

Dear ISRP Members,

With ISRP 2026 in Montreal just weeks away, this is my final letter to you as President, and I want to use it to do three things: invite you to Montreal, take stock of where we are, and ask once more for your involvement.

First, Montreal. The Americas Section conference committee, with considerable help from the IRSST, has been working for two years to build a program that reflects the depth and diversity of our membership, and I am excited by what they have put together. We will have three days of technical sessions, an exhibition showcasing the latest innovations from manufacturers and institutions, and plenty of opportunities to connect with colleagues from every section of the Society. If you have not yet registered, please visit [2026 ISRP, hosted in Montreal in partnership with IRSST](#) and do so ASAP. If you have already registered, please encourage a colleague or a student. There is no better introduction to the ISRP than seeing it in person.



Second, where we are. When I began my term in Oxford, I set three objectives: expanding the reach of the JISRP, completing the FACE-UP Project deliverables, and increasing membership, especially among students. The Journal has grown steadily since its move to full open access and immediate publication, and the quality and range of submissions continue to impress me. FACE-UP expanded instead of finishing, and the work continues. Membership growth remains our most persistent challenge, and I will be honest that it is unfinished business. The ISRP has the expertise to be an invaluable resource for anyone who uses or needs respiratory protection. What we need is more people to share the load.

Third, involvement. Strong sections are the foundation of a strong Society, and several leadership positions across the Executive Committee and the Sections still need to be filled. If you have ever considered stepping into a role, this is the moment. Talk to me, to your Section chair, or to any member of the Executive Committee or Board in Montreal. If a leadership position is more than you can take on right now, there are other ways to contribute: submit your research, technical notes, case studies, or program evaluations to the JISRP; join a committee (Education, my personal favorite, is always looking for members); or simply tell one person about the ISRP who has never heard of us.

Serving as your President has been an absolute privilege. I am grateful to the Executive Committee, to Vice President Nicholas Baxter, and to every member who has answered an

email, volunteered for a task, or shown up when it mattered. I look forward to continuing this work as Past President and to seeing many of you in Montreal.

Warm regards,

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