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For abstracts presented by the above winners, see the Book of Programme and Abstracts, published by the Russian Academy of Sciences (2006). Figure 1 shows a photograph of four of the winners, and Fig. 2 shows the other two with one of us (Govindjee) and Eva-Mari Aro (President of the International Society of Photosynthesis Research; see Aro et al 2006).

We end this report with a photograph of Suleyman Allakhverdiev, coordinator of the Conference (Fig. 3) and of Jim Barber with one of us (AT), his associate in research since 1972 (Fig 4).

Fig. 2 (Left to Right): Natalia Krupenina, Eva-Mari Aro, Govindjee, and Marja Hakala

Fig. 1 (Left to Right): Katrin Beckman, Chavdar Slavov, Irina Tolstygina, and Matt Johnson

Fig. 3 A 2006 photograph of Suleyman Allakhverdiev, coordinator of the Conference

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Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Basic Biological Problems (2006) International Meeting “Photosynthesis in the Post-Genomic Era: Structure and Function of Photosystems”, 20–26 August, 2006, Programme and Abstracts, NIA-Priroda, Moscow, 309 pp [K. Beckman, p. 188; M. Hakala, p. 244; M. Johnson, p. 246; N. Krupenina, p. 254; C. Slavov, p. 181; I. Tolstygina, p. 220]

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Fig. 4 A 2006 photograph of Jim Barber and Alison Telfer

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