2009 ELECTION UNDERWAY

The STM Nominations Committee has approved the slate of nominees for the positions listed below. Active, associate and emeritus members are eligible to vote in STM elections and are encouraged to vote online or via fax or e-mail by midnight March 31, 2009. Write-in candidates will be accepted. Each ballot mailed or faxed to the STM Office will require the name of the voter.

Online Ballot: http://stm.allenmm.com
Fax: 1 (785) 843-1274
E-mail: stm@allenpress.com

To cast your ballot online or download a ballot, you are invited to visit the STM Business Office web site at http://stm.allenmm.com. There you will login using your customer number and your last name as your password.

Then select BALLOTS & SURVEYS. At this point you can select the 2009 STM Election Ballot to vote online. You will be able to access the 2008 IPS Ballot until the March 31, 2009 deadline but your responses will only be counted the first time you submit your ballot. You cannot vote multiple times or return to the website to change your vote.

Ballots must be received by midnight March 31, 2009.

2009 Candidates:

Vice President - Elect

Zeljko Vujaskovic
Jose Penagaricano

Biology / Chemistry Councilor

Sharon Evans
Alex Asea

Engineering/ Physics Councillor

Gal Shaferstein
Tony Ross

Medicine/Clinical Councillor
Join us for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for Thermal Medicine & a Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the International Journal of Hyperthermia. We will meet April 3-7 at the Marriott University Park Hotel in Tucson, Arizona.

**PROGRAM UPDATED WITH ABSTRACTS**

The Program with Abstracts for all sessions is now available for viewing online at

https://stm.conference-services.net/programme.asp?conferenceID=1527&language=en-uk

**ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE**

We have accepted over 150 abstracts with approximately 100 oral and 40 poster presentations scheduled, “New Frontiers” Keynote addresses by 5 preeminent scientists and 5 Morning Review sessions by STM members devoted to critical areas of research. The Program Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted an abstract and/or registered to attend the meeting. The quality and diversity of abstracts is quite impressive. And, we have scheduled plenty of time to view the impressive poster presentations which we have scheduled. *We look forward to a memorable event in Tucson.*

For those interested in the numbers we have scheduled:

- 5 “New Frontier” Keynote Speakers
- 6 Symposia
- 9 Scientific Sessions
- 2 New Horizons in Thermal Therapy Sessions
- 6 Morning Refresher Courses
- 2 Special Presentations
- 1 Panel Discussion
- 4 Poster Sessions
- 1 Workshop
- 1 Update from NCI
- 5 Meetings
- 3 Receptions

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING HAS CLOSED REGISTRATIONS AT FULL RATE WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MEETING SITE**
The online pre-registration feature is no longer available via www.thermaltherapy.org. We still plan to take registrations at the Marriott University Park in Tucson. Registration desk hours at the University Park Marriott are:

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**NEW STM MISSION STATEMENT PROPOSED**

During a Business Meeting held the first week of February in Lawrence, Kansas the Executive Council made a few changes to Society Bylaws and is considering proposed constitutional amendments including the adoption of a new mission statement that better represents the direction of the society.

**Current STM Mission Statement:**

1. To facilitate interaction and communication between theoreticians, experimentalists, and clinical practitioners from the disciplines of physical and engineering sciences, biological and chemical sciences, and clinical and medical sciences that contribute to the understanding and use of hyperthermia;
2. To promote original research in hyperthermia; and
3. To promote diffusion of knowledge of hyperthermia to persons in the diverse disciplines interested in the field of hyperthermia.

**Proposed STM Mission Statement:**
The mission of the Society for Thermal Medicine is to advance the science and practice of thermal biology, physics, and medicine.

The society strives to provide a framework for:

- fostering interaction of researchers and clinicians in the field of thermal medicine
- promoting basic, translational, and clinical research in thermal medicine
- advocating for patient access to appropriate high quality thermal therapy
- educating the broader community of scientists, physicians, patients, and health policy leaders as to the value of thermal medicine