

International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN)
Minutes of the ISHN 2006 Business Meeting

Collegio Cairoli
Pavia, Italy

25 June 2006
8:00am – 9:30am

Attendance: Please refer to the Business Meeting Attendance Roster (attached at end)

1. Welcome (Moshe Feinsod, President)

President Moshe Feinsod called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

2. Minutes of the 2005 ISHN Business Meeting (Russell Johnson, Past Secretary)

The minutes of the 2005 ISHN Business Meeting will be available on the ISHN website.

3. Report on ISHN 2005 Meeting in St. Andrews (Malcolm Macmillan, Past President)

Malcolm Macmillan was unable to attend this year's meeting due to several recent surgeries, thus, this report was not available. President Moshe Feinsod and all of the ISHN members extend wishes for a healthy and speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing Mac again at future meetings.

4. Treasurer's Report (George Joseph)

George was unable to attend this year's meeting, thus, the report was faxed. The fax included the following information:

Starting Balance (5 July 2005)	19,781.18 (US\$)
Income	6,077.00
Expenses	<u>3,950.00</u>
Current Balance (1 June 2006)	21,908.18

This reporting does not include recent donations made to the Society, income from the current meeting, and the 2006 membership dues.

Two scholarships to support student travel to present research at the ISHN conferences have been received from the following members:

Moshe and Rachel Feinsod	\$1,000
Stanley and Wendy Finger	\$ 500

5. Secretary's Report (Laurie Swan)

Laurie reminded members to sign the attendance roster for this meeting. Also, membership forms are available to update personal information that is listed on the ISHN website.

Laurie led the efforts of the “Welcome Back” campaign in early 2006 that was targeted toward lapsed ISHN members. Many of these members were lost in the transition from our former publisher to our current publisher, Taylor and Francis. Several of these former members did re-join, which has helped to increase our overall membership numbers.

Laurie’s goals for the next year are to investigate the feasibility of setting up a master database of all former and current ISHN members, and to conduct another Membership Drive. The Membership Drive is planned for Fall 2006, to get new members to sign up for 2007. Laurie will be requesting current members to identify potential members and provide their mailing address so the potential member can receive a personalized invitation to join the ISHN.

6. President’s Report (Moshe Feinsod)

Moshe expressed his thanks for the board members who supported him this year. Special thanks were extended to Russell and Laurie for their input throughout the year on various issues regarding the conference, to Paolo Mazzarello for his leadership in the Local Arrangements Committee (which included Mauro Ceroni, Lorenzo Lorusso, Giovanna Ruberto, and Peter Koehler), and to all members of the Program Committee.

7. *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* (Peter Koehler, Co-Editor in Chief)

Peter reported that our administrative relationship with the publisher is going well. The journal has a healthy backlog of manuscripts waiting to be published, and the current rejection rate is 22%. There are several special issues coming out, including one on Nobel Prizes in 2006, and two special issues on Russian Neuroscience in 2007.

Peter announced a change in the current Editors in Chief. Malcolm Macmillan will start his term as Co-Editor in Chief in January 2007. Peter, Stanley Finger, and Mac will serve as a triad of co-editors for the journal.

Peter stated that there will now be only one “Individual Subscription” category for receiving the journal. Previously, Taylor & Francis offered two options: subscribers could sign up to be a Full member of the ISHN and receive the journal as part of their membership (\$110), or they could sign up for an Individual Subscription to the journal (\$146, which did not include ISHN membership). This has caused some confusion in the past; therefore, starting in January 2007 *all* subscriptions to the journal will include membership in the ISHN and will be offered at \$110.

Stan Finger noted that we have two categories of membership, Full (\$110) and Student (free), and proposed a third category of Lifetime Membership. Russell stated that this

had been previously proposed, but the publisher only wants to deal with membership/subscription fees one year at a time.

8. Awards and Prizes Committee (Marjorie Lorch, Axel Karenberg)

Marjorie reported that five books were nominated for the Outstanding Book in the History of the Neurosciences, which was given this year. The winner was Julius Rocca, for his book, "Galen on the Brain: Anatomical Knowledge and Physiological Speculation in the Second Century AD".

Three student essays were nominated for the Outstanding Essay in the History of the Neurosciences. The winner was Mical Raz (Tel Aviv University), for her paper on lobotomy: "Bodily Parts, Bodily Wholes: Social Parts, Social Wholes: Lobotomy between Holism and Localizationism."

There was no Lifetime Contribution to the History of the Neurosciences Award given this year.

In 2007, an award will be made for the Outstanding Article in the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences*.

Marjorie requested that members send nominations for any of these categories to her.

9. Nominations and Elections

President-elect (not North America)

Moshe introduced Georg Kreutzberg (Germany) as the Board's proposed candidate for President-elect. There were no further nominations from the floor. Russell made a motion to elect Georg Kreutzberg by acclamation. Sherry Ginn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer (3 year term)

Russell noted that the currently serving Treasurer, George Joseph, had indicated that he would like to run for a second term as Treasurer. Moshe introduced Joel Vilensky as the Board's proposed candidate for Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the floor. A count of paper ballots determined that Joel Vilensky was elected Treasurer.

Member at Large (3 year term; not from North America)

One Member at Large (not from North America) needed to be elected at this meeting. The Board had proposed and supported two persons for this position, Paul Foley (Australia) and Frank Stahnisch (Germany). There were no further nominations from the floor. Moshe asked Paul and Frank to discuss the matter between themselves to see if they could come to consensus on which person would be best able to serve the needs of the ISHN. After discussing the matter, Paul and Frank announced that Frank would serve as Member at Large. Paul is already serving the ISHN as an editorial board member for the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences*, and he graciously deferred the

opportunity to Frank. In addition, the 2008 meeting will most likely be in Germany, and Frank will be in a geographic location that enables him to assist Georg Kreutzberg with local arrangements.

10. Report on ISHN 2007 Meeting in Los Angeles (Russell Johnson, President-elect)

Russell announced that the 2007 Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, California, USA. Russell has proposed a day trip to the Huntington Library and Museum in nearby Pasadena. The Huntington has recently acquired the Burndy Library from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, which includes some items relating to neuroscience. Russell hopes to have part of the ISHN Program occur at the Huntington, along with lunch, and possibly dinner.

Russell is planning a workshop on conducting an oral history as part of the 2007 Meeting. This workshop would enable participants to identify what constitutes an oral history, and how to conduct one.

Russell has an extensive supportive network of members in Los Angeles who can assist with local arrangements. He has received a \$5,000 commitment for support for the meeting already, and has applied for an additional \$10,000. His target is \$30,000 in grant money to help keep the registration fee low.

Sam asked that the student price for attending the meeting be determined early (by fall), to facilitate faculty's ability to encourage students to attend.

Axel requested that the dates of the meeting be announced by September.

11. Other Business

Moshe passed the presidential gavel to Russell, and wished him well as he began his Presidential year.

Georg Kreutzberg thanked ISHN members for choosing him as the next President-elect. He spoke briefly about potential sites for the 2008 Meeting in Berlin, Germany.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Swan
ISHN Secretary