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WHAT'S NEW AT ALCOR

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP Introducing a new class of Alcor member

Supporters of Alcor who are not yet ready to make cryopreservation arrangements can now become an Associate Member by paying \$10/month. Associate members are members of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation who have not made cryonics arrangements but financially support the organization.

We will encourage members who are having to drop their arrangements temporarily due to reduced income to remain as **Associate Members.**

HOW TO BECOME AN ALCOR MEMBER

Becoming an Alcor member is easy and surprisingly affordable, if you are in good health and eligible for life insurance, which will pay for your

ALCOR-40 CONFERENCE

Alcor 40 Conference

Alcor's 40th anniversary conference - our first in five years - was a resounding success! Not only did we have 200 registered attendees (and more who snuck in), feedback has been strongly positive. We will provide a detailed report in the next issue and/or in *Cryonics*, along with plenty of photos. For now, verbal and written feedback shows that the quality of talks was seen as high. Peoples' favorites varied, but everyone seemed to enjoy the mixture of research reports, legal and financial discussions, practical advice, and updates on cryonics capabilities.

The panel discussion following Sebastian Seung's talk was vigorous, and was followed by hours of conversation among speakers and others during the evening. The main part of the conference finished strongly with a spirited discussion between representatives of three distinct perspectives on anti-aging.

At least some of the talks will be available online at some point, but we have no plans to produce a DVD of the event. If you missed this conference, the bad news is that the next one will not be until 2014 or 2015.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CRYONICS MAGAZINE

Sept-Oct Cryonics Magazine Cover

The September-October issue of the *Cryonics* magazine is now available [online](#).

This issue of *Cryonics* magazine features the complete program, information about the talks and speakers, and registration information.

CEO Update

Alcor President Max More writes

cryopreservation.

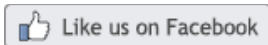
If you are not insurable, other financial arrangements can be made. Please ask us for details or visit the link below.

ALCOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

To find out about: Alcor Training Sessions; Regional Cryonics Meetings as well as Non-Alcor Events in your area, please visit: the **UPCOMING EVENTS** page on our website.

ALCOR IS ON FACEBOOK

If you would like to connect with Alcor members and supporters then visit: **OFFICIAL ALCOR FACEBOOK** Become a fan and encourage interested friends, family members, and colleagues to support us too!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON ALCOR WEBSITE

Now our valued supporters can make a charitable donation anytime just by clicking the **"DONATE"** button on

about new research at Alcor aimed at validating "fielding vitrification" for overseas members, a recent last minute case, and ongoing improvements at Alcor.

Symposium on Cryonics and

Brain-Threatening Disorders

On Saturday, July 7, 2012, around 30 people attended the first ever symposium on dementia and cryonics in Portland, Oregon. Ben Best, who attended the event and was one of the presenters, provides a detailed account of the symposium about this important but discomforting topic. Also present was Alcor CEO Max More who spoke about the concept of the "extended mind" and its implications for personal survival and neurodegenerative diseases.

MEDICAL RESPONSE DIRECTOR REPORT

Case reports

Aaron and Ice Bath

During the month of September we have made positive strides in case report development.

- A-2478 was posted to Alcor's website.
- Suspended Animation has submitted reports on their involvement with the remote standby/stabilizations of A-1088 and A-2091.
- A-2091 has been completed and is only awaiting the inclusion of temperature and cryoprotection graphs.
- A-2357 is near completion and should be submitted soon.
- A-2628 has been started.

The plan is to complete case reports for the most recently cryopreserved patients first and then address those patients from previous years that occurred when we had higher than average numbers of cryopreservations.

Public Education / Media

Over the past month, we have conducted 5 tours with a total of 29 attendees.

A videotaped interview and tour were provided for a media company out of the UK.

TECHNICAL & READINESS COORDINATOR REPORT

Perfusate Mixing

Steve Graber mixed up an additional eighty liters of M22x1.25 perfusate this month, bringing our current total for M22x1.25 to 210 liters. He is planning to bring us up to 300 liters over the next few months and to do this the technical team is in the process of ordering more liquid chemicals to replenish the stock. Steve recently created 14 pre-weighed packs of dry chemicals for M22/B1 mixing, with each pack capable of creating 40 liters of either B1 washout or M22 perfusate.

Crackphone Elements and Wiring Crackphone Mini MircophoneOne

the Alcor website.

Alcor has a long, proud tradition of innovation and technical excellence in the field of cryonics. Your gift will make a difference in our quest for better cryopreservations.

Your decision to **DONATE** is sincerely appreciated. Remember donations are tax deductible.

ALCOR AMAZON WISH LIST

You can also **DONATE** an item directly to Alcor from our Amazon wish list.

ALCOR NEWS BLOG

Don't forget! You don't have to wait for this monthly newsletter to learn more about happenings at Alcor.

For the most up-to-date information throughout the month. Check the [Alcor News Blog](#)

item that the team uses on every surgical case is the crackphone. The crackphone is a custom made miniature microphone capable of withstanding LN2 temperatures. This little device on the end of a long wire is used to listen for (and record) possible cracking events during the extended cooldown procedure. Alcor's most recent case brought the inventory level to just above minimum levels so Steve has been in the process of making more crackphones. The piezo microphone element is very small, so it takes a steady hand to solder the wires to both sides of these little round items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Membership Statistics

Alcor had a total of 975 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Five memberships were approved during the month of September, no memberships were reinstated, one member was transferred to associate member, four memberships were cancelled. There were no members cryopreserved. Overall, there was no net gain or loss of members in September.

Applicant Statistics

Alcor had a total of 38 applicants for membership. Nine new applicants were added, five applicants were converted to members and one applicant was cancelled resulting in a net gain of three applicants in September.

Associate Members

Alcor had a total of 21 associate members in September.

Information Packet Statistics

Alcor received 75 info pack requests in September. Nine were handed out during facility tours or from special requests. The average total of 70 info packs sent per month in 2012 compares to 104 in 2011. The full [Information Packet](#) is now available online.

MEMBERS - 975
PATIENTS - 112
ASSOCIATES - 21
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 1108

ALCOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The [Alcor Board of Directors](#) meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, November 3, 2012**, at 11:00 AM (PDST) at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

THE ALCOR TEAM

The Alcor Team

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[Lisa Shock](#)

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