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Dear Colleague

The 47th Annual Congress is rapidly approaching!

There is an excellent scientific programme, covering all that is new in cryobiology and taking us into new areas for our Society such as Polar Biology and Climate Change – impact of Cryobiology in the Environmental Debate. There are also plenty of opportunities to meet friends old and new in the various Social Events in Bristol. Thanks to John Armitage, and the 2010 Steering Committee for putting on this exciting meeting! And to Portland Conference Secretariat for organising the logistics, abstract submission and registration services.

What's New:

The full Programme for Cryo 2010 is now on the website – Make sure you know where and when the events are happening. Don't forget the dates - 17-20 July 2010. Full Congress details, Travel and Accommodation Choices are available on the website <http://www.cryo-2010.org>,

If you wish to stay in the Conference Hotel – The Bristol Marriott Royal, don't delay in booking – Conference Rooms at the discount rate are disappearing fast!
 (Please note – there are two Marriott Hotels in Bristol – make sure if you want the congress hotel, that you choose the Royal!)

A Map Link is on the web site (under 'Venue Map') which gives the main landmarks for central the Bristol area. For those arriving by rail, Bristol Temple Meads station is in the city centre, as is the central bus station, whilst Bristol Parkway rail station is on the southern edge of the city.

Also :

Continuing Personal Development points will be awarded for attendance – watch the Web site for details.

Make your views heard – attend the Annual Society Business meeting July 20th and vote on the proposals.

Get your Abstract ready for publication in Cryobiology journal –check the Master Copy at the Cryo 2010 Registration Desk – the chance to make any last-minute corrections.

Need help or advice about Cryo 2010? Contact : conferences@cryo-2010.org

Members Services

Don't forget – if you are looking for information, contact names, information on our journal Cryobiology – Visit our web site.

<http://www.societyforcryobiology.org/>

Trying to fill a post? Looking for a new challenge in cryobiology? Visit '[Job Market](#)'.

If you have forgotten/lost your password, follow the web page link:

<http://www.societyforcryobiology.org/mc/common/forgotpassword.do?hidOrgID=sc>

Organising your own meeting? Get the details onto '[Meetings and Events](#)'.

Want to publish your paper in Cryobiology? Go to Member's Area and Publications - Details can be found for on-line submission or electronic access to past volumes.

After many years of outstanding editorship, David Pegg has decided to retire from the role of Editor-in-Chief for our journal. Under his expert guidance, Cryobiology has progressed to be the leading journal in its field, publishing a cohort of high-impact papers and contributing significantly to our Society's activities and visibility. We will be very sorry to lose David's services as Editor, but he will remain a very valued Society Member and is currently on the Board of Governors.

The Society has already started proceedings to find the next Editor in Chief, and the Publications' Committee is developing these into a coherent plan. Firm details of these will soon be circulated by e-mail and on the Society's Web site (<http://www.societyforcryobiology.org>) – so keep a look-out for this information.

In the meantime, if you have any comments or ideas to share about this – send them to : sfc@portland-services.com with the message subject 'Journal Editor'.

The Society and 'Best Practice'

For several years, it has become apparent to our Membership that practical applications of cryobiology form essential components of many other scientific disciplines (such as bio-banking, type culture collections, tissue engineering to name but a few), but often seem to be applied without full understanding of many of the basic principles or new theories which are coming to the fore. In order to step back, take a look at this and plan to lay down some 'Best Practice' guidelines.

The Board have asked Dr John G Baust to convene an ad hoc committee to examine these areas and report back with initial suggestions for the Cryo 2010 meeting. We will be actively seeking Members' ideas and input in the coming months. Please keep an eye out for e-mail calls and the Society Web site – and make it along to the Annual Business Meeting at Cryo 2010 to give us your opinions!

Want to be more involved with our Society?

The Board will soon be seeking nominations for this year's elections – there are 3 Governor posts up for renewal. It's a good opportunity to have your own say in how the Society runs, gain experience in Society management and help plan future strategies. Watch out for the Call for Nominations which will come soon, or send in your Message of Interest to : sfc@portland-services.com

Looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at Cryo 2010.

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