic and cellular aspects of the photosynthetic process to a scientist who is under 40 years of age on January 1st of the year of the presentation, or is less than 10 years from the granting of the doctoral degree. It is accompanied by a small gratuity sponsored by Springer.

**3) The ISPR Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award was initiated in 2003 by the Society to recognize exceptional career-long contributions to understanding the process of photosynthesis. This award confers life membership in the ISPR, and recognizes meritorious work in photosynthesis research to an individual who is at least 60 years old. It confers life-membership of ISPR.

**4) The ISPR Communication Award:** This award was initiated in 2003 by the Society to recognize important service in communication and outreach to the general public on topics pertaining to photosynthesis. It confers life-membership of ISPR.

**5) The ISPR Innovation Award:** This award will be made for the first time at PS07 in Glasgow. Recognising the potential for insights from photosynthesis to contribute to progress in fields ranging from solar energy to global climate change, ISPR wishes to encourage its members to explore innovative practical applications of their results. The Award will recognise outstanding achievement in the transfer of photosynthesis research

to the benefit of society at large, enhancing the visibility of the discipline in the process. It is accompanied by a sponsored by LI-COR Inc.

All that is needed is a brief letter of support for individuals (with a 1-2 page list of relevant publications). Please end your nominations for prizes to:

Robert Blankenship,  
Chairman of the ISPR Nomination Committee,  
Professor of Biology and Chemistry  
Washington University  
St. Louis, MO 63130, USA

## Nomination of members as officers or regional representatives of ISPR

We have set the same deadline **30 March 2007** for nomination of individuals as geographical representatives of ISPR and its committees, also to be announced at PS07. The constitution of The International Society of Photosynthesis Research specifies that:

"The Nominating Committee shall call for nominations from the Society membership about 1 year prior to the International Congress. A member may nominate only one person for each office. For each position the member receiving the highest number of nominations, and agreeing to run and then to serve if elected, is to appear on the ballot. A person nominated for more than one office shall appear on the ballot only for the highest position, in the order: president, secretary, treasurer, executive committee member. The Nominating Committee shall provide one additional nomination for each position, the nominee agreeing to run and serve if elected. There shall be no indication of the source of the nominations."

Present elected composition of ISPR:

Officers:

President: E-M Aro (FIN); Past-President: R Blankenship (USA); Secretary: J Golbeck (USA); Treasurer: B Osmond (AUS).

Representatives of geographical areas:

Europe: (incl. Israel): J Barber\*, C Foyer, N Baker (UK)  
F-A Wollman (F)

Americas : S Huber\*, D Bryant, A Grossman,  
S Merchant, W Vermaas (USA)

Rest of the world: K. Asada\*, K. Matura (J), S von  
Caemmerer (AUS)

\* term expires 2007; all others 2010.

Please nominate no more than one individual for each position taking into account the following eligibility restrictions. Aro cannot be nominated for any position as she will become past-president. Former presidents Blankenship, Junge, Ort and Mathis cannot be nominated for president. Barber, Huber and Asada complete 6 year terms as geographical representatives and cannot be re-elected for these positions, but they can be nominated as officers.

As specified in the Constitution, geographic representation is reviewed every 3 years and adjusted to reflect the current make-up of ISPR membership. The 2004 review resulted realignment to 5 representatives from the Americas, 4 representatives from Europe, and 3 representatives from the rest of the world.

Officers (name one each)

President \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Representatives of geographical areas (name one each)

Americas \_\_\_\_\_  
Europes \_\_\_\_\_  
Rest of the world \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and signature:

Please send your nominations for prizes, and for officers and geographical representatives (preferably by e-mail)

To: Robert E Blankenship,  
Chairman of the ISPR Nomination Committee,  
Lucille P. Markey Distinguished Professor of Biology and  
Chemistry, Campus Box 1137,  
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St. Louis, MO 63130  
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**by 30 March 2007**

**Once again, deadlines are:  
30 March 2007: nominations for ISPR  
prizes and for officers and geographical  
representatives.  
4 May: registration for PS07.**