ISSFAL Executive Candidate Statement

Honorary Secretary : Peter Clough Bsc. MSc.

I have worked in the field of fatty acids and lipids for more than 25 years and have been a member of ISSFAL from its inception.

My B.Sc. degree from Leeds University was awarded in 1977 and I gained an M.Sc. from Reading University in 1979. For the next five years I worked in agricultural consultancy and the commercialisation of speciality oilseed crops, culminating in 1986 in my helping co-found a small UK company specialising in the production of high quality plant and marine oils and concentrates containing EPA, DHA and GLA primarily for the nutritional supplements and cosmetics industries.

In 1989 that company was acquired by Hoffmann-La Roche and I moved to Basel Switzerland as part of the management team responsible for developing the l-c PUFA business particularly in the food and infant formula sectors. This was an exciting time in the field with new developments in the science and technology of fatty acids laying the basis for much of what has been achieved in the subsequent 20 years.

Many of the contacts and friends I have today in both industry and academia date from these early days.

In more recent years I have held the position of Technical Director of Efamol Ltd – one of the pioneering companies in the field of fatty acid science and application. In this role I am responsible for the research activities of Efamol, for identifying potential research partners and for overseeing from the companies perspective subsequent collaborations.

Many of these collaborations have been with ISSFAL academic members. Geographically they have been widespread, with projects in countries as diverse as the UK, Germany, Holland, Australia, Singapore, Lebanon and the Sudan.

Scientifically they have involved studies in various conditions ranging from maternal nutrition, cardiovascular disease, learning disorders in children and cognitive decline in the elderly.

I believe this involvement in industry and also with many of the scientific disciplines represented in ISSFAL gives me an excellent background knowledge and ability not only to understand but also reflect the sometimes disparate backgrounds and interests of our members.

I was a member of the organising committee of the ISSFAL 2012 Vancouver Congress and in future if re-elected I would assist wherever possible in the organisation of future meetings. An important factor in this success is the financial sponsorship from industry. Having established contacts with many of ISSFALs industry supporters I would endeavour to ensure the necessary levels of support remained in place going forward.

Having held the position of Honorary Secretary for the past three years I would welcome the opportunity to continue in this role if re-elected.

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