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### 7th Alcor Conference

Attendance for the 7th Alcor Conference is good at about 100 registrants, though not a large as 2006. The crowd make-up is very similar to last year, in that only about half of the registrants are already members of Alcor. The next conference will be likely be held in 18- 24 months. Thanks to our sponsors this year, who contributed \$14,000 in support of this event: Life Extension Foundation, Michael Fleischmann, Patrice Levin & Nigel Kell, Immortality Institute, Hospice of the Valley, Cryonics Property LLC, Andrew Popper, Novamente, The Longevity Meme, Betterhumans, The Calorie Restriction Society, and Rudi Hoffman.

### [Alcor Board of Directors Panel at Conference](#)

### Events

Alcor had a presence at the Singularity Summit held in Stanford, California, and Dragon-Con held in Atlanta, Georgia. Literature about Alcor was distributed at both events, and a panel presentation was conducted at the latter.

- [From September Research & Development Report](#)

The whole body vitrification system is in the final stretches. This project has turned out to be more complex than anticipated, but the end result is expected to be truly

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extraordinary. The new system will be the most advanced human cryopreservation system in the world, with complete integration and control of the relevant cryopreservation parameters, cooling, operator feedback, safety systems, and graceful failure modes. Testing will be just beginning in early October, but an excellent demonstration will be offered during the 7th Alcor Conference open house.

Additional progress is being made in the custom fabrication of a heat exchanger for use with perfluorocarbon cooling and the evaluation of a new integrated cardiopulmonary bypass system for the air transportable perfusion (ATP), which has the promise of significantly reducing the size and weight of the system for stabilization and transport.

### [Clinical Update](#)

- [From September Financial & Accounting Report](#)

Alcor's 2006 taxes have been completed. Interviews of several local firms have concluded and are final proposals and references are being collected for presentation to the board of directors, who will select the firm to conduct Alcor's annual review and/or audit.

As of mid-July, invoices over 90 days past due tallied nearly \$73,000. This is believed to be primarily the result of having changed to email-only invoices about a year ago. After a mailing explaining the billing difficulties, the past due amount was reduced to around \$50,000 by late-August. Incoming payments dropped off at that point, so collection calls were made to the remaining members with a balance over 90 days past due.

### [Probate Matters](#)

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We cryopreserved a member's dog that died last week. The member knew his dog was ill and has been making pre-payments toward the preservation for some time. The dog was shipped to us on dry ice and has been cooled. Alcor now has 32 pets in its care.

As mentioned briefly last month, T. Jones held a training session in western Canada. Ben Best was also on hand to discuss Cryonics Institute policies with regard to stabilizations. There were eight students and a couple family members dropped in for short periods. She had some interesting customs issues when crossing the border, which require additional investigation. We may wish to have the Cryonics Society of Canada formally request our presence prior to any future training sessions.

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- From September Membership Report

On August 31, 2007, Alcor had 829 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Four memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, no memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of four members this month. Currently, there are 712 cryopreservation members and 77 patients. Alcor has 38 applicants for membership. 155 info packs were mailed, 10 were handed out during facility tours. The average total of 119 info packs sent per month in 2007 is compared to 164 in 2006.

- Technical Cryonics Blog: Depressed Metabolism

An new entity has entered the blogosphere with the creation of Depressed Metabolism, a technical cryonics blog launched in early September 2007 by Aschwin and Chana de Wolf.

The feasibility of reversible human cryopreservation is the feasibility of the sum of its parts and encouraging progress has been made in limiting injury to cryonics patients. Depressed Metabolism seeks to disseminate technical information and report new research findings in fields relevant to human cryopreservation in an effort to inform and improve the science and practice of cryonics. Brain aging, an important corollary topic, will also be considered in depth.

[To receive up to date technical cryonics reporting](#)

- Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be announced after our 7th Alcor Conference. Please visit our blog for updated information.

- Alcor News Blog

Don't forget that you don't have to wait for this monthly newsletter to learn more about happenings at Alcor. Check the Alcor News Blog throughout the month for the most up-to-date information.

[Alcor News Blog](#)

- Alcor United

Alcor members have a forum where they can meet and chat with other members. Get to know other cryonics supporters in your area and around the world by visiting Alcor United: [www.alcorunited.org](http://www.alcorunited.org)

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