Dear members,

As you may know I was elected as president of IFESS at the beginning of 2011 along with three new members of the Board; Nick Donaldson, Paul Taylor and Alberto Cliquet jr. Glen Davis was elected Vice President, Vivian Mushawar secretary and Thierry Keller continues as treasurer.

Since our election the Board has been very active holding regular meetings via Skype. Our aim is to increase the impact of the Society, by attracting new members, providing more benefits to existing members, increasing our global visibility and advancing the science and clinical practice of FES. These are exciting times; FES is now becoming regular clinical practice in many parts of the world, better understanding of the neurophysiology of recovery and unprecedented advances in technology have led to more effective FES systems and protocols. It is vital that the Society is effective in driving these changes across all disciplines. We welcome any ideas about how our Society can be improved either via the website www.ifess.org or by e-mail to me jhb1@soton.ac.uk or to any of the Board members.

We will be presenting our ideas to the Society, and listening to yours, at the AGM during the Conference in Sao Paolo in September 8-10 2011.

This year’s conference, organized by Alberto Cliquet, is set to be a great meeting in a wonderful venue. Please visit the website to find out all about it. http://conference.ifess.org/ The closing date for abstracts is 4. July 2011.

I look forward to seeing you all then and from hearing from you at any time.

Best wishes,

Jane Burridge