

## **Letter from the President of the Society for Mathematical Biology, December 2018**

As we draw to the end of another semester as well as another calendar year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for a wonderful year for the Society for Mathematical Biology (SMB)! We should celebrate how far we have come as we look forward to a new year of exciting things.

In my letter earlier this year, I wrote about the fantastic SMB meeting that was held in July in Sydney, July 8-12, 2018. Coming next is the 2019 SMB in Montreal! See the article below on the meeting and also please check the conference website at: [smb2019.org](http://smb2019.org) regularly for updates.

One exciting announcement is the formation of the new *Past President of SMB advisory committee*, and Santiago Schnell has agreed to chair it. All of the living past presidents have agreed to serve in this advisory capacity and we are thrilled to have their continued wisdom and support of SMB. More exciting news is that SpringerNature has renewed the contract for the *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology* -your societies journal! Look for important updates as your membership allows you special privileges with *The Bulletin*. See also the details on the special issue on reproducibility that is in this issue of the newsletter.

As usual, I am ending my letter with a call for support of *your* Society. First, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!! You just received an email from the SMB membership team with all the details (check your Spam if you don't see it in your inbox!). **Everyone has to renew yearly** (unless you are a **life-time member**-see the website for more information on that). Check out the membership link on the website ([smb.org](http://smb.org)) for more information. Finally, there are a number of new SMB awards that have been established for conferences, travel awards and poster prizes, and we would like to see these fully endowed! So please consider SMB for your end of the year tax-deductible donations!

Finally, I want to give a hearty thanks to all the people who make SMB work so smoothly—the board of directors, the treasurer and secretary, the Newsletter and Digest team, the publications team, the membership team and everyone else who works to make SMB the amazing society that it is!!

Wishing you a fantastic Holiday Season!

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