

I was Secretary-Treasurer 2005-06 when Dan was President and President-Elect in 2005-06, while Francine was Secretary-Treasurer in 2007-08 when Dan was President and Past-President. We are the three ISEE members who have served in both positions. Perhaps not surprisingly Francine and I feel a special bond with Dan through our shared commitments to the ISEE. He was an outstanding Society leader and a great friend.

Dan served for more than a decade in core Society leadership. He was Secretary-Treasurer from 1997 to 2001; co-organizer of the 2004 annual conference in New York City; and President-elect, President, and Past-president from 2005-2008. During that time, he was an officer with many of our field's leaders, including Goran Pershagen, Doug Dockery, Bert Brunekreef, Tony Fletcher, Tony McMichael, Francine Laden and me – as well as a conference co-organizer with George Thurston.

Dan was a thoughtful and well organized president. Perhaps because of his experience as Secretary-Treasurer, he was mindful of supporting and enhancing many facets of the Society's functions. Under his tenure, he initiated a reorganization of the committees and chapters to balance participation and increase activities, and he led discussions with the US EPA on annual conference funding and the ISEA on future joint conferences. Recognizing the Society needs to serve its membership, he initiated and developed a membership survey that helped guide strategic planning for several years. During his time as an officer, the Society took steps to encourage increased worldwide participation by changing the dues structure for members from Low and Middle Income countries, he vitalize the Communications Committee for better outreach, and he supported the Author-Aid initiative to pair new investigators with more senior mentors in writing manuscripts. Under his leadership, the Society established a policy that conferences were expected to have plans to offset "greenhouse" emissions. Many of these initiatives continue to today or they established a foundation upon which future Society leader could build. He was President during the annual conferences in Paris and Mexico City – both of which many of us have fond memories.

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ISEE Past Secretary/Treasurer (2001-2006)

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