

# International Xenopus Board



What is it?

# A little bit of history...

The International Xenopus Conference was organized by Igor Dawid  
and John Gurdon in 1984

1984: Organizational workshop, Airlie House, Virginia, USA

1986: University of East Anglia, UK

1988: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, USA

1990: Les Diablerets Conference Center, Switzerland

1992: Asilomar Conference Center, California, USA

1994: Congress Center De Branding, The Netherlands

1996: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, USA

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2000: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, USA

2002: Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK

2004: Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, USA

2006: Kazusa Akademia Park, Japan

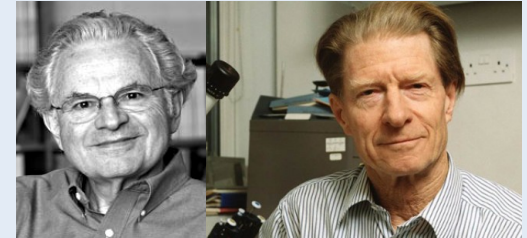
2008: Leiwien, Germany

2010: Lake Louise, Canada

2012: Giens Peninsula, France

2014: Asilomar Conference Center, California, USA

2016: Orthodox Academy of Crete, Chania, Greece



Due to the success of the meetings held in the YMCA of the Rockies in the 1990's, Jim Maller set up a non-profit organization to oversee funds and seed future conferences.

At the 2014 Xenopus Conference in Asilomar, Jim Maller and John Gurdon announced their retirements from the organization. They and past organizers decided to incorporate a new non-profit organization, called the International Xenopus Board.

John Gurdon

Jim Maller

Rob Grainger

John Wallingford

Carole LaBonne



# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of the INTERNATIONAL XENOPUS BOARD, INC.

The corporation is organized, and shall be operated, exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (the "code"), and regulations thereunder. The specific purpose of the corporation is to further the use of Xenopus in scientific inquiry, by:

- organizing a biennial international scientific conference
- organizing an annual **Resources and Emerging Technologies** meeting
- representing and promoting communication among Xenopus researchers, and
- promoting the development and use of Xenopus resources.

# Board of Directors

## ARTICLE II of Bylaws- OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the Board shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall also be the Officers of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Board, the Past-President, past Conference Organizers (2) and next Conference Organizers (2).

### **Current Officers:**

President: John Wallingford

Secretary: Rob Grainger

Treasurer: Sally Moody

BOD Member: Carole LaBonne

### **Incoming BOD members:**

#### **Past-Conference Organizers**

Karen Liu

Grant Wheeler

#### **Next Conference Organizers**

Rebecca Heald, Richard Harland

# Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2016

Sally A. Moody, Treasurer

- \$\$ from previous, Maller non-profit account was invested in a UBS account that specializes in small non-profit organizations (September 2015).
- In spite of big fluctuations in the stock market in 2015-2016, we had a 4.7% return (June report). This was below our benchmark (6.4%) but much higher than Certificates of Deposit (from Maller account), T-bills (0.13%) or CPI (1.4%).
- BOD plans:

Long Term: Growth of the funds over the next several years

Short Term: Provide seed money for the 2018 Xenopus  
Conference

# Action Items

## **Support the next International Xenopus Conference:**

- It will be held in North America: Rebecca Heald and Richard Harland (UC Berkeley) will organize.
- The IXB can provide seed money to "hold" a site, etc.

## **Create more visibility in the research community:**

- Put a section on Xenbase about the IXB and goals
- Put a link onto the Genetics Society of America (Please submit suggestions for other sites)
- Put together a group to recommend actions that specifically promote disease models
- Reach out to clinical community
- Coordinate activities internationally
- Broadly distribute the concepts and conclusions that are in the 2016 Xenopus White Paper