



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR Viruses of Microorganisms

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Dear Members of the International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms,

I hope this letter finds you well! As the new ISVM President, I want to consider our past accomplishments and share our vision for the future of our society.

Over the years, our society has developed into a vibrant platform for innovation, collaboration, and knowledge exchange. Together, we bridge the gap between research and real-world applications, accelerating the development of solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity today, such as infectious diseases, environmental sustainability, and biotechnological advancements.

We are deeply grateful to all of you who contribute to the Society through your research, regional and national conferences organization, and participation in our Scientific Advisory and Executive Boards. A special thanks goes to our sponsors over the years! We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the founders of ISVM and to the past Presidents including at least Laurent Debarbieux, Corina Brussaard, Rob Lavigne, and Zuzanna Drulis-Kawa. Your dedication and passion have developed ISVM into what it is today! Because of your efforts, the future of Viruses and Microbes is brighter, and we can continue to shape the next generation of discoveries to improve lives worldwide.

As we move forward, we focus on strengthening our global network through an updated website, social media activities, connections to local networks, and expanding activities for younger scientists; more will follow on these activities!

In the spirit of fostering greater visibility and inspiration within our community, we invite you to contribute illustrations or photos of your work! These illustrations will be featured on our new website and online platforms, allowing your work to reach a broader audience while fostering a deeper appreciation of the beauty of viruses of microbes. **Please send your contribution to isvm.board@gmail.com with a short description and make sure that the illustration is not covered by copyright.**

On behalf of the entire Executive Board, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your invaluable contributions. It is an honor to serve as your president, and I look forward to continuing this exciting journey with all of you.

With appreciation and optimism for the future,

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