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Dear Colleagues,

A year has passed since ICN 2006 was held in Pittsburgh, and it is a good time to bring you up to date with the recent activities of the International Neuroendocrine Federation. First, I would like to urge you to visit our website <http://www.isneuro.org> where you will find a photograph of Rouen, France, the site of the 7<sup>th</sup> ICN in July 2010. The website was recently revised by Dr. John Bicknell and contains much information, including the new INF Officers and Council members, and messages from the INF President and Past President. I'm pleased to be able to tell you that the Congress in Pittsburgh resulted in a substantial profit that has stabilized the financial basis of the INF and will facilitate the Federation's goal to support neuroendocrinology worldwide. In this regard, the INF has provided support for several regional meetings, including a School of Neuroendocrinology that is being organized by the Polish Society for Neuroendocrinology and the Société de Neuroendocrinologie. The school will be held in Tours, France, September 22-25, 2007. The Romanian Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology and the Pakistan Neuroendocrine Group recently joined the INF, and it is hoped that groups from Hungary, Turkey and North Africa will follow over the next two years. A law firm in the US has recently been engaged to incorporate the INF as a non-profit organization with tax exempt status in order for the INF to hold an interest bearing bank account and to simplify the Federation's financial transactions. Lastly, a Strategic Action Committee has been formed with the primary purpose of advising the INF Executive and Council on mechanisms to raise sponsorship for INF objectives. The SAC is chaired by Professor John Russell (Past President, INF)

I hope that you will find this brief account of the Federation's activity useful. I or any member of Council would be very happy to hear from you regarding questions or suggestions that you may have concerning the mission of the INF and how it could better help you and your colleagues.

With best wishes to all,

Tony Plant  
President, INF