

President's Message
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Plans for the 15th Annual ISPS Meeting are well underway. This year's meeting is being held again at the Marriott Oak Brook Hills Resort in Oak Brook Illinois on October 9th and 10th. In addition to the day and a half of presentations, we are planning for a Saturday night cocktail reception and dinner to be held at the resort immediately after the day's presentations.

Just as we did for last year's meeting, the plan this year is to have the majority, if not all, of our speakers be perfusionists or perfusion students. Our corporate sponsors are always willing to provide speakers, but I believe very strongly that perfusionists gain the most education from interacting with their peers. So once again, we are asking that you consider preparing a presentation for this year's meeting. Last year we had excellent presentations that covered topics such as blood conservation, myocardial protection, electronic charting, clinical experiences with different VADs, and several case reports. Last year's meeting was well attended and I believe that is due to the perfusionist oriented presentations, presented by perfusionists.

Remember that we're not looking only for original research. We're looking for case reports (an unusual surgical procedure, an unusual CPB occurrence, unusual patient pathology/physiology, etc.), new technologies, equipment evaluations or experiences (oxygenators, filters, pumps, etc.) and so on. All of us do something different from our peers at other institutions and this is your opportunity to share your knowledge or experiences with your fellow perfusionists (and get extra recertification points!).

Plan on attending and participating in the 15th Annual ISPS Scientific Meeting this fall, October 9th & 10th at the Marriott Oak Brook Hills Resort. Let's make this the best meeting yet.

Sincerely yours,

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