Dear Colleagues in the Chemoreception Sciences:

The Association for the Chemoreception Sciences (AChemS) held its first annual meeting April 23-26 in Sarasota, Florida. With but few exceptions the program was the same as that tentatively outlined in an announcement mailed last December. Among other highlights an address by Dr. Vincent Dethier inaugurated the Givaudan Lecture series, thus beginning a yearly tradition. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the Givaudan Corporation for its support of this annual event. We are also grateful to the National Science Foundation which, through a grant from its Sensory Physiology and Perception Program, helped support many of the meeting's participants.

One-hundred and seventy-two chemoreception investigators representing a broad spectrum of specific interests and backgrounds attended the meeting. They not only participated as scientists at a scientific meeting, but also participated as founders of a new association. They gave that Association a provisional structure by establishing four committees and electing members to those committees as follows:

Executive Committee
Chairperson: Maxwell Mozell

Program Committee
Chairperson: Charlotte Mistretta (Oral Biology, School of Dentistry, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104)
William Cain (John B. Pierce Foundation Laboratory, 290 Congress Ave., New Haven, Conn., 06519)
John Caprio (Dept. of Zoology and Physiology, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70803)
Bernice Wenzel (Physiology Dept., Medical School, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, Cal. 90024)

Membership Committee
Chairperson: Rose Mary Pangborn (Dept. of Food Science and Technology, Univ. of California, Davis, Cal. 95616)
Gary Beauchamp (Monell Chemical Senses Center, 3500 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104)
Finance
Chairperson: Thomas Getchell (Dept. of Anatomy, School of Medicine, Wayne State Univ., 540 E. Canfield, Detroit, Mich. 48201)

Steven Price (Dept. of Physiology, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, 23298)

The members of the above committees will not only fulfill the duties customarily assigned to such committees but will also act, along with myself, as an interim Executive Committee. This interim Executive Committee will administrate the affairs of the Association until a more permanent organizational structure can be adopted by the membership as a whole.

As discussed in the following pages, the planning of next year's meeting is currently underway. We encourage you to give us your ideas which pertain either specifically to next year's meeting or more generally to the welfare and administration of the Association. Address your ideas to any member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee thanks those of you who, by attending last year's meeting, gave the Association a rather impressive start. We invite the rest of you to join us in this coming year's events thus adding your perspective to the evolution of this new Association.

Sincerely,

Maxwell M. Mozell
Executive Chairperson
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