

Dear NASCE members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I will serve as the President of NASCE for the next 2-year cycle! First, I would like to thank the outgoing President, Dr. Yun-Bo Shi (USA) who did a great job, especially by implementing the Elected NASCE Fellows to recognize outstanding members for their significant and independent contributions to the advancement of general and comparative endocrinology. In 2023, this program awarded the first twelve NASCE Fellows. I would like to congratulate all of them for this recognition, many of whom have played a significant role as founding members and running our society.

Second, I would like to thank <u>Drs. Aurea Orozco Rivas</u>, <u>Maricela Luna</u>, and their local organizing team for the huge success with the 7th biennial meeting held in Querétaro (Mexico). It was a true collegial, inspiring, and re-energizing meeting. At the event, we honored our fellow member, <u>Dr. Vance Trudeau</u> with the Gorbman-Bern Lecture award. Congratulations to Vance for his outstanding accomplishments and excellent lecture as usual! Of note, as no applications were received for the <u>Gorbman-Bern New Investigator award</u> in this cycle, no awardee was selected. We warmly encourage new investigators to apply and other members to nominate new investigators for this prestigious NASCE award in 2024-2025!

Thank to <u>Dr. Mark Sheridan</u> (USA) and the <u>General and Comparative Endocrinology's</u> team, a Special issue featuring the latest research from our members will be published during the upcoming year. Drs. Aurea Orozco Rivas, <u>Meet Zandawala</u> (USA), and I are acting as Associated Guest Editors.

Third, I would like to congratulate Dr. Maricela Luna (Mexico) who was elected as our Vice-President/President-Elect (2023-2025) and <u>Dr. Jean-Paul Paluzzi</u> (Canada) as our secretary. I look forward to working with you two, but also with the different committees and our council members for the next two years. I also want to take this opportunity to thank <u>Dr. Angela Lange</u> (Canada) who was instrumental for the success of NASCE activities over the past years. Thanks for your dedication to our Society Angela!

I am pleased to publicize that the council has decided to hold our 8th biennial meeting in Québec (Canada) in 2025. I have agreed to lead the effort in organizing the next NASCE meeting, together with a passionate gang of members and trainees. It should be another great venue!

I would like to conclude by reiterating that the <u>NASCE website</u> advertises for research scholarships, awards, and other opportunities for both investigators and trainees. Please check it out and stay tuned for a refresh to our NASCE website spear-headed by our Communications committee Chair, <u>Dr. Yong Zhu</u> (USA)!

Member participation is key for the success and growth of NASCE! Thus, I thank each of you for your continual support and collegiality. I welcome any comments and suggestions to help make NASCE a better society to benefit us all.

Thus, save the date for June 1 to 5, 2025 in Québec City and see you there!

Sincerely,

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