

Society Newsletter 2000

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Welcome Dr Harkness

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting Monday, October 2, 2000, 12:00 Noon Swissotel, The Bosphorus, Istanbul, Turkey 00.1.1. Presidential Welcome The Meeting was brought to order at 12:15 and President Rekate welcomes the members of the Executive Board. A moment of silence for Rainer Oberbauer, Anthony Raimondi and any other members who have died in the past year was held. 00.1.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 1999 The Minutes of previous meeting held in Salt Lake City, USA had been previously circulated. Not being errors, omissions or amendments the Minutes were unanimously approved. 00.1.3. Annual Meeting Reports a) 1999 - Salt Lake City. Dr. Jack Walker reports on the completion of the very successful meeting that counted with significant support from the Industry. Dr. Walker submits the Annual Convention cost summary and a cheque to Treasurer Oi for \$15,899.98 which includes the refund of the Start Up ISPN Loan of \$10,000.00 and a profit of \$5,899.98. b) 2000 - Istanbul. Dr. Saffet Mutluer submits the Annual Meeting Report indicating the Registration of 295 participants from 33 countries. The Cost Summary for ISPN 2000 indicates that an estimated profit of \$1,959.00 is anticipated. At this point web-site issues in connection with this particular ISPN Meeting were discussed as well as the value of this method of communication for future meetings. Dr. Rekate suggested an ad hoc committee lead by Dr. Spiros Sguros, which will be responsible for the development and maintenance of the ISPN web-site on the Internet. Initiated by Dr. Abbott, a discussion was held regarding the purchase of high tech equipment for projection at the Meetings. This proposal was approved in principle. c) 2001 - Aalborg, Denmark. Dr. Jens Haase presents a Preliminary Program for next years' annual meeting which will begin on Friday, June 29, 2001 with Committee Meetings during the day and a Welcome Reception in the evening. A Presidential Dinner is planned on the evening of Thursday, June 28th, 2001. The format of the meeting will include 2 full days and 2 half days for the Scientific Program. A deadline for abstract submission was set for February 15, 2001. It was agreed that 70 abstracts at least should be part of the Scientific Program. d) 2002 - Kyoto. Dr. Shizuo Oi presents a Preliminary Program for the meeting to be held from October 25, 2002 to October 31, 2002 including pre-congress events and Committee Meetings taking place on October 27th. He also indicates that only 200 rooms will be available in the Kyoto Hotel which will be the venue of the meeting. 00.1.4. Treasurer's Report Dr. Oi submits and presents a full Treasurer Report indicating a new balance for this year of \$132,919.00. Because of delay in the delivery of the invoice from Springer this year, the balance at the present time is of \$123,553.05. Once again the membership list issues are discussed and it is concluded that the responsibility for developing the membership list will be the Chairman of the Membership Committee. This list will be updated and maintained by the ISPN Secretary. The Treasurer will be once again responsible for the collection of fees which will be a reversal to the old system and will include both Membership and Child's Nervous System fee as a "single and only fee". This mechanism offers better control of collection and extra funds to our Treasury. A motion for the approval to

revert to the old system of billing and collection of fees was unanimously approved.

00.1.5. Committee Reports

a) Audit: Dr. Tomita reports no activity of his committee during the year.

b) Bylaws: Dr. Paul May presents a proposal for a revised Mission and Vision Statement for our Society. He states that in the Bylaws and Constitution of the Society approved in September, 1986 in Madrid, the Vision and Mission Statement fall under Article II and that it was proposed by our President that we revisit this article. Accordingly, Dr. May proposes a Charter for the new millennium incorporating a revised Mission and Vision Statements. The Charter for the new millennium ISPN 2000 reads as follows: Article II - Mission Statement: The Mission of the International Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery is to improve the health and welfare of children requiring neurosurgical care throughout the world by scientific research and close international cooperation irrespective of class, colour, creed or economic condition. Vision Statement: We will strive to achieve this by: a) Promoting and supporting effective social, clinical and scientific communication between paediatric neurosurgeons, basic scientists, political and governmental bodies throughout the world. b) Developing and cementing relationships with other international organisations committed to the improvement in the health and welfare of the sick and Underprivileged child. c) Promoting and developing training schemes at a national and international level in paediatric neurosurgery supported by courses for developing countries and the provision of scholarships and exchange programmes. d) Supporting and promoting continuing medical education within the societies membership ensuring the maintenance of the highest levels of scientific and clinical knowledge. e) Providing practical support to under-resourced colleagues working with underprivileged children in developing countries. This Mission and Vision Statement will be completed and circulated to the ISPN Membership and will be voted next year.

c) Membership: Dr. Francesco Velardi submits and presents his report including 10 new candidate members and he emphasizes the importance of a reliable data base for the membership list which will become available in the ISPN web-site. The Membership Committee 2000 Annual Report includes the names of candidate members, members list revision, and the ISPN member list and Springer. The 10 candidate members listed were Robin Bowman, USA; George Jallo, USA; Karl Kothbauer, USA; Kwan Sung Lee, Korea; Michele Madeira E Silva, Brazil; Jose Francisco Manganelli Salomao, Brazil; Trimurti Nadkarni, India; Emidio Procaccini, Italy; M. Ann Ritter, USA; Nathan R. Selden, USA. This list of candidate members was voted and unanimously approved. Dr. Velardi will write to the new members informing them of the approval of their application for ISPN Membership. Dr. Ventureyra will look into the preparation, production and mailing of certificates of membership for the new members. Dr. Velardi will complete the update of the latest Membership List for inclusion in the ISPN web-site. Dr. Leslie Ivan was confirmed as Senior ISPN Member and the Treasurer notified of this change. A cost of \$915.00 for the production of the Membership List was approved by the committee.

d) Education: Dr. Paul Steinbok reports that a recent ISPN Course was successfully completed in Iguazu, Argentina in July of this year. Dr. Hugo Pomata was responsible for local arrangements. A second Argentina Course is planned for 2002 and the third part of this course will be a pre-congress event for ISPN 2004 in Buenos Aires. There is a proposed course for Singapore in 2001 as well as proposed courses for Morocco and Tunisia in 2001 and 2004, respectively. Forthcoming courses this year are: part three of the India Course to be held in Bombay in November as well as the Ismalia Course also in November. Dr. Steinbok states that the availability of simultaneous translation at the recent Argentina Course was very useful and part of the funding allocated by

the ISPN to teachers was utilized to pay for the translation service. With reference to the disbursement of funds for the ISPN Courses it was moved that the available funds for each course will be disbursed at the discretion of the Education Committee Chairman. This motion was unanimously approved. e) Liaison: Dr. Menezes was not present at the meeting, and no activity was reported from this committee. f) Publications: The Publication Committee lead by Dr. Jonathan Peter approved earlier the appointment of Dr. Concezio Di Rocco as new Chief Editor for Child's Nervous System replacing Dr. Anthony Raimondi. With this appointment Dr. Peter felt that the Chief Editor of Child's Nervous System should become a permanent member of our Executive Board in an ex-officio capacity. Because of this he felt that the positions of Chief Editor and Chairman of the Publication Committee should be unified for what was perceived to be the same capacity. With reference to this issue a significant amount of discussion took place with the conclusion that an ad hoc committee looking into this issue should be struck. At the recommendation of Dr. Rekate and unanimously approved by the committee, Dr. Paul May was requested to lead this ad hoc committee and report back to this body with recommendations about this particular issue. g) Ethics: Dr. Koreaki Mori was not available to attend the meeting and therefore no report of activity was available from his committee. h) Nominating: Dr. J.K. Kang presented the following slate of nominations proposed by his Committee: Alain Pierre-Kahn (President), Jonathan Peter (President Elect), Enrique Ventureyra (Secretary), Jens Haase (Annual Meeting Chairman), Shizuo Oi (Treasurer), Paul May (Bylaws), Paul Steinbok (Education), Harold Rekate (Nominating), Francesco Velardi (Audit), Tadanori Tomita (Publication), Hugo Pomata (Liaison), Koreaki Mori (Ethics), B. Cho (Membership), Tai-Tong Wong (Ways & Means), Ira Abbott (Scientific), Fernando Rueda-Franco (Historian), as Non-voting member was also ratified in this capacity as a permanent member of the Executive Board. This slate of nominations for the new Executive Board Officers was unanimously approved by the Board and for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting. i) Ways and Means: Dr. Tai-Tong Wong reports no activity from his Committee during the past year. j) Scientific: Dr. Rick Abbott reports on the extensive work of the Scientific Committee to judge 133 abstracts submitted, 95% electronically of which 72 were selected for platform presentations and 42 for poster presentation. The Committee thanks Dr. Rick Abbott and his Committee for the excellent scientific program this year. 00.1.6. Historian Dr. Fernando Rueda-Franco was previously ratified as the Historian for the Society with a permanent appointment to this Board in a Non Voting capacity. He was requested to submit an Annual Report with the progress of his work next year. 00.1.7. Business Arising / New Business a) Meeting Site Selection for 2005. The following countries have submitted proposals for hosting the 2005 ISPN Meeting. Vancouver, Canada (Steinbok), Cape Town South Africa (Peter), Luxor Egypt (Assaad), Madras India (Bhagwati). Because of the current political instability in South Africa, Jonathan Peter decided to withdraw his bid for Cape Town. After considering the remaining bids, it was unanimously decided that Vancouver, Canada will be the site for ISPN 2005. b) Proposal for Joint Meeting in 2006 Sometime recently, September 2000, we received a proposal for a joint meeting of the ISPN and The International Child Neurology Association to be held in Montreal in 2006. After discussing this proposal it was felt that based on previous experience of a similar meeting held in Toronto in 1976, this proposed joint meeting will not be satisfactory and in line with the purpose and objectives of the ISPN Annual Meeting. In addition, Vancouver has been selected as the site for the ISPN Annual Meeting in 2005. Because of this and according to ISPN regulations Canada

can not be considered as host country for the ISPN Annual Meeting in two consecutive years. Taking into account these two issues the committee decided to decline this proposal for a joint meeting. Dr. Ventureyra will write to Dr. Michel Shevell from Montreal to inform him about this decision. 00.1.8. Correspondence Dr. Ventureyra reported to the Board about correspondence during the year which included letters of condolence on behalf of the Board to Rainer Oberbauer and Anthony Raimondi widows. As decided at previous Executive Board Meeting last year, Dr. Ventureyra proceeded with the preparation, production and mailing of new certificates of ISPN Membership. A total of 58 certificates were produced and distributed. The total cost for the production and mailing of the new certificate was approximately \$5.00 each. A motion was made for the approval of the necessary funding for the production and mailing of the new certificate, this motion was unanimously approved. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:30 hours.