

ISAN Executive Committee (2013-15):

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ISAN AGM 2014

Date: September 15, 2014

Time: 5:10 pm

Location: AMREP Education Centre, Commercial Rd, Prahran, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Context: This AGM was held at the end of Day 1 of the Central Cardiovascular and Respiratory Control: Future Directions (CCRC:FD) meeting. The meeting was gazetted to the ISAN membership by direct email, sent by the International Secretary. An announcement was also placed on the ISAN website.

Attendance:

Vaughan Macefield (President)
Ann Goodchild (Treasurer)
Pascal Carrive (Regional Representative for Australasia)
David Hawkes
Chloe Taylor
Pamela Davern
Rohit Ramchandra
Lindsay Parker
Lindsea Booth
Yonis Abukar
Philip Bokinić
Sarah Hassan
Sheng Le
Mathias Duschmann
Davide Martelli
Clive May

Apologies:

John Horn (Past-President)
Yvette Taché (Vice-President)
Keith Brain (International Secretary)
Colin Anderson (Secretary)
Gavin Lambert

Minutes: Pascal Carrive/Ann Goodchild/Vaughan Macefield

The agenda submitted by the International Secretary was followed:

1. Election of a Chairperson if neither the President, Vice-President, Secretary, nor Treasurer are present.
2. Formal Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Reports of the transactions of the society since the last AGM.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Update of 2015 (Stresa) and 2017 (Nagoya) Scientific meetings.
7. Other business.

Vaughan noted that both the President (himself) and Treasurer (Ann Goodchild) were present and announced the list of formal apologies received so far.

Vaughan presented the minutes of the last AGM, held in Giessen in 2013, and asked whether it should be considered a true and accurate record of events; proposed as true and accurate by Ann Goodchild and seconded by Pascal Carrive.

Vaughan provided an update on what has happened since the last AGM, pointing out that the establishment of the new website (www.autonomicneuroscience.info) has increased the profile of the society, being ranked #4 on a Google search for "autonomic neuroscience," following the official journal (Autonomic Neuroscience: Basic & Clinical). Conversely, "ISAN" is #17. He also pointed out that the new website made it easier to contact the membership by email, and facilitated payment of membership dues by providing an online Credit Card/PayPal facility.

Ann presented the Treasurer's report.

The Paypal system for submitting subscription payments is now up and running. Thanks to Keith Brain particularly for providing the interface with the new website. This provides an alternate secured approach for submitting payment. Its use is steadily increasing. A decision is required whether or not to limit payments to the Paypal system or gradually move to sole use of this system. A gradual move is recommended as many still use the alternate methods of payment.

With respect to funds the Society is currently in a stable holding pattern with total funds exceeding AUD128,000. The balance sheet is attached. The majority of funds are held in term deposits with relatively poor interest rates of 3.25-3.45%. The major outgoings for this financial year (June30, 2013-July1, 2014) have been payment of travel awards for the Giessen meeting and provision of seed funding for ISAN2015 to be held in Italy.

As of July1 there were 144 financial members of ISAN and it was noted that this number waxes and wanes depending on whether it is a year in which the scientific meeting is held.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by members Clive May and Simon McMullan.

Ann then provided a list of submitted Plenary Speaker nominations. Only 6 have been put forward, with three being self nominations.

Ann provided a list of 23 symposium submissions so far, and reminded members that the deadline had been extended to Sept 19. She pointed out that ISAN 2015 is a joint meeting between ISAN, the *European Federation of Autonomic Societies* (EFAS), the *American Autonomic Society* (AAS) and the *Japan Society for Neurovegetative Research* (JSNR) and noted that it would be good to have some more basic science symposium proposals.

Vaughan made a brief summary of preparations for ISAN 2017 in Nagoya, Japan, in the form of a summary statement provided by Satoshi Iwase. JSNR had a board meeting in August 22:

“The following matters were tentatively proposed (not approved). ISAN 2017 and the 70th Annual Meeting of Japan Society of Neurovegetative Research.

Schedule: September 12 (Tue) (Welcome Party) , Sept 13 (Wed) – 16 (Sat), 2017.

The venue will be “WINK Aichi”, which is situated near Nagoya Station (within 10 min walk). The World Congress of Neurology is planned for the following week, in Kyoto.”

Vaughan asked if there was any new business, but requested any motions be reserved for the AGM in 2015.

The meeting closed at 5:35pm with no new business.