

# **International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN)**

## **ISHN Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Date and Time: 4 July 2014, 16:15-17:25.

Attendance: Geneviève Aubert, François Boller, John Carmody, François Clarac, Moshe Feinsod, Ed Fine, Stanley Finger, Sam Greenblatt, Paul Foley, Axel Karenberg, Peter Koehler, Georg Kreutzberg, Sharman Levinson, J Wayne Lazar, Lorenzo Lorusso, Slava Lichterman, Gül Russell, Henry Schutta, Frank Stahnisch, Cate Storey, Miki Takasuma, Nicholas Wade, Harry Whitaker.

Acting secretary: Anne-Mara Gerretsen

### **1. Welcome**

Genevieve Aubert opens the meeting at 16.15 h.

### **2. Minutes of the 2014 ISHN Annual Business Meeting**

First, some changes that need to be done, for the Venice report, are mentioned.

- Point 3 is only about money and not about science? It is a business report, so science should also be mentioned. **Let us keep this in mind for future meetings.**
- On page 2, point 8.2 the year of 2013 has to be changed in 2014. **Done.**
- On page 3, point 10, the year of 2013 also has to be changed in 2014. **Done.**

### **3. Report on ISHN 2013 Annual Meeting**

Cate Storey presents the Sydney Report.

### **4. Report on ISHN 2014 Annual Meeting**

Geneviève Aubert reports on this year's annual meeting. There are 122 registrations. For the Banquet, 83 persons have signed up.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Starting balance May 31st, 2013: 37.000 \$, income 4,900 \$ and expenses 10,000 expenditures? The balance on 3 June 2014 is 32,000 \$.

### **6. Secretary's Report**

ISHN consists of 103 members. The number of members is going up a little each year. John Carmody mentions that more attention should be paid to recruiting younger members and to encourage them to join the society. Sam Greenblatt points out that something goes wrong at the secretariat. François Boller points out that it is important to facilitate the membership process at other associations do. Stanley Finger explains that the website server was changed. Cate Storey points out that younger members prefer subscribing via the website instead of sending a letter to the secretary. Stanley Finger indicates that the website does not work properly with

iMac. Stanley Finger will discuss this issue with Russell Johnson. He says that the society has decided to give Russell either some money for his work as a webmaster or to ask him to supervise a student, who will work on the website for him. A motion for investing money for improvement of the website is accepted.

### **7. Journal of the History of the Neurosciences Editorial Board Report**

Peter Koehler tells about the board meeting, which took place on July 1st, 2014. During this board meeting it is decided to merge the Editorial Advisory Board and Section Editors into one Editorial Board. Cate Storey will become a new member of the editorial board that will then consist of 30 members. Braslow, Hagner, Kreutzberg, Stone, and Swanson have been asked to step down. Their efforts for the Journal over the past years are highly appreciated. There is also a need for more articles for the Neurognostics column. Ed Fine asks about the Neurognostics. Not more than one page for the Question and two pages for the Answer (Stanley Finger) will do. Members are encouraged to submit.

Publisher's report:

The full text downloads from the Journal went up and is now 26.000. Despite this increase, the Impact Factor did not. E-print policy: every member will receive an e-print of his/her paper. François Boller: the publisher will make sure that the report will be presented by one of T&F representatives in Washington at next year's meeting. The instructions for authors will be moved to the journal's website. Geneviève Aubert mentions that T&F gave ISHN 200 Euros donation. Stanley Finger adds that a lot of members did not pay for the Journal, but they will pay after the meeting, which means that the number will go up. He also asks the members to submit one paper to JHN each three years, so that the Journal has enough to publish.

### **8. Awards and Prizes Committee Report**

Paul Foley reported on the Outstanding Book in the History of the Neurosciences and Outstanding Student Essay in the History of the Neurosciences and Axel Karenberg states that the Lifetime Contribution to the History of the Neurosciences award will be handed out tonight. Geneviève Aubert mentions a new award, which will also be handed out tonight: the award for the best poster.

### **9. Nominations and Elections**

Elections for the ISHN board. Marjorie Lorch, member at large, will leave the board this year. Axel Karenberg nominates Cate Storey. Geneviève Aubert calls for a vote: the majority is in favor. Cate Storey will be new member at large. Wayne Lazar will be the member at large for one more year. François Boller will become president and Dr. Aubert becomes Past-President.

### **10. Report on ISHN 2015 Annual Meeting**

François Boller tells about the meeting in Washington. He received help from Ed and Debra Fine. In the neighborhood of Washington there are three good airports. In Washington there are trains, metros and bus stations. Bikes can be used. The hotel will be One Washington Circle Hotel, which costs 159 dollars per night. The hotel is located at walking distance from the meeting site. The meeting site is George

Washington University. The departments of neurology and history will deliver support. Meeting Venue: Jack Morton Auditorium, 2-6 June.

### **11. New Business**

Candidates for the 2016 meeting: Slava Lichterman starts with his presentation about Moscow as an opportunity for the meeting in 2016. I.M. Sechenov First MSMU (down town area) will be the meeting site. The event will be fully supported by two departments of the university. Visa is required for most countries, but that will not be a problem. The procedure to get a visa, will take three weeks and will cost around 70 dollars.

François Clarac presents Marseille. CNRS's campus will be the meeting site.

Paul Foley presents his idea about having the meeting in Würzburg, Germany. He does not have a presentation, but he will do some more research. After the presentations are done, the vote for President-elect takes place. Everyone makes an anonymous note of their choice. The majority of the members vote in favor of Paul Foley, so he will organize the 2016 meeting. The location will be determined by him.

### **12. Adjournment**

Geneviève Aubert ends the meeting at 17.25 h.