

Message from the Vice-President

Dear Board Members and friends of WSCS,

Regrettably I cannot attend this important meeting of **WSCS**, but I share with you the enthusiasm for success of World Sturgeon Conservation Society. Our Society is on its way to become useful and highly recognized, thanks to your participation and willingness to share your knowledge and expertise with others. The year of 2003 was a critical year for the launching of the new society, which successfully started to function due to enormous efforts of the President, Professor Harald Rosenthal. Please join me in congratulating Harald with this achievement, and wishing him happy and productive New Year.

The new society faces new challenges. Our main challenge is to attract best people to support the society mission and projects. The society needs to obtain additional funds to support the operations of the President Office. We have to establish and to further enhance the international recognition and high reputation of WSCS. This can be achieved by helping our colleagues in developing an excellent program for the 5th ISS in Iran, and by our participation in other international conferences. We also should enhance outreach and communications with the worldwide audience of "sturgeonites" (people who love sturgeon), via internet, publications, workshops, and special projects. With your help, the WSCS will be strong, attractive, and popular society in 2004.

Thank you for your great contribution to the World Sturgeon Conservation Society!

Best wishes and happy New Year,
Serge Doroshov, Vice-President