PREFACE

IJIR Supplement Editor and SSI Meeting Chair's Comments:

It is indeed an honor and privilege to host the Second Fall Research Meeting of the Society for the Study of Impotence. This meeting continues the principles of the Society and also carries forward the tradition established one year ago in Boston, Massachusetts. The SSI is blessed by having many talented members, and the Second Fall Research Meeting highlights the accomplishments of several of these individuals. The agenda for the meeting is a compilation of oral, state of the art lectures, symposia, as well as the presentation of basic and clinical research papers. Additionally, the significant interest in basic science has lead to a one-half day session totally devoted to basic science endeavors.

Highlighting the basic science session will be a talk by Dr Shirley Hilden of the NIH regarding the NIH grants process. There is also a state of the art lecture by Dr Arthur Burnett of Johns Hopkins University regarding knock-out mice. There will be several basic science presentations with ample time for discussion. This should allow for an extremely interactive and meaningful session.

Saturday is entirely devoted to clinical work. We have a mini-symposium on prostate cancer. There is a session devoted to female sexual dysfunction and psychogenic erectile dysfunction as well as medical therapy for erectile dysfunction.

Sunday is devoted to miscellaneous topics on erectile function as well as surgical therapy.

In total this meeting offers something for everyone. There are approximately 60 original presentations, in addition to the symposia and grand master lectures which should allow for a very interesting and exciting interactive session. The wealth of talent in the Society for the Study of Impotence clearly shines through as reflected by the breadth and scope of the presentations.

I am eternally grateful to Drs Ira Sharlip and Irwin Goldstein for their tireless efforts on behalf of the SSI and this Second Annual Fall Meeting. A great deal of thanks are also in order to Kim LaBounty, Sue O'Sullivan and Debbie Tvaroh. These ladies from Weiser and Associates are the epitome of professionalism. They were invaluable in their assistance in organizing the meeting along with CME, fund raising and abstract review.

The field of erectile dysfunction and sexual dysfunction has changed dramatically in just a few short years. This meeting reflects many of those changes and also has a futuristic view as many novel

therapies move into the forefront. The Society for the Study of Impotence appears poised to tackle these challenges head on.

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SSI President's Comments:

As the Society for the Study of Impotence enters a new era, many challenges await us. This Second Fall Meeting represents the philosophy of our organization as we continue to expand our efforts to meet the needs of our members. Dr Irwin Goldstein and Sue (there is always a great woman behind every great man) quite ably set the foundation last year, and the wonderful efforts of Dr Allen Seftel together with an excellent group of abstracts ensure an equally successful meeting this year. This opportunity allows us to highlight our most productive members, maintain close ties among the officers of our Society to facilitate necessary changes, and provide funding for other important efforts, such as scholarship opportunities for our members.

It is my privilege to serve as your President and to continue to facilitate your support of our Fall Meeting and the multiple activities of our ever-changing and responsive Society.

Robert P Nelson, MD
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SSI Secretary's Comments:

This publication heralds the Second Fall Scientific Meeting of the SSI. There is no doubt that the popularity of our organization, like our specialty, has been thrust into mainstream medicine by the advent of effective oral therapy for erectile dysfunction. Unlike most physicians whose interest in sexual dysfunction has arisen out of the new mandate to assess and treat male sexual dysfunction, our interest and expertise in MSD is based on years of directed clinical and basic research.

Although our society was founded in 1994, the majority of our members have been working in the field of ED for a decade. A significant number have been in the field for over twenty years; many of our members were in the audience when Giles Brindley injected himself with phentolamine to demonstrate the feasibility of intracavernous therapy; many of our members can describe in painful detail how the original inflatable implants had to be quick frozen for insertion, because there was no such thing as corporal dilators and Furlow insertion tools.

The Annual Fall Scientific Meeting is not only a time for sharing this rich history of ED therapy in North America, but also an opportunity to highlight the efforts of our young investigators in sexual

dysfunction. This publication attests to the quality of their efforts. For the work of coordinating the abstract reviews and organizing the meeting, we owe great thanks to Dr Allen Seftel.

As the SSI Secretary, I want to thank you, the members, and the Executive Committee for the vote of confidence. Just as Allen Seftel has risen to the challenge of organizing the Fall 2000 Meeting following the Herculean effort by Dr Irwin Goldstein in 1999, I pledge my best effort and hope to live up to the quality of my predecessor Dr Ira Sharlip.

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