

Society Newsletter 2001

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Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting Friday, June 29, 2001 at 13:00 hours
Aalborg Culture & Conference Center, Aalborg, Denmark 01.1.1. Presidential
Welcome President Alain Pierre-Kahn welcomes the Executive Board and thanks Jens
Haase for organizing the meeting this year. The President makes a short introduction
to the meeting indicating his desire to discuss possible amendments to the ISPN
Bylaws with reference to the procedure for selection and election of executive board
members. In addition he makes a short reference to the importance of considering the
production of an annual special issue of Child's Nervous System on selected topics.
Vice President Jonathan Peter makes a brief introduction and supports the bylaws
amendments proposed by the President. 01.1.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 2000
The minutes of the previous meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey had been previously
circulated. Not having errors, omissions or amendments, the minutes were
unanimously approved. 01.1.3. Annual Meeting Reports a) 2000 - Istanbul. Saffet
Mutluer reports on the completion of a very successful meeting and submits a
comprehensive report including the Annual Convention Cost Summary and a cheque
to treasurer Oi for \$560.00. This amount representing the profit of the meeting. The
start up ISPN Loan of \$10,000.00 was refunded previously. b) 2001 - Aalborg. Jens
Haase submits his annual meeting report indicating the participation of 141 members
from 30 countries. 23 spouses and 9 participants sponsored by the ISPN. The
Scientific Program included 20 sessions with 76 oral presentations and a poster
session of 33 posters. Almost all presentations were registered via Internet at the ISPN
web-site that functioned very well under Rick Abbott and Spiros Sgouros
supervision. The budget for this meeting balances around 700,000.00 DKK and the
\$10,000.00 U.S. loan from ISPN will be refunded to the treasurer during the summer.
The importance of the availability of ISPN grants for participation of young
neurosurgeons with financial problems was emphasized. A few problems were
identified during the organization of the meeting and among them the problem of co-
ordinating the preliminary acceptance of a paper in the program and the collection of
the registration fee. In addition participants taking advantage of reduced early
registration fees but not paying such fees until on site. c) 2002 - Kyoto, Japan. Shizuo
Oi presents and distributes the second announcement including registration forms and
a preliminary program for next year's annual meeting, which will coincide with the
30th anniversary of the ISPN Foundation. The meeting will extend from October 25th
to 31st, 2002 with pre-congress events beginning on October 24th, 2002. The pre-
congress events will take place in Awahi Island and will consist of seminars and sport
events. The Annual Meeting will begin on Sunday, October 27th with Executive
Board and Committee meetings during the day and a Welcome Reception in the
evening. The format of the meeting will include 3 full days and 1 half day for the
scientific program. A Presidential Dinner is planned on Wednesday, October 30th,
2002. The deadline for abstract submission was set for May 31, 2002. Given that
Shizuo Oi has been nominated as President Elect of the Society for next year, it was
felt that he should relinquish his role as Annual Meeting Chairman to Past President

Kiyoshi Sato. This motion was unanimously approved. The venue for the meeting will be the Kyoto Hotel and the pre-congress events will be in Awahi International Park City. d) 2003 - Monaco. Alain Pierre-Kahn presents a preliminary program for the meeting to be held from September 14th to September 18th, 2003 at the Montecarlo Grand Hotel in Monaco. The cost for Hotel Accommodation will be \$155.00 U.S. per night and \$13.00 for Breakfast. 250 rooms have been reserved for the meeting. In addition there will be other hotels available at more economic rates. Luncheon Seminars are planned during the meeting and a pre-congress workshop on Craniofacial Surgery is planned in Nice, France, sponsored by Midas Rex. 01.1.4. Treasurer's Report Shizuo Oi submits and presents a full treasurer report showing a new balance for this year of \$147,135.31 U.S. . This reports shows that as decided in the Executive Board Meeting of the year 2000, the system for collection of fees was reverted to the previous system, in which the ISPN treasurer collects the fees directly from the members for the year 2001. Springer transferred the ISPN money of membership fees on January 17, and May 21st 2001 for the year 2000. This amount is shown on Figure number 1 of the report. 01.1.5. Committee Reports a) Audit: Dr. Velardi was absent and had sent his regrets indicating that there was no report from his committee. b) Bylaws: Paul May presents his report previously filed with the secretariat with reference to a proposed amendment to our bylaws regarding the selection and election of executive board members. The proposal for discussion was :

1. Every year vacant positions on the Executive Board should be published in the ISPN news letter at least 3 months before the general assembly.
2. Members submit their candidature to the nominating sub-committee. The committee proceeds to a first selection according to criteria.
3. Minimal 10 years as active ISPN member.
4. Significant contribution to local development of paediatric neurosurgery or international literature by review of CV and a form of continental restriction in terms of numbers.

After discussing these issues it was decided to invite the membership via news letter to join and actively participate in the various ISPN committees of their choice showing in this manner their commitment to participate in the affairs of our society, demonstrate their ability and leadership qualities which will enable active and capable individuals to fill in executive board vacancies as they become available. c) Membership: Dr. Cho submits and presents his report including 13 new candidate members and he emphasizes the importance of a reliable data base for the membership list which will become available in the ISPN 30th Anniversary Book and web-site. The 13 candidate members listed were, Drs. Keith Goh, Singapore; Seong Kim, Korea; Nobuhito Morota, Japan; William Peter Vandertop, The Netherlands; Matthieu Vinchon, France; Tamotsu Miki, Japan; Seung-ki Kim, Korea; Tenoch Herrada-Pineda, Mexico; Wan-You Guo, Taiwan; Frank Van Calenbergh, Belgium; Meng-Fai Kuo, Taiwan; Beatriz Elida Mantese, Argentina; Miguel Andres Ibanez, Argentina. This list of candidate members was voted and unanimously approved. Dr. Cho 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. Drs. Cho and Ventureyra will continue to work on a final membership list for publication in the ISPN 30th Anniversary Book and Web-site. d) Education: In Paul Steinbok's absence Anthony Hockley attended the meeting presenting the Committee's Report. During 2000, since the last meeting, successful courses had been held in India in Mumbai and Bombay from November 16 to 20, 2000. As well as Egypt, Ismailia from October 12th to 15th, 2000. Future courses listed were Singapore, this first South Eastern Asia course will take place between September 21 and 23, 2001. A Red Sea Course in

Egypt will be held in January, 2002. The second Argentina course will be held either in April or October, 2002. In view of the ISPN Kyoto annual meeting being held in October, it was suggested that the Argentina Meeting should be held in April if possible. There was also a discussion about a third part of this course taking place in 2004. A further three part course in India has been planned, starting either in October or November, 2002. With regard to other possible courses Morocco, Tunisia and Central America are under consideration. One area that needs exploration is Mainland China and in this regard it was felt that Tai-Tong Wong maybe able to assist in the organization of this future course. e) Liaison: Hugo Pomata reported on the creation of a pediatric neurosurgery chapter of the FLANC. Dr. Pomata received instructions from this committee in how to develop a closer relationship between the emerging Latin American Pediatric Neurosurgery Societies and the ISPN. f) Publications: Tad Tomita made reference to the publication of this year's newsletter, which was sent out at the beginning of June. In the future this newsletter will be published in Child's Nervous System. The publication of the 30th Anniversary Book was discussed and the preparation and publication of this book will be coordinated by Dr. Tomita assisted by Drs, Oi, Ventureyra, Cho and Rueda-Franco. The printing of the book will be done in Japan under the supervision of Shizuo Oi at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 U.S. The possibility of replacing the name of Publication to "Communication" Committee was discussed. This motion received full support from the Executive Board Members and was unanimously approved. Hence the name of Publications Committee has now been replaced with Communications Committee. g) Ethics: Koreaki Mori was absent at the meeting and had sent his regrets indicating that there was no report from his committee. h) Nominating: Harold Rekate presented the following slate of nominations proposed by his committee. Jonathan Peter, President; Shizuo Oi, President Elect; Enrique Ventureyra, Secretary; Kiyoshi Sato, Annual Meeting Chairman; Ira Abbott, Treasurer; Paul May, Bylaws; Paul Steinbok, Education; Alain Pierre-Kahn, Nominating; Francesco Velardi, Audit; Tadanori Tomita, Publications; Hugo Pomata, Liaison; Gordon McComb, Ethics; Byung-Kuy Cho, Membership; Joong Uhn Choi, Ways and Means; Carlo Mazza, Scientific; Fernando Rueda-Franco, Historian. This slate of nominations for new Executive Board Officers for 2001-02, was unanimously approved by the committee and for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting. i) Ways and Means: Tai-Tong Wong reports no activity from his committee during the year. j) Scientific: Rick Abbott reports on the extensive work of the scientific committee to judge 86 abstracts submitted, most of them electronically of which 71 were selected from platform presentation and 33 for poster presentation. The possibility of discussing the poster presentations during the meeting was deliberated and decided that authors of posters and attendees should be encouraged to discuss the posters during the meeting. 01.1.6. Historian Dr. Rueda-Franco presents his report describing his endeavors in the preparation of the ISPN History Book, which will be included in the ISPN 30th Anniversary Book. Dr. Rueda-Franco has contacted and invited all former Chairmen of the ISPN Annual Meetings for their contribution by writing an account of their meeting and their Cities to be included in the book. The response to this appeal thus far appears encouraging, hence the production of this book will become possible and should be ready for printing prior to the Kyoto meeting. The budget for printing of the ISPN Anniversary Book is of \$20,000.00 U.S. This budget was approved by the Committee and the target date for publication will be before the next annual meeting in Kyoto in October, 2002. 01.1.7. Child's Nervous System Dr. Concezio Di Rocco submits and presents his Chief Editor Report and his presentation centered mainly on

the problem of competition with other journals (impact factor). The Editorial Board of Child's Nervous System at previous meeting has decided to implement the publication of 6 issues of the journal per year instead of the usual monthly publication. The possibility to include in the editorial board more experts in different fields related to pediatric neuroscience was discussed as well as the possibility of changing the format of the existing editorial board. Special topic reviews covered by various groups and led by members of this committee has been agreed upon. The publications /communications committee was requested to prepare the publishing of monographs, which would be sponsored by the ISPN. So far 3 subjects have been identified, Fetal Neurosurgery (Oi), Craniopharyngioma (Tomita), Conjoined Twins (Peter). In addition a monograph on Fetal Neurosurgical Pathology is planned for 2004. The future publication of review papers, focus papers, and monographs were extensively discussed.

01.1.8. Business Arising / New Business Amendments to Bylaws. The proposal for a revised Mission and Vision statement for our society has been previously circulated via News letter. This proposed amendment to our Bylaws was unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting Selection for 2006. A proposal for a meeting to be held in Goa, India submitted by Dr. Bhagwati was acknowledged but it was felt that it was too early to make a decision about the meeting in 2006, hence the meeting site selection for that year will be postponed until the next executive board meeting to be held in Tokyo in October, 2002. A proposal was made for the creation of the Anthony J. Raimondi Award for Best Paper by young neurosurgeons. Application for this award will be limited to neurosurgeons within 5 years from graduation. Papers should be first submitted for consideration for publication in Child's Nervous System indicating that the paper should be considered for the A.J. Raimondi award. The winner of the award, in addition to having the paper published in Child's Nervous System, will be invited to present his/her paper at the next Annual Meeting with travelling expenses paid by the ISPN. This proposal was unanimously approved by the Committee. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 18:00 hours.