ISPN EB meeting
Sunday 1015-1800, November 9th, 2014, Rio

Minutes
And Summary of business meeting
November 12th
Decisions are in Blue

14.1 Presidential Welcome 15 min [10:15-10:30]
President Gordon McComb
President Elect Chandra Deopujari
Secretary Shlomi Constantini

14.2 Minutes Previous Meeting (Mainz-2013) 5 min [10:30-10:35]
Shlomi Constantini
Voting: Approved by all on line already: finalize.

14.3 Summary of EB Deliberations
Between Annual Meetings 2013 – 2014 10 min [10:35-10:45]
Shlomi Constantini
Doulas Cochrane on Skype
Reports not received: Liaison
PCO reps to be presented
SOPs-Wiki/Web-Stipends-Finance-Education
How to wake up between meetings
How to transfer decisions and spirit to new EB
How we run this EB meeting

14.4 Annual Meeting Reports 30 min [10:45-11:15]
Shlomi: Reported on losing of the Shanghai issue and meeting with Ji Ma in Singapore 5 minutes
Wolfgang Wagner (10 min)
Budget has been approved by audit committee and the sum of 51,766 Euro will be transferred to ISPN account. Dr. Wagner was congratulated for his successful meeting!
Francisco Salomao (5 min, remain for meeting)
Preliminary Progress report delivered

2013 – Mainz
2014 – Rio de Janeiro
2015 – Izmir Saffet Mutluer and Pinar/Sadik progress report: 5 min
2016 – Japan Mami & Pinar (5 min) Progress report

Preliminary Progress report delivered. Work with PCO should be boosted

General comments on previous meetings where money was left in the hosting country due to local regulations:
See appendix: Treasurer+ Chandra + Graham

India: CD provided detailed report on the money left from Goa and how it is being used in the last 3 years. A charity has been set up to administer the money. The residual finds will be enough for an estimated 3 more educational events. Other resources may be inserted into the same foundation to continue for the same purposes.
Cape town: Funds have been used for one educational activity and a further course is planned for 2015. The course in 2014 had additional support from ISPN and ESPN. Prof Fieggen has agreed to provide the cost breakdown of the 2014 meeting and the anticipated costs of 2015 gathering. The ISPN contribution for 2015 meeting will be discussed between the treasurer and Prof Fieggen.

14.5 Treasurer’s Report 30 min [11:15-11:45]
William Harkness
Including CNS expenses and revenues

The treasurer reported the current status showing available funds of about 550 thousand dollars. The balance for this year shows a credit of approximately 100,000 US $. Planned expenditure for 2015 was discussed. The issue of the funds held was also discussed. It was agreed that the treasurer should liaise with SC and GM on options to be perused.

14.6 Committee Reports 90-100 min [11:45-13:25]
a. Membership Wolfgang Wagner (10 min)
   Refreshment on membership categories
   Report on new members:
   Provide stats on geographical distribution of members
   Plans to increase membership?

   The process of “setting your house in order” together with our PCO, has resulted in a list of “true” paying members which we decided should be called “Current members” WW expressed his satisfaction from the work flow with PCO office.
   Further discussion with PCO on increasing membership were done including “on site” promotion during meetings, and forming partnerships with continental or national societies

b. Audit Handler (5 min)
   Note comments from Mainz:
   Next year: treasurer and audit should communicate earlier
   Audit is also part of the reviewing process of past meeting budget

   After scrutinizing the other reports there were no comments to make
   Audit will improve connection with treasurer

c. By-Laws Hamilton Matushita (5 min)
   From Mainz: Suggestion to simplify membership categories
   To be discussed between BL & Membership chairs
   The word “economic” to be changed to “socio-economic”
Minor alterations will be further phrased and sent to EB for electronic voting. It was not felt that any of the proposed changes were significant enough to warrant approval by whole membership.

See also summary provided during business meeting.

d. Education *(including Korea scholarships)*  
Wan Tew Seow (10 min)

e. A full report attached

A discussion on the proposal to support a meeting in Israel on prenatal issues was done. It was felt that this meeting does not fall under the category of “ISPN courses”. However it was decided that another category of assistance to meetings where ISPN interests would be served, would be established and funded up to 10,000 US$. Decisions to be made between Education chair, treasurer and liaison.

f. Communication  
Douglas Cochrane (10 min)

A discussion with DC, by Skype was done.

It was accepted that the current technological platform needs to be reviewed. Moonbrand would be asked to do that as a screening for further decisions.

An SOP for ISPN-survey was deferred to Prof Fieggen and Harkness to report back before finalization.

g. Ways & Means  
Graham Fieggen (10 min)

- 10 scholarships were approved for Rio meeting
- 9 of them ultimately used
- Different categories of scholarships were discussed and agreed
- The process and timeline for applicants was suggested by GF
- In terms of the fellowships, further discussion between President elect and GF will follow.

h. Scientific  
Young-Shin Ra (10 min)

From Mainz: Timing issues as well as abstract system were discussed

Decision: Process should start earlier.

i. Liaison  
Matthieu Vinchon (10 min)

No Report.

j. Ethics & Morals *(code of ethics)*  
Reizo Shirane (10 min)

From Mainz: A proposal will be prepared for next year.
Based on other societies and perhaps controversial cases discussions

A proposal for a survey on spina bifida was shortly discussed

k. Nominating Kyu-Chang Wang (10 min)

Report and list of names submitted and discussed

The role of a co-chair for the communication committee was discussed

It was advised that chairs will continue a minimum of 2 years in position unless there is another good reason

14.7 Historian (10 min [13:25-13:35]) Carlo Mazza not coming

Can we have young blood? How to promote?
From Mainz: CM will work with Maurice Choux on digital archiving

Tad Tomita has agreed to take upon himself this task.
The president received the blessing of Carlo Mazza for this change.
Historians will serve 5 years

Concezio Di Rocco Discussion on advertisements
From Mainz:
Agreement that EDR will approach Springer RE advertisements in CNS
KC: Has asked EDR about having more of CNS papers downloaded for free

See full report

A meeting was subsequently held with CNSys publisher representative and ISPN reps including our PCO, and the principles to a new contract were agreed upon

There will be a fixed price for CNS subscriptions which will be by default electronic. It is fixed at the current rate.
Also the current income from Springer will stay the same as the last year.
The ISPN will pay Springer a fixed sum for up to 500 subscriptions.
There was a discussion about distributing free copies of the meeting’s abstract.
Springer requested a fee of 3 Euros per copy.
Discussions will take place between 2015 organizers about weather they should be built into the cost, or weather an electronic mean would suffice.
It was felt that advertisements path should not be pursued at the moment.
The new contract will be sent by Springer

13.9 Future meeting sites 2017-8 15 min [13:50-14:05]
Chandra Deopujari Decision
2017 Denver Colorado: President Michael Handler
2018 Tel Aviv Israel: President Shlomi Constantini
Lunch: 14:05

1445: New Business and other discussion Points

PCO: report: Olala Barceo  Maria Fredin Grupper
Shlomi/ Pinar/Sadik Admin people William

The PCO representatives introduced themselves. Further personal meetings between PCO and new EB members took place

Annual membership fee discussion: We probably do not need it?
    From Mainz: KC, Boop
    Cheap Packages…
    Voting: approved! Membership for the printed option only will go up by 50 US$
    Cheap packages have been agreed upon in principle
    W&M to prepare criteria
    Ollala Wagner report

We agreed that in principle LMIC members may receive reduced subscription packages but that further discussions between PCO and treasurer should take place on issues like potential loss of income etc.

The cost of reduced packages will be defined after
    1 The potential loss will be explored by PCO
    2 The new contract with Springer will be signed

Estimated 150US$ per year

Wiki:
    Rick Abbott [10 min]
    Discussion [20 min]
    From Mainz: Agreement on continuation of financial support up to 30KUS$ next year
    Agreement on no password for the Guide (open access)
    Dr. Abbott may “experiment and further explore for one year” issues related to advertisements
    After discussion and voting on this issue: 3 against
    Establishment of an “editorial board”
    Discussion on weather the “Guide” editor should become EB members: It will be similar to CNS editor
    Naren’s initiative

The “Guide” will continue to receive support.
Dr. Abbott will explore further editorial assistance.
A trial of sponsorship of the ISPN shunt guide was agreed.

Discussion on certificates: Thoughts from Gordon:
    We need a uniform process as to who gets certificates. I would favor each new member be
given a frame-able certificate. I am proud to display my ISPN certificate and think that most other members would as well.

Each president, treasurer and secretary be given a frame-able certificate. All of the various awardees be given a certificate printed at the meeting.

There needs to be mechanism in place by which the certificates are ordered/printed and sent. Kenes could be assigned the details and are overseen by the membership chairperson. The by-laws state that the old logo is to be on the certificate. To this can be added the new logo.

We need to agree on a uniform design. Currently the Jim Henry Company is producing our frame-able certificates. The only alternative suggestion to date has been to consider if Richard Moon will be asked to design a new certificate.

I am not aware that he has been contacted in this regard.

The branding of the certificate was discussed. William has received a proposal from Richard Moon that if agreed by the president, will be sent to our PCO for production

“Membership” projects:
Wagner to report

Task force to be established: Membership, Liaison, and secretary. Kenes
On-site memberships and provisional memberships were discussed
Membership chair can approve members every 3 months through electronic means
Change in bylaws so that members do nor have to present at the meeting but are encouraged to do so

Nomination Committee task force:

Suggestions for modification in the nomination process were made by KC Wang
The exact phrasing of these changes to be closed with bylaws committee

Conclusion: 17:30

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Presidential Gordon McComb

Annual Meeting Reports
Rio de Janeiro Francisco Salomao
Izmir Saffet Mutluer
Japan Mami Yamasaki

Treasurer’s Report William Harkness

Committee Reports
Membership Wolfgang Wagner
PCO: membership cleaning
By-Laws Hamilton Matushita

Voting approved

Education Wan Tew Seow given by GT

Communication Douglas Cochrane represented by William Harkness

Ethics & Morals Reizo Shirane

Ways & Means Graham Fieggen given by SC

Scientific Young-Shin Ra

Child’s Nervous system EDR

Nominating Kyu-Chang Wang
Nominating people from the floor for the nominating committee
Minor nominating process changes to be purified

Decisions:

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President-elect

Future meeting sites 2017-2018
2017: Denver/Colorado/USA, Chandra Deopujari
2017: Tel-Aviv/Israel, Michael Chandler
2018: Tel-Aviv/Israel, Shlomi Constantini