

International Balint Federation Delegate - 2011 Annual Report October 2011

As most of you are aware, this has been a banner year for the ABS' involvement in the international Balint community. Most notably, we hosted the 17th Annual International Balint Congress in September in Philadelphia. We had 108 full registrants, roughly half of who were from other countries. As you can imagine the Congress represented the work of many people who contributed many hours of their time to make the event a resounding success. They deserve recognition here:

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When you see these folks please thank them!

The IBF also inaugurated a new biannual meeting this year, the International Leadership Conference, which was held in Copenhagen at the end of April. I have been privileged to work with the IBF task force that has been planning these conferences. The purpose is to allow experienced leaders to interact and observe

different styles and parameters of leadership. The next conference will be held in Belgium in the Fall of 2012.

Finally, I was happy to be re-elected to my third and final term (yes there are term limits!) as an International Vice President this Spring. We have had a very strong and collegial Board on the IBF, and will be joined by two new Board members, Paul Sackin (UK) our new Secretary and Kristiina Toivola (FI) our new Vice President (there are two of us!).

The next IBF meeting will be in Sofia, Bulgaria, June 8-10, 2012. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Respectfully,

Don Nease, MD
ABS IBF Delegate and IBF Vice President