

Happy New Year

We wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to having more and more of you join us as members in the New Year. Given the current economic environment it is even more important to network with people in the same profession and be better informed about the local and national news and happenings in our industry.

I A L S N BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board of Directors

has been meeting periodically for the past two years to organize meetings and attend to the business of the organization. The following individuals are members of the Board of Directors in various capacities. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals on the list with any suggestions you have for improving the organization, or for topics for future meeting.

Officers:

Maryam Famourzadeh (CEO)
Sam Tahmassebi (CFO)
Neda Rashti (Secretary)
Vahid Naini (Agent, Service of Process)
Mehran Moghaddam (Science & Education)

Board Members:

Masood Tayebie
Kourosh Parivar
Shawn Mojtahedian

MEETINGS

We

hold two types of meetings: quarterly meetings and educational events. Quarterly meetings are our regularly scheduled meetings. Our schedule for 2009 is as follows:

- January 29th (Celgene),
- March 7th (Norouz celebration)
- June 18th (Celgene)
- September 17th (Celgene)
- December 12th (Holiday party)

More details about the events will be emailed closer to the date of the event. Our quarterly

meetings provide excellent opportunities for networking, finding new friends, and catching up with the old ones.

Past meeting topics include:

- *Patenting and Intellectual Property Rights*
- *Future Prospects of Dementia & New Horizons of Research on the Aging Mind*
- *Comprehensive Facial Rejuvenation*

Our educational events are held at various times during the year. The purpose of these meetings is for an individual or a company to discuss and present a new or groundbreaking technical or scientific concept.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our

next quarterly meeting will be held on

January 29, 2009
6-9 PM

Celgene Signal Research
1st Floor Conference Room
4550 Towne Centre Court
San Diego, CA 92121

The speaker will be **Mrs. Montakhab**, who has served as a deputy minister for Education under Farokhroo Parsa in the previous regime. She will be talking about her life experiences and will share excerpts of her newly published memoirs.

Buffet dinner serving Persian food will be catered by Balboa International Market.

We encourage those with open positions at their companies to bring information regarding the position(s) to the meeting. We also suggest, if you are seeking a job have your resume available to hand out.

New EVENT

Starting in 2009 we will have a series of no

host Happy Hours at Cozymel in UTC

The proposed dates are:

Feb 13th
April 17th
May 15th
August 19th
October 16th

MEMBERSHIP

IALSN is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious association dedicated to providing a focused and dynamic forum in which life and medical science professionals can meet, exchange ideas, and build relationships. As such, our membership is open to any individual with a dual interest in the Persian culture and the life sciences.

We encourage everyone to become a member. Our members are entitled to a discount on the meeting registration fees as well as receiving **2 complimentary tickets to the Norouz celebration event**. Additionally, our members can access the jobs forum on our website, where they can post or browse resumes. You can find our membership forms on the IALSN website at www.ialsn.org.

The membership and registration fees for the upcoming year are:

Annual Membership:	\$55
Quarterly Meeting	
Online Pre-registration:	
Member:	\$15
Non-Member:	\$20
Registration at the event	
Member:	\$25
Non-Member	\$30
Educational Event	
Online Pre-registration:	
Member:	\$15
Non-Member:	\$25
Registration at the event	
Member:	\$20
Non-Member	\$30

SPONSORSHIP

Our main source of funds for organizing and delivering our various meetings is the generosity

of our various sponsors. The Board of Directors has provided for three levels of sponsorship as follows:

Platinum Level

Sponsorship of \$1000/event. The sponsorship will include two free event tickets, a 15 minute presentation on the sponsor company, its services and scientific contributions, posting of the company banner at the events, and company logo and link on the IALSN website and newsletter.

Gold Level

Sponsorship of \$600/event. The sponsorship will include two free event tickets and company logo and link on the IALSN website and the newsletter.

Silver Level

Sponsorship of \$300/event. The sponsorship will include one free event ticket and sponsor's name will be listed on the IALSN website and newsletter.

CONTACT

We encourage you to contact any of the board members with your ideas and/or comments. Specifically:

For questions regarding the sponsorship of one of our events; announcements or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Sam Tahmassebi at sam@biotechnologylawgroup.com.

For suggestions for speakers for our meetings, please contact Mehran Moghaddam at mmoghadd@celgene.com.

For general comments or questions, please contact Maryam Famourzadeh at mfamourzadeh@hotmail.com.

As always, please check out our website www.ialsn.org for the latest news and information.

You can also find our meeting dates on www.Chekhavar.com

Venturing Out

IALSN is actively pursuing expansion into Orange and LA Counties. Please mention our organization to your friends and colleagues and

invite them to join us as members and attend our meetings.