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Dear Members of the International Society of Cryosurgery, Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

One week ago the 17th World Congress of the International Society of Cryosurgery held in Bali, Indonesia has successfully passed. Everything went well. On the Opening Ceremony Prof. Dr. Akmal Taher, Sp.U(K), Director General of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia held a speech in addition to other speakers and congratulated all delegates, as well. During the Closing Congress Ceremony 109 delegates from four continents of Asia, Europe, North America and South America estimated the 17th ISC Meeting in Bali as one of the most favorable scientific and medical events world-wide.

The previously planned Congress Scientific Program was carried out through all three days completely. The *ISC Hymn* was introduced in lyrics and music as well as the *ISC Flag* was hoisted at the Opening Congress Ceremony for the first time in the history of ISC since 1972. Similarly, the *ISC Badge* was envisaged and each Congress Delegate has received the ISC Badge together with the Congress Abstract Book and other congress documents.

The World Day of Cryology was presented and discussed with all delegates of the 17th World Congress of ISC in Bali. The Congress Delegates have resolved to celebrate this day on December 12th each year world-wide. For this reason the 18th ISC Bodies will officially submit an application to the World Health Organization (WHO) in the near future.

Two workshops on modern cryosurgery were perfectly prepared by the Congress Organizing Committee on animals in the modern Bali Teaching Centre and undertaken under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Yaron Har-Shai (U.K.), Prof. Dr. Lizhi Niu (China) and Dr. Jayson S. Brower (USA) effectively. 34 doctors have attended the workshops. In real terms all 60 oral presentations were demonstrated on modern cryoscience, cryomedicine and cryosurgery and one Satellite Symposium on the basic mechanisms of low temperatures by Prof. John G. Baust, PhD (USA) and Prof. Dr. Vyacheslav M. Tyutyunnik (Russia) as well as the Poster Session.

The best scientific presentations were awarded the Grand Gold Medal and ISC Gold Medal as well as other Original Paper Awards, Oral Presentation Prize and

Book Awards were ceremonially distributed. Of course, the Cultural Gala Dinner on the see beach in Bali with Indonesian National Dancing will remain in our memory for a long time.

In two Sessions of the ISC General Assemblies the important and actual ISC task analyses were presented by ISC President Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. Korpan (Austria) and discussed with the ISC Board of Governors and Congress Delegates. Most of the tasks of them were the ISC Hymn, ISC Flag, ISC Badge, World Day of Cryology, Nominations for ISC Awards and miscellaneous. As well, the Candidates for the new ISC President and ISC Board of Governors Election 2013-2015 were initially proposed, discussed and selected on all sides.

The new election and voting of the 18th President of the ISC as well as the new election and voting of the 18th Board of Governors of the ISC were held on the democratic and legal principles via ballot vote papers referring to the international standard under the Election Commission by Dr. Vladimir Anikin (United Kingdom), Prof. Dr. Masashi Watanabe (Japan) and Prof. Dr. Yevgenia A. Kryuchyna (Ukraine).

Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu, Chairman of the Fuda Cancer Hospital in Guanzhou and Honorary President of the Asian Society of Cryosurgery (China) has been elected and voted the 18th President of the ISC (see: www.isc.cryosurgery.at, main menu: 18th ISC Bodies and 17th World Congress/18th ISC Bodies).

The new 18th Board of Governors of the ISC was elected and voted as following (see: www.isc.cryosurgery.at, main menu: 18th ISC Bodies and 17th World Congress/18th ISC Bodies):

- Prof. Dr. Sajio SUMIDA Japan
- Prof. Dr. Kecheng XU China
- Prof. Dr. Mikhail KHANEVICH Russia
- Dr. Barlian SUTEDJA Indonesia
- Dr. Patrick J. Le PIVERT USA
- Dr. Juana Elida MAURO Argentina
- Prof. Dr. Masashi WATANABE Japan
- Dr. Vladimir ANIKIN United Kingdom
- Prof. Dr. Lizhi NIU China
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- Prof. Dr. Junta HARADA Japan
- Prof. Dr. Alexii V. ZHAO Russia
- Prof. Dr. Yueyong XIAO China
- Dr. Jayson S. BROWERR USA
- Dr. Juozas PRUSHINSKAS Lithuania
- Sergei V. KUNGURTSEV Russia
- Prof. Dr. Tadashi SHIMIZU Japan
- Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. KORPAN Austria

Immediately Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu has closed an Inaugural Address as the newly elected and voted 18th President of the ISC.

We are much delighted to cordially congratulate the newly elected and voted 18th President of the ISC Prof. Dr. Kecheng XU and all of the newly elected and voted 18th Board of Governors of the ISC!

On this way we wish all of you a good health, humanly happiness, scientific achievements, and promising activity aimed at the benefit of the international humanity.

Further, Prof. Dr. Sajio Sumida, Tokyo, Japan and Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. Korpan, Vienna, Austria were elected and voted Honorary President of the ISC as well as awarded by a Diploma with a Special Medal.

As well, Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu as the 18th President of the ISC has ceremonially awarded Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. Korpan, Austria and Prof. Dr. Sajio Sumida, Japan the ISC President Prize "in Recognition for Ongoing Commitment and Dedicated Service".

In this context, once again we are highly pleased to thank the 17th ISC Congress Organizing Committee in Collaboration with the 17th ISC Congress Secretariat in Jakarta under the leadership of Congress President Dr. Barlian Sutedja for their perfect job!

The whole photo reportage in short overview of the preceding 17th World Congress of the ISC in Bali, Indonesia on December 11th-14th, 2013 and the list of the ISC Laureates 2013 are applied on the official web site: www.isc.cryosurgery.at, submenu: 17th World Congress/General Overview & ISC Laureates 2013.

The Congress Avenue of the next upcoming 18th World Congress of the ISC will be held in Doha, Qatar 2015.

Now we are delighted to inform you about the upcoming American College of Cryosurgery Annual Meeting 2014 which will be held in Key Largo, Florida, USA on January 15-19, 2014. Please see web site: www.ACCryosurgery.org and www.isc.cryosurgery.at: submenu: CryoMeetings.

Finally, we are much honored to advise that from this moment after sending the last ISC Newsletter Nr. 30 the ISC Headquarters in Vienna, Austria will be changed to Guangzhou, China. For this reason, we wholeheartedly wish the new ISC Headquarters Secretariat in Guangzhou all the best in the future!

On this special occasion we wish all of you and your families good health, extensive scientific success and all the best in your professional and private life. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014! We are looking forward to continue our friendship and scientific collaboration in the field of modern CRYO!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014!



Kind regards,

Presidents and Board of Governors of the ISC