The 10th Congress of the International Society of Developmental and Comparative Immunology was held at the Charleston Place, Charleston’s premier hotel. Greg Warr was the lead organizer for the Charleston Congress. The other local organizers were Paul Gross, Charles Cunningham, Karen Burnett, Cheryl Woodley and Frances van Dolah.

**Plenary speakers**

- Louis Du Pasquier, University of Basel and Margaret McFaii-Ngai, University of Wisconsin, Madison, *Origins of Immune Recognition*
- Bruce Beutler, Scripps Research Institute, *Innate Immunity*
- Stephan Beek, Sanger Institute, *Comparative Immunogenomics*
- Jean-Marc Reichhart, Institut de Biologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire CNRS, Strasbourg, *Arthropod Immunity*
- Dr John Raymond, Provost and Vice-President for Academie Affairs, Medical University of South Carolina, *Welcome*