

### Newsletter – Summer 2020



## The Liver Sinusoid Meeting 2019 - Summary

I hope you are all well and safe at this time. It is a difficult time world for day to day life, let alone scientific endeavours.

It was a pleasure and an honour to host the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society for Hepatic Sinusoidal Research from September 4-7, 2019 in Sydney Australia.

The Liver Sinusoid Meeting, as it has become known, is a truly unique opportunity for scientists and clinicians alike to attend a meeting that focusses on the integral role of the hepatic sinusoidal cells in liver health and disease. The theme of the 2019 Liver Sinusoid Meeting was the role of the sinusoidal cells in disease and aging. At this meeting we discussed the advances in our understanding of the basic biology and pathobiology of sinusoidal cells: the liver sinusoidal endothelial cells (LSECs), hepatic stellate cells (HSCs), and Kupffer cells (KCs) through the lens of development, ageing and disease. A meeting synopsis has just been published in Hepatology Communications.

The Central campus of the University of Sydney, located just south of the Sydney Central Business District was the host venue of the conference, which was attended by 100 delegates from all across the world. Our traditional social afternoon adventure provided delegates with the opportunity to have a backstage tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House (see photo above) or to walk in the steps of the traditional owners of Australia on a hosted walk along the rugged Sydney coastline. The Opera House tour gave participants the chance to have a behind the scenes look at the Opera house and to learn about the distinctive exterior design, to walk through usually "off limits" back stage areas and visit its famous performance spaces. Those who chose the Bondi walk were treated to a traditional indigenous welcome and stories of the Dreaming as we walked the streets of Bondi learning about bush tucker and the history of the area before reaching our destination of Bondi Beach for a beautiful farewell ceremony. The conference dinner took place on a (wet) Sydney Harbour boat cruise which despite the rain gave delegates the chance to see another side of the harbourside city (photo in the next page).

The meeting closed with a fantastic showcase of Shanghai, China which will be host to the 21<sup>st</sup> Liver Sinusoid Meeting on the 8-11 September, 2021.

I'd like to Thank all of the delegates for their participation in the meeting, the ISHSR for proving seed funds & sponsoring the travel of 10 junior members, and the Organising Committee in bringing the Liver Sinusoid Meeting 2019 to life. I look forward to seeing you all in Shanghai in what I sincerely hope is a pandemic free world.

Victoria Cogger

President, ISHSR (2017-2019)

Check out the meeting report for a complete overview of the last sinusoidal meeting.



Please, mark your calendar!



8-11 September 2021



Shanghai, China

## Message from ISHSR 2021 Liver Sinusoid Meeting Organizers

It is a great honor for us to host the 21th International Symposium on Cells of the Hepatic Sinusoid in Shanghai between September 8th and 11th, 2021. As Dr. Chang-Peng Zhu announced in Sydney, the theme of the 2021 meeting will be "The role of sinusoidal cells in hepatobiliary diseases". The meeting will contain lots of excellent researches and international collaborations on the field of basic and translational hepatology, especially focusing on the cells of the hepatic sinusoid. The organizing committee is currently being set up and will make a safe & exciting conference schedule and social program. We hope to continue the excellent academic atmosphere and friendly interactions that were found in the past meetings. We believe that it will be a valued and special opportunity for learning and communication.

As the largest and most prosperous city in China, Shanghai is the economic, financial and cultural center of the nation, being a rapidly developing and dynamic modern metropolis with convenient transportation and a wide range of tourist attractions. In September, Shanghai has beautiful scenery and pleasant climate, and this is the best time for academic exchanges and in-depth friendship. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Shanghai!



The conference dinner at the Sydney Harbour boat cruise – The Liver Sinusoid Meeting 2019

# **Update from the Scientific Secretary – July 2020**

Website renovation (www.ishsr.net)

Modern and attractive look

Additional information about the Society

Dedicated tab for the Sinusoidal Meetings

THE LIVER SINUSOID MEETING

Post job offers

Exclusive member section

Protocols

Image and video banks

Sinusoidal forum

Publications of interest\*

\*Feel free to propose your new manuscripts to be added there! admin@ishsr.net

#### **Business Meeting held during the 2019 Liver Sinusoid Meeting in Sydney**

 ISHSR acknowledged the departing Council members for their commitment towards the Society:

Antony Wheatley Massimo Pinzani Norifumi Kawada Bin Gao

• A special farewell was devoted to Hartmut Jaeshcke who acted as Treasurer for the last 10 years.

This task is being transferred to the Society Secretary, as stated in the ISHSR by-laws, but a bank account managed by Harmut will be preserved in the US for future funding opportunities.

ISHSR welcomed the incoming Council members:

Natalia Nieto President-Elect 2019-2021; President 2021-2023 who will organize the 2023 Meeting

Frank Tacke Anna Mae Diehl Wei-Fen Xie Councilors 2019-2021

• The ISHSR Council proposed the following as new Honorary Members:

Robin Fraser Other past-Presidents of the Society

All of them have made significant contributions to the Society, thus should be granted lifetime membership. This was agreed by all attending members.

#### **ISHSR Members**

- The ISHSR member roster has now 114 members (11 honorary, 18 trainees, 85 regular).
- The Council asks current members to promote the Society and increase its member roster.
- Members' quotes allow maintenance of ISHSR website content & provides essential funds to organize our bi-annual conference (including the fellowship travel awards). Please note that it is indeed very affordable: Regular 150\$/3 years; Trainee 100\$/3years.