The International Association of Inflammation Societies (IAIS) celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. It owes its origins to a round table discussion during an Inflammation Research Association (IRA) meeting in White Haven, PA in 1988. Representatives from the IRA, the British Inflammation Research Association (BIRAs), the European Inflammation Society (EIS/EWI) and the Groupe de le Recherche et d’Etude des Mediateurs de l’Inflammation (GREMI) recognized the need for greater communication and collaboration between the many inflammation societies around the world. The broad and dynamic field of inflammation research was flourishing globally, there was a need to share progress and new developments in the molecular basis of the many diseases with inflammatory components as well as the discovery and clinical development of new therapies. The few Congresses that focused on inflammation research at that time were often designed for profit with high registration fees that often precluded the participation of young investigators and academic investigators with limited funding.

Representatives from the participating societies agreed to arrange a series of meetings to establish the benefits for such a Society, which was named the IAIS, and a Steering Committee was established, its members later became officers of the Society. The Steering Committee consisted of Alan Lewis (IRA) as President, Kay Brune (EIS/EWI) as Treasurer and Rodger McMillan (BIRAs) as Secretary. The first meeting was a small but very successful satellite organized by Wim van den Berg (Nijmegen, Netherlands) in Noordwijk, the Netherlands at the time of the 1990 IUPHAR Congress in Amsterdam. On this occasion we discussed the need to encourage other inflammation societies to join the IAIS and a Charter for the society that would formalize the organization and focus on the following aims:

- Assist inflammation scientists to initiate and organize societies in regions of the world where they are not currently available;
- Foster cooperation with affiliated societies for the purpose of organizing international scientific meetings and teaching courses for scientists that emphasize inflammation research. These would seek to encourage maximum participation of graduate students and post-doctoral scientists by minimizing registration and housing costs wherever possible;
- Initiate and organize IAIS satellite meetings in conjunction with international meetings such as IUPHAR and workshops within international meetings through the assistance of local inflammation societies;
- Develop interrelationships with outside societies.

This was followed by the first of the major congresses entitled INFLAMMATION’93 that was held in Vienna, Austria. The successful debut of this series of congresses, that have been subsequently held every 2 years, was due to the tremendous efforts of Kay Brune (Erlangen, Germany) who orchestrated a dynamic and enjoyable conference with broad participation from over 40 countries. The conference also generated a modest profit to seed the next conference that was to be planned in Brighton, UK in 1995. In 1994 the Canadian Inflammation Society (CIS) arranged another IUPHAR satellite this time in Toronto to maintain the momentum for the Society. Waldemar Pruzanski and Peter Vadas from CIS and Doug Morgan representing the IRA were responsible for this successful satellite.

The success of INFLAMMATION’95 was further proof that there was an appetite for such multi-disciplinary meetings that included academic, clinical and industrial scientists from around the world. This meeting was followed by INFLAMMATION’97 organized by the Japanese Inflammation Society in Tokyo, and INFLAMMATION’99 organized by GREMI in Paris. It is very encouraging that these successful meetings have now become the premier international meetings to focus on inflammation research. The IAIS will continue the series of meetings in Edinburgh, September 22-26, 2001, Vancouver, August 3-6, 2003, and Sydney in 2005. The Organization has developed as the originators of the idea hoped and has exceeded their expectations. Many leading inflammation scientists around the world have contributed to the current success of the IAIS, of whom many are listed in the Appendix. The strength of the association is also demonstrated by the rotation of officers from around the world who are chosen by ballot voting of the international steering committee, selected by the individual inflammation societies (see list of officers). We are confident that, with the continued focus on globalization of the health care industry and the continued exciting discoveries in our understanding of the mechanisms associated with inflammatory diseases, the IAIS will continue to thrive with the involvement of scientists from around the world. I hope you all enjoy some of the photographic memories that follow.

—— Alan Lewis
Inflammation research can be a lot of fun!

IRA 1992

The IRA old timers: Marv Rosenthal, Bob Bonney, Gordon van Arman, Alan Lewis, Bob Capetola, Neil Ackerman and Ivan Otterness

Full Monty or Backstreet Boys?

Ivan Otterness and Neil Akerman almost prevent Alan Lewis from getting the IAIS off the ground
IAIS Symposium on Drugs in Inflammation
Noordwijk, The Netherlands
28-29 June, 1990

Let’s think globally

Noordwijk by the Sea

IRA White Haven, PA: Some of the originators of the IAIS ideals
Kay Brune, Gerry Higgs, Giampaolo Velo, Mike Bray, Charley Cochrane

Morris Ziff, Alan Lewis and Helen Muir, winner of the Ciba prize.

The first full meeting - what a cover!

Apres-science activity
First World Congress Inflammation '93
Vienna, Austria
10-15 October, 1993

Austria Center

Alan Lewis opens Inflammation '93
Satellite Symposium to the 12th International Congress of Pharmacology
Toronto, Canada
July, 1994
Rodger McMillan thanks everyone for their support.

Spot the Nobel Laureate?
Rodger: Where did you get the suit?

Receiving the Presidential Crown:
Kay Brune becomes President

Congratulations to Rodger for running a fine meeting.

Michael Bray and Derek Willoughby, a true original who fostered international meetings in the 1970s
Kay Brune, new president with the IAIS Presidential Crown (1996 Olympic Games baseball hat) with Makoto Katori (Japan Inflammation Society), Alan Lewis

The beaches that the Germans didn’t land on in 1940

Mayor of Brighton, Rodger McMillan and Kay Brune

Royal Pavilion, Brighton
Rodger McMillan thanking Yutaka Miyushima and Makoto Katori for an outstanding meeting

Frank Austen thanks the organizers for their wonderful hospitality

The Steering Committee

David Howat planning his next career

Dick Carlson, Wim van den Berg, Jean-Michel Dayer and Niall Doherty at a steering committee meeting
Third World Congress on Inflammation
Tokyo, Japan
16-20 November, 1997

The IAIS Presidential Crown fits!

International karaoke, Tokyo style

Boris Vargaftig inviting all to Paris 1999.

Toast of Friendship by Makoto Katori
Michel Chignard informing the Steering Committee of the financial success of the Paris meeting.

The Committee

Vive l'Inflammation '99!
Beach Boys compete with IAIS!

Greg Harper and Boris Vargaftig

Left-leaning tendencies at the banquet.
Intracellular Signaling Gurus: Roger Davis (USA), Sir Philip Cohen (UK), Michael Karin (USA)

IAIS business meeting
Officers of the IAIS

1989

President: Alan Lewis USA
Treasurer: Kay Brune Germany
Secretary: Rodger McMillan UK

1995

President: Kay Brune Germany
Vice President: Rodger McMillan UK
Treasurer: Makoto Katori Japan
Secretary: Richard Carlson USA

1997-to-date

President: Rodger McMillan UK
Vice President: Wim van den Berg Netherlands
Treasurer: Michel Chignard France
Secretary: Richard Carlson USA

Ian Ahnfelt-Ronne Denmark
M. Baggiolini Switzerland
Alan Blackham UK
Marcia Bliven USA
Robert Bonney USA
Gareth Bowen UK
David Bradshaw UK
Susan Brain UK
Michael Bray Switzerland
Samuel Breit Australia
Charles Brink France
Kay Brune Germany
Emmanuel Canet France
Richard Carlson USA
Michel Chignard France
Charles Cochrane USA
Vera Lucia Conçãves Koatz Brazil
Renato S B Cordeiro Brazil
Richard Day Australia
Jean-Michel Dayer Switzerland
Fernando de Queiroz Cunha Brazil
Beatrice Descamps-Latcha France
Niall Doherty USA
Richard Dyer USA
Andras Faulus Hungary
Sergio Ferreira Brazil
Christoph Gisinger Austria
John Hamilton Australia
Gerry Higgs UK
Yasuhiro Hosoda Japan
David Howat UK
Karen Hyde UK
Yoichi Ichikawa Japan
Sonia Jancar Brazil
Sadao Kashiwazaki Japan
Makoto Katori Japan
Motoharu Kondo Japan
Masahisa Kyogoku Japan
Gordon Letts USA
Alan Lewis USA
Alan Main USA
Lisa Marshall USA
Keizo Matsumoto Japan
Rodger McMillan UK
Torumasai Miyamoto Japan
Nobuyuki Miyasaka Japan
Yutaka Mizushima Japan
Douglas Morgan USA
Sei-itsu Murota Japan
Yutaka Nagai Japan
Ivan Otterness USA
Michael Parnham Croatia
Adrian Payne UK
Waldemar Pruzanski Canada
Neville Punchard UK
Kim Rainsford UK
Sandra Helena Rocha da Cruz Brazil
Dennis Roland USA
Goran Smedegard Sweden
Josef Smolen Austria
Ralph Snyderman USA
Steven Stimpson USA
Stefan Szelenyi Germany
Hachiro Tagami Japan
Fumimaro Takaku Japan
Mauro Martins Teixeira Brazil
Hisao Tomioka Japan
Joanne Uhl USA
Peter Vadas Canada
Wim van den Berg Netherlands
Boris Vargaftig France
Giampaolo Velo Italy
Barry M. Weichman USA
Timothy Williams UK
Christoph Zielinski Austria