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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 – Goa, India

Agenda

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President
President Elect
Secretary | Paul Steinbok
Tadanori Tomita
Graciela Zuccaro |
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Chandrashekar Deopujari
Charles Teo
Wolfgang Wagner
Francisco Salomao |
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Wan-Tew Seow
Il-Woo Lee
Gianpiero Tamburrini
William Harkness
Francisco Salomao
John Kestle
Francesco Sala
Takayuki Inagaki
Saffet Mutluer |
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11.1 Presidential Welcome

The President gave his welcoming speech.

11.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Jeju) – 2010

The minutes of the meeting held in Jeju had been circulated previously and were approved.

11.3 Annual Meeting Reports

2010 – Jeju - Kyu-Chang Wang

The following is a summary of the presentation given by Dr. Kyu-Chang Wang in Goa.

1) Registration

Policy

- a) Different registration fee was applied for ISPN Member and Non-Member
 - U\$ 800 (including membership applicants) vs U\$ 875
- b) Extra registration fee was applied for the Pre-program (MMD).
- c) Trainee Award was awarded to the young neurosurgeon.
 - Funded by the ISPN2010 organizing committee
 - Nine trainee award winners got the discounted registration fee (U\$ 350 → U\$ 100)

• Waiver

- a) Three VIPs
 - S. Mutluer (ISPN President), H. W. Jung (WFNS2013 President), K. S. Lee (KNS President)
- b) Six Non-ISPN-Member Invited Speakers
- c) Six ISPN Scholarship Winners
- d) Twenty-one Complementary Registrants for Sponsors

• Accommodation

- a) Low price compared to the quality of stay
- b) Hotels of various levels within walking distance

• Total of 427 participated

- a) By category

Category	No.
ISPN Member	119
ISPN Non-Member	114
Resident, Fellow, Nurse	85
Daily Pass	22
MMD (Oct. 30)	14
Trainee Award Winner	9
Accompanying Person	64





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Total	427
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- **Total of 427 participated**
b) By countries (427 persons from 36 countries)

Country	No. of Participants	Country	No. of Participants
Argentina	4	Mexico	3
Australia	8	Netherlands	3
Brazil	12	Nigeria	1
Bulgaria	6	Philippines	2
Canada	8	Poland	7
China	8	Republic of Korea	<u>149</u>
Czech Republic	4	Russian Federation	1
Denmark	2	Saudi Arabia	2
Finland	4	Singapore	2
France	3	South Africa	2
Germany	13	Spain	2
Greece	1	Sweden	2
India	15	Taiwan	4
Indonesia	2	Thailand	8
Israel	5	Turkey	11
Italy	12	United Arab Emirates	1
Japan	<u>57</u>	United Kingdom	<u>21</u>
Malaysia	2	United States of America	<u>40</u>

2) Scientific

- **Highlights**
 - a) Pre-program on MMD was held.
 - b) Two theme are highlighted.
 - "History of Pediatric Neurosurgery"





- "Pediatric Neurosurgery Patients: Growing into Adulthood"
- c) Sponsored luncheon seminars was held for the first time in ISPN annual meeting.
- d) Simultaneous interpretation was provided for the Nurse Symposium.
- e) Oxford System was used to manage all papers including on-line submission and review.

• **Statistics**

Session	No. of Sessions	No. of Papers	No. of Chairs
MMD	4 sessions	27 papers	8 chairs
Nurse Symposium	3 sessions	17 papers	5 chairs
Luncheon Seminar	4 sessions	12 talks	7 chairs
Scientific Session	15 sessions	139 papers - Invited talks 18 - Oral 67 - Flash 54	50 chairs
E-Poster	-	88 papers	-
Total	26 sessions	283 papers	70 chairs

3) Social Events & Outdoor Activities

• **Social Overview**

Event	Date & Time	Venue	No. of participants	Performance
Presidential Dinner	Oct. 30 (Sat), 18:30~	Silla Hotel	ISPN & KSPN Board Member 80 persons	N/A
Welcome Reception	Oct 31 (Sun), 18:30~	Silla Hotel	about 300 persons	N/A
Jeju Night	Nov 2 (Tue), 18:30~	Haevichi Hotel	about 350 persons	Band & Singing Contest
Gala Dinner	Nov 3 (Wed), 18:30!	Silla Hotel	about 350 persons	Jeju & Korean Traditional Performance

• **Free Afternoon Outdoor Activities (Nov. 2, 14:00~18:00)**

Category	Option	No. of Participants
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OT-1	Golf in Jeju	28 persons
OT-2	Jusangjeolli Tour by Pleasure Boat & Folk Village Museum	77 persons
OT-3	Olle Trekking (Rout 8) – Jeju Folk Village Museum	30 persons
OT-4	UNESCO Natural World Heritage Tour (Seongsan Sunrise Peak – Seopjikoji)	112 persons
Total		247 persons



4) Sponsorship & Exhibition

- Sponsors of ISPN2010 (Total of Twenty-three companies)




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5) Others

● Cultural Experience Program

- Operating Date & Time : Oct. 30 (Sat) ~ Nov. 3 (Wed) 10:00-17:00
- Place: Ara Hall (5F), The Shilla Jeju
- Program
 - Korean Traditional Costume, "Hanbok" experience
 - Experience Korean Traditional Refreshments
 - Video - Korean Traditional Culture "Hanbok"
 - "Hanbok" rental for the Gala Dinner

● Shuttle Bus Operation Between Jeju Int'l Airport & Shilla Hotel

- Information desk was operated

6) Financial Report

● Income

Item	Description	Amount (KRW)	Ratio (%)	Remarks
1) Sponsorship	Total 23 companies	278,679,611	47.51	-
2) Registration Fee	428 participants	209,109,188	36.37	Including accompanying persons
3) Support Fund	5 organizations	53,540,000	9.32	-





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4) Tax Return	VAT return	27,551,468	4.79	-
5) Loan	Korean Neurosurgical Research Foundation	10,000,000	1.74	-
6) Miscellaneous	Shuttle tickets and others	1,432,000	0.25	-
7) Interest	ISPN2010 Bankbook related	125,980	0.02	-
Income Total		580,438,247	100 %	

● **Expenses**

Item	Description	Amount (KRW)	Ratio (%)	Remarks
1) Social Events	Food & beverage, performance	213,708,590	37.32	-
2) PCO	PCO administrative fee	113,980,000	20.45	Dec. '08~Nov. '10
3) Publication & Production	Books and banners	42,342,510	7.60	-
4) Invitation	MMD & Non-member speakers	39,835,120	7.15	Hotel & honorarium
5) AV rental	Meeting A/V rental	25,844,800	4.64	-
6) Production	Souvenirs & bags	25,362,500	4.55	-
7) Transportation	Shuttle and VIP	14,463,300	2.59	-
8) Tour	Official tour (Nov. 2)	13,215,500	2.37	-
9) On-site	On-site management fee	12,184,770	2.19	-
10) Repayment	Loan from the foundation	10,000,000	1.79	-
11) Website	ISPN2010.org	8,608,600	1.54	Until 2011 Dec.
12) LOC	Local committee meetings	7,544,750	1.35	-
13) Internet	Internet in Meeting room	6,952,000	1.25	-
14) Tax Payment	VAT pay	6,292,690	1.13	-
15) Photo	Photographers	5,478,220	0.98	Including albums and DVDs
16) Site Inspection	Pre site inspection	5,467,210	0.98	-
17) PR	ISPN2009 PR	5,423,591	0.97	-
18) Interpretation	Nurse session	2,600,000	0.47	Simultaneous
19) Miscellaneous	Refund and son on	3,769,405	0.68	
20) Others	After events expenses	3,542,390	-	
Total		566,615,946	100%	

● **Income & Expenses**





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Total Income (KRW)	Total Expenses (KRW)
KRW 580,438,247	KRW 566,615,946
Difference	
+13,822,301	

Profit

- About K\ 13M (~US\$ 11K), 1 US\$=1,180 K\
 - Support from government etc. (2009)
 - Korea National Research Foundation: K\ 30M
 - Others: K\ 23M
 - ISPN-KSPN International Fellowship program
 - At least 4 trainees, for 2 years
 - 1-2 mo / person
 - Including language learning
 - Laos and Cambodia (2012)

[2011 – Goa - Chandrashekar Deopujari](#)

The following report is an update sent by Dr. Deopujari after the Annual Meeting.

39th Annual meeting of the International society for Pediatric Neurosurgery was conducted at the Hotel Grand Hyatt, Goa, India from the 16th to 20th of October 2011 under the leadership of Paul Steinbok as the ISPN President and Chandrashekar Deopujari as the Meeting Chairman.

The meeting was attended by 475 delegates, 90 accompanying persons and 26 trade delegates (591 total attendees). Amongst these delegates, there were 89 residents and fellows and 31 nurse delegates for the nursing symposium who were joined by a few local neuronurses.

There were 290 international delegates representing 44 countries and 185 delegates from India (some of them registered only for courses for 1 or two days. The registration fees ranged from USD 500 for early registrants and then increasing to 800 USD on spot. Residents and fellows were registered at 50% discount and so were several delegates from developing countries. Apart from ISPN scholarships, 6 trainee awards were awarded to candidates chosen by scientific committee. There were 17 trade partners supporting the event at various levels.

Scientific Chair John Kestle designed an excellent program with 4 main themes over the 4 day scientific program, namely CNS infections, Suprasellar tumors, Tumors in Infancy and Cranial malformations. The program contained 19 invited lectures, 119 platform presentations and 139 posters. 3 top presentations from nursing symposium were also presented during the main scientific sessions. Three luncheon symposia were conducted on following topics: Craniovertebral junction anomalies, Hydrocephalous and SubEpendymal Giant Cell Astrocytoma. The Child's Nervous System October issue has published all the abstracts of accepted papers for the meeting.





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There was an epilepsy course arranged for young delegates on 15th, attended by 70 delegates with lectures and case discussions by ISPN and local faculty. A hydrocephalous workshop was organized on 16th October for 80 participants with lectures and hands on training on contemporary shunt systems as well as endoscopy equipment. WFNS Pediatric Neurosurgery Committee and the Indian Society of Neurooncology conducted a symposium on Germ cell Tumors on the afternoon of 29th and another on Medulloblastoma on the morning of 21st attended by 76 delegates.

There were some special lectures arranged during the meeting about History of Goa, Art of Goa, Inspired living (Indian thoughts) and evenings gave a flavor of Indian music and cuisine in addition to international favorites. The Indian society for pediatric neurosurgery brought out a special issue of the "Journal of Pediatric Neurosciences" showcasing contemporary pediatric neurosurgery work in India across various centers.

Country	No. Of Delegates
Argentina	3
Australia	6
Bangladesh	1
Belgium	1
Brazil	8
Bulgaria	3
Canada	7
China	68
Costa Rica	1
Czech Republic	1
Denmark	4
Egypt	1
Finland	4
France	1
Germany	15
Greece	1
Holland	2
India	168
Indonesia	1
Israel	3
Italy	8
Japan	25
Korea	14
Malaysia	5
Mexico	1
Nepal	1
Netherlands	7
New Zealand	2
Oman	3
Poland	2
Russia	2
Saudi Arabia	3
Singapore	1
South Africa	4
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	1





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Sudan	1
Sweden	3
Switzerland	1
Syria	1
Taiwan	6
Thailand	1
Turkey	6
UAE	1
United Kingdom	31
United States	38
Unknown	7
Total	475

[2012 – Sydney - Charles Teo](#)

The following report has been sent by Dr. Teo.

ISPN 2012, Sydney, Australia September, 9th to the 13th, 2012

The Four Seasons, Sydney

This magnificent hotel has been secured as the meeting venue and meeting hotel. Their rates are most competitive and the main hall accommodates up to 800 attendees. It is located in the Rocks district, the oldest part of Sydney, and in walking distance from the Opera House, harbour ferries, major shopping areas and historical sites. They will provide transport for registrants to and from the airport at no charge and a dedicated assistant manager for the entire length of the meeting to assist with any requests. There is an on-site health spa and gym opened 24 hours a day.

Alternate four and three star accommodation will also be available for delegates that choose not to stay at the Four Seasons Hotel. This can be arranged by contacting the organising committee on info@ispn2012sydney.org.

Scientific Programme

A theme of *Surgical Complications* has been selected for the meeting and the Scientific Programme has been organised around this topic. Speakers are currently being secured.

Social Programme

Saturday 8th September President's Dinner: Guillaume at Bennelong has been secured for this dinner and is a short walk from the Four Seasons Hotel. Located under the southern most shell of the Sydney Opera House, the venue will provide a fabulous backdrop for the event with views over Sydney Harbour, the Harbour Bridge, Royal Botanic Gardens, Circular Quay and the city.

· Sunday 9th Opening Ceremony: Nick's Seafood at Bondi Beach has been secured as the venue for the Opening Ceremony Dinner. The restaurant is located just above the beach promenade and provides a spectacular view over world, famous Bondi Beach and a relaxed environment to welcome delegates to the start of the ISPN conference. Bus transport from the Four Seasons will be available for delegates.





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· Wednesday 12th September Gala Dinner: The Crystal Palace at Luna Park, located on the northern shore of Sydney Harbour has been selected for the Conference Gala Dinner. The venue offers exceptional views of Sydney Harbour, Lavender Bay and Balmain. Delegates will be offered a bird's eye view of the gorgeous surrounds from Luna Park's Ferris Wheel. To finish, over dessert, delegates can enjoy some friendly competition at Luna Park's heritage listed Coney Island.

Delegates will be transported across the harbour by ferry and return transport by coach buses will be available.

An extensive Tour Programme, Social/Spouse Programme and Tuesday Sports Afternoon have also been organised. The ISPN Tour Programme brochure has been produced and is currently being printed.

Registration and Promotion

A promotional brochure containing conference information and registration forms is currently being produced.

The ISPN Sydney website is also under construction. It will be located at www.ispnsydney2012.org

Pre-Meeting

A pre-meeting course has been organised in Palm Cove, Northern Queensland, to be held on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th of September, 2012. The subject of the course is *Surgical Approaches to the Brainstem*. Speakers are currently being finalised. Brochures promoting the Pre-Meeting are at design stage.

Conference Budget

Sponsors are currently being approached.

Budget as of August 30, 2011

Description		\$AUD
Debit	The Four Seasons Hotel for securing rooms and meeting space	25,000
Deposit President's Dinner -Guilluame at Bennelong		5,000
Deposit Opening Ceremony - Nicks Seafood		5,000
Deposit Pre-Meeting- Sea Temple Resort, Palm Cove		7,200
Event Insurance		6,120
Graphic Design		3105
Printing		573
Conference Organiser - Retainer		5000
Payroll		13889
Internet		43.95
70,887		
Credit	Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery (loan)	65,000
ISPN		24,886
89,886		





[2013 - Mainz - Wolfgang Wagner](#)

The following report has been sent by Dr. Wolfgang Wagner.

Report on the planned ISPN annual meeting 2013 in Mainz, Germany

The meeting site of the 2013 annual congress of the ISPN will be Mainz, Germany. The city of Mainz lies in the heart of Europe, directly at the river Rhine.

The chairman of the meeting will be Wolfgang Wagner.

Successful negotiations have been performed with a professional congress organizing company experienced in the organization of national and international meetings of medical societies.

The date of the meeting will be September 29, 2013 (Sunday) – October 3, 2013 (Thursday) and has been fixed by the Congress Centrum Mainz and the congress organizing company. The climate in Germany at this time can be expected to be friendly and moderately warm, ideal for out-door activities.

The famous Electoral Palace, part of the Congress Centrum Mainz, will be the meeting venue. It combines its historical romantic charm with all necessary conference facilities and is located directly at the river Rhine, a few steps away from Mainz downtown.

Several hotels of different categories are in walking distance.

Mainz is very easy to access from the international airport Frankfurt Rhein-Main. It is linked to the airport by regularly circulating trains and other public transportation. At the congress site itself, all scientific activities including welcome reception and gala dinner are possible in walking distance.

Several social activities will be offered: Cruise on the river Rhine to the famous Loreley cliff (half day tour), guided tours through Mainz (St. Martin's Cathedral, St. Stephan (Chagall windows), Gutenberg Museum and other museums, and many more); bicycle tour through the nearby Rheingau (vineyards), vine tasting in Rheinhessen, excursions to Wiesbaden, Frankfurt or Darmstadt; pre-/post-congress tours to Cologne, Heidelberg, Worms, Speyer etc.. A golf/tennis tournament will be arranged in the vicinity of Mainz.

Safety and security are no special problems in Mainz (they are comparable to other German cities with a few hundred thousand population). Tourists as well as inhabitants generally feel safe in this city.

The congress company together with the Congress Centrum Mainz has started negotiations with possible sponsors to create a budget balancing the financial interests of all involved parties. All efforts will be made to cause no financial loss to the ISPN.

[2014 – Rio de Janeiro - Francisco Salomao](#)

The following report has been sent by Dr. Salomao.





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Listed below you can find a list of the steps already taken:

1. Constitution of the Organizing Committee:

Chairperson: José Francisco M. Salomão

Vice Chairperson: Hamilton Matushita

Secretary: Nelci Zanon

Deputy Secretary: Artur da Cunha

Treasurer: Antonio Bellas

Deputy treasurer: Geraldo José Dantas Furtado

Local Scientific Committee: Benício Oton de Lima, Hélio Rubens Machado, Sérgio Cavalheiro.

Advisory Board: José Alberto Landeiro, Ricardo Ribeiro

2. **Selection of possible dates:** October 19-23 and November 2d- 6th. These dates will not conflict with major meetings such as: American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS): 82nd Annual Meeting: 5 – 9 April 2014; Congress of Neurologic Surgeons (CNS): 18 – 23 October 2014 and Brazilian Congress of Neurosurgery, traditionally scheduled for the first half of September.

a. The dates mentioned will not conflict with major religious (Jewish, Muslim or Catholic) holidays either.

b. Expected Presidential Election dates in Brazil are:

1st Round: 5 October

2nd Round: 26 October

3. **Pre-booking** was requested to Sofitel Copacabana Hotel, Windsor Copacabana and Copacabana Palace Hotel but pre-booking will be only accepted from 2012 on.
4. **Contact with possible local managers** of both JZKenes and MCI. The local representative (Mr. Juarez Carvalho Filho and Mrs. Gina van Djik, respectively) have been contacted and asked to prepare their proposals as well as the budget concerning the several activities required to organize the 42d ISPN Meeting.
5. **Letters to potential local sponsors** informing on the choice of Rio de Janeiro to host the 42nd Meeting were already send.

Respectfully,

José Francisco M. Salomão

Chairperson of the 42d ISPN Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

11.4 Treasurer's Report

The following report has been sent by Dr. Rick Boop.

ISPN 2011 Annual Treasurer's Report for Executive Committee Meeting

Accounting period November 1, 2010-September 1, 2011

Available Funds:	Checking Account	\$214,405.00
	CD \$100,000 (rate 1.46%)	\$101,053.99





CD \$50,000	(rate 3.55%)	<u>\$54,395.02</u>
Total		\$368,650.01

(Checking Account Balance as of 10/29/2010 = \$237,833.02)

Income

Membership Fees	\$60,290.00	(60,290/290=208)
Springer Royalties	\$93,170.37	
ISPN Saudi Course	\$ 8,800.00	
Total	\$162,260.37	

ISPN Annual Meeting, Jeju

Revenues	\$509,155.00
Expenditures	<u>\$493,916.00</u>
Balance	\$ 15,239.00

Expenditures

Advance for 2012 Meeting	\$25,000.00
Shipping Costs (Springer)	\$94,174.40
Los Trillizos (Poncho)	\$ 2000.00
Jim Henry, Inc (pres. Plaque)	\$ 483.36
Oxford Abstracts	\$ 400.00
Tax Filing	
New York State	\$ 100.00
Citrin, Cooperman	\$ 2500.00
Subtotal	\$124,657.76

ISPN Teaching Courses

ISPN Hyderabad Course	\$10,000
ISPN Hong Kong Course	\$10,000
ISPN Moscow Course	\$10,000
ISPN Saudi Arabia Course	\$10,000
ISPN Shanghai Course	<u>\$10,000</u>
Subtotal	\$50,000
MoonBrand (Webmaster fee)	\$6000.00
Moonbrand (The Guide fee)	<u>\$6940.00</u>
Subtotal	\$12,940.00

Total **\$187,597.76**





Anticipated Expenses

ISPN Annual Scholarships (six)

Dr. Nishant Goyal	\$1000.00
Dr. Haradan Del Nath	\$2000.00
Dr. Giuseppe Mirone	\$2000.00
Dr. Stefan Rueckrigel	\$2000.00
Dr. Jayant Menon	\$2000.00
Dr. Okechi Humphrey	\$2000.00
Subtotal	\$11,000.00

Total Expenses+Anticipated expenses \$198,597.76

Annual Income minus Expenses	\$162,260.37
	<u>-\$187,597.76</u>
	\$(25,337.39)

11.5 Committee Reports

a. Audit - Shlomi Constantini

General:

1 The tax filing and accounting statements look very good - very clear and professional. There is no need to sit and double check each total and review each entry on each bank statement.

2 The Jeju financial report is clear and accurate

Meetings profits and losses:

RE: Recent E Mail discussion: Past, present, and future (PCO)); to be discussed
Discuss bank fees (e.g. wire transfers); to be discussed by treasurer

b. By-Laws - Wan-Tew Seow

Following to ISPN President’s request, the By-Laws Chair recommends an amendment to add a new section (Section 9) to Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the ISPN as follow:

Article V (Meetings)

(Add new section) Section 9

Electronic Meetings





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a. Special Meetings of the Executive Board may be held by electronic means (such as e-mail or other Internet communication systems, telephone conferences, video conferences, facsimile, etc.) subject to the following:

- I. Members of the EB members shall have access to the appropriate electronic meeting media, as verified by their response to a call for any particular meeting. A majority of EB members shall constitute the quorum for the meeting and, once established, shall be assumed present until the meeting is adjourned.
- II. The technology used for the electronic meetings shall allow the members full access to and full participation in all such meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting.
- III. The affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum shall be the minimum vote requirement for the adoption of any motion. A majority of the votes cast, shall be necessary for the adoption of motions.
- IV. Procedural rules related to the conduct of electronic meetings shall be established and promulgated by the Executive Board.

b. Special Meetings of members of the ISPN may be held by electronic means (such as e-mail or other Internet communication systems) subject to the following:

- I. All members of the ISPN shall have access to the appropriate electronic meeting media, as verified by their response to a call for any particular meeting. When 40% or more of members have responded to the call, they shall constitute the quorum for the meeting and, once established, shall be assumed present until the meeting is adjourned.
 - II. The technology used for the electronic meetings shall allow the members full access to and full participation in all such meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting.
 - III. The affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum shall be the minimum vote requirement for the adoption of any motion. A majority of the votes cast, (or a greater proportion when indicated by the By-Laws Chair), shall be necessary for the adoption of motions.
 - IV. Procedural rules related to the conduct of electronic meetings shall be established and promulgated by the Executive Board.
1. The Chair was asked to interpret the By-laws with regards to one person holding 2 positions in the EB and the constitutional role of a co-chair of a committee. After much discussion, it was agreed that one person can, at any one time, hold one position in the EB (and have only one vote). The Nominating Subcommittee which puts up the slate of appointments to the Nominating Committee should be aware of such a possibility before sending the slate to the Nominating Committee. In particular, the two areas where the possibility of nominating one person twice would be 1) nominating the Chairperson of the next Annual Meeting of the ISPN as a the Chair of committee, and reinstating someone who was mistakenly thought to have serve more than 5 years continuously as an EB member. Hence the By-laws Committee will make the necessary amendment by adding a line at the end of existing section (Article IV, Section 2) of the By-laws as follows:

Article IV – Executive Board

Section 2

(To add a line at the end of existing section):

“Each member of the Executive Board can, at any one time, hold only one position in the Executive Board.”





2. The EB will also discuss the process of appointing Vice-Chairs for Committees that require such an appointment and the roles of such Vice-Chairs.

Discussions and/or actions

The changes proposed by the Chair of Bylaws Committee were considered major changes to the bylaws. Because of this, the membership needed to be notified of the changes in advance and then, vote on the changes at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, it was not considered acceptable to vote on the changes at the Goa Meeting.

Such changes, as they are now or modified by the new bylaws chair, need to be circulated to the membership prior to the Sydney meeting. Then, the members will vote on these changes in Sydney.

It was agreed the EB could conduct business by e-mail during the next year, as they have been doing the last 2 years.

c. Membership - Il-Woo Lee

The International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery Membership Committee Report Goa 2011

- There are 42 membership requests(active members) in 2010 Jeju meeting and all applications are approved
- At the present time, we have 413 members in total of which 385 are active and 28 are senior members
- There was 1 deceased member : Dr. Henry Bartkowski (United States)
- There are 2 applications for senior membership and approved at EB meeting:
Dr. Enrique Ventureyra
Dr. Fernando Rueda Franco
- 38 applicants fulfill their requirements(37 active, 1 candidate membership)

List of Membership Applicants, GOA 2011

Azmi Alias	(Malaysia)
Aldo Jose Ferreira Da Silva	(Brazil)
Arto Immonen	(Finland)
Benedetta Pettorini	(United Kingdom)
Daniel Guillaume	(United States)
Darric Baty	(United States)
David Scott Anderson	(Australia)
Erwin Cornips	(Netherlands)
Eylem Ocal	(Canada)
Gerald Grant	(United States)
Giselle Coelho Resende Caselato	(Brazil)
Hideki Ogiwara	(Japan)
Hsin-Hung Chen	(Taiwan)
Jeffrey Pugh	(Canada)
José Aloysio Costa Val Filho	(Brazil)
Juan Bosco Gonzalez	(Nicaragua)
Kausik Sil	(India)
Khalid Al-Kharazi	(Canada)
Llewellyn C Padayachy	(South Africa)
Manish Ranjan	(India)
Marcia C Da Silva	(Brazil)
Marcia N de O Homa	(Brazil)





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Matthias Preuss	(Germany)
Muhammad Zubair Tahir (candidate)	(Pakistan)
Muh-Lii Liang	(Taiwan)
Oleg Pak	(Russia)
Patrick McDonald	(Canada)
Paul Klimo Jr.	(United States)
Richard Anderson	(United States)
Rita Delgado Villora	(Brazil)
Rolando Jimenez-Guerra	(Mexico)
Shailendra Ashock Magdum	(United Kingdom)
Shibu Pillai	(India)
Shungu Ushewokunze	(United Kingdom)
Sonia Hasdeu	(Argentina)
Suzana Maria Serra	(Brazil)
Timothy Merrill George	(United States)
Valeria Muoio	(Brazil)

List of Approved New Members at Goa meeting, 2011

37 active memberships,

Azmi Alias	(Malaysia)
Aldo Jose Ferreira Da Silva	(Brazil)
Arto Immonen	(Finland)
Benedetta pettorini	(United Kingdom)
Daniel Guillaume	(United States)
Darric Baty	(United States)
David Scott Anderson	(Australia)
Erwin Cornips	(Netherlands)
Eylem Ocal	(Canada)
Gerald Grant	(United States)
Giselle Coelho Resende Caselato	(Brazil)
Hideki Ogiwara	(Japan)
Hsin-Hung Chen	(Taiwan)
Jeffrey Pugh	(Canada)
José Aloysio Costa Val Filho	(Brazil)
Juan Bosco Gonzalez	(Nicaragua)
Kaushik Sil	(India)
Khalid Al-Kharazi	(Canada)
Llewellyn C Padayachy	(South Africa)
Manish Ranjan	(India)
Marcia C Da Silva	(Brazil)
Marcia N de O Homa	(Brazil)
Matthias Preuss	(Germany)
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1 candidate membership

Muhammad Zubair Tahir (Pakistan)

Il-Woo Lee, MD
Chairman of Membership Committee,

d. Education – G. Tamburrini/ C. Deopujari

ISPN Education Courses 2010-11

Co Chairs: Deopujari, Tamburrini

5 Courses were conducted last year

Hongkong: 5-6 November: Local organizer: Dr. Xianlun Zhu, Wai S Poon

Faculty: Tadanori Tomita, Paul Steinbock, Graham Fieggen, Tony Figgaji, Connor Mallucci, C. Deopujari, Sergio Cavalheiro, Jie Ma, Tai Tong Wong, A.K.Mahapatra

30 participants

Program and feedback attached

Hyderabad, India: November 17-19 : Local Organizer: A K Purohit, Suchanda B

Faculty: Arnold Menezes, James Goodrich, Dominic Thomson, Martina Messing_Juenger, Graham Fieggen, K C Wang, C.Deopujari and Indian faculty

98 participants

Program and feedback attached

Moscow, Russia: December 10-11 : Local Organizer: Serge Goreleseyv

Faculty: Tadanori Tomita, Saffet Muttleur, KC Wang + Maurice Choux and Russian faculty

Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia: Jan 22-24: Local Organizer: Ahmed Ammar

Faculty: Paul Steinbock, Tadanori Tomita, Rick Boop, Tai Tong Wong, C. Deopujari, William Harkness

Program and feedback attached

Shanghai, June 3-5: Local Organizer: Jie Ma, Zhao Yang

Faculty: Gianpiero Tamburrini, Tadanori Tomita, Chandrashekhar Deopujari, Shizuo Oi, Tai Tong Wong, Jie Ma

Program and feedback attached

For next year:

Education committee :

Americas: Tadanori Tomita, Graciella, Adrian Cerecas, Franscesco Salamao, A Singhal

Europe : S Gorel, Martina Jessinger, Harkness, Naren

India: A K Mahapatra, S Chatterji, Deepak Gupta

Asia : KC Wang, Tai Tong Wong, Taka Inagaki, , Mufti, Panu, Zhu and Ma, Wan Tew Seow, Azmi

Middle East and Africa: Graham Fieggen, Ahmed Ammar, Santosh Laud, Al Gohary

Proposed venues:

Middle East : Al Khobar 2nd course: Ahmed Ammar,

Cairo: Al Gohary

Muscat: Santosh Laud





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Qatar?

Africa: Cape Town: Fieggen

Nairobi: Qureshi

India: Delhi: Deepak Gupta

Asia: Malaysia: Azmi, Puli, Seow

Thailand: Panu Nachurang

Indonesia: M Saekhu, Mufti

No proposal from South America yet

e. Communication - William Harkness

The ISPN Guide

The greatest single piece of work undertaken this year has been the work on the ISPN Guide, which has been the result of the incredible efforts of past President of the ISPN Rick Abbott. This will be the subject of a separate presentation but the Guide will be one of the most important aspects of the ISPN website carrying forward into 2012. It is hoped that it will stimulate interaction with all of our membership and indeed encourage many more to join.

Presidents message regarding the Redevelopment of the ISPN website

Consequent upon the nature of the discussions concerning the ISPN website at the Executive Meeting in Jeju the ISPN President, Paul Steinbok, produced a statement summarizing the process behind the development of the website. This was circulated to the membership in March 2011 and is posted on the ISPN website Members Notice board.

www.ispneurosurgery.org/members-area/members-noticeboard/

Please note that this statement includes a statement of probity from the ISPN Communication Chair, which was felt necessary following the discussions in Jeju Island.

The ISPN Logo

In December 2010 a survey of the membership was carried out, the first through the New website, to gain the opinion of our membership in relation to the New Logo. We had 88 responses to this survey, which ran for a three-week period closing on December 17th. The results of these responses were as follows: -

1. In favour of keeping the Old Logo 14 (16%)
2. In favour of adopting the New Logo 66 (75%)
3. In favour of Creating Another Logo 8 (9%)

These results were circulated to the Executive and concerns were raised by a number who had not received all of the emails and who felt that this survey may not be representative as not all of the membership may have been reached by email and therefore may have been denied the opportunity to express their view. Consequently on Dec 24th the Communication Chair sent an email from his work email address to each individual who had not responded to the initial survey, asking them to respond within 7 days and also asking them to express a preference regarding the logo (if they wished to do so). He received 61 responses from the 142 emails sent out. 49 of the 61 had received all previous emails but had chosen not to respond; 11 of the 61 had not received previous emails. From this extra emailing, an additional 4 responses supported the Old logo and 23 the New logo. 34 members indicated that they had no preference. There were no additional votes in favour of creating another logo.

Thus, we had 149 responses to the membership survey from a membership number registered on the website of 247, which is a 60 % response rate. This is a phenomenally good response rate to any type of survey.

The final results were:

1. In favour of new logo 89 (59.7 %)
2. In favour of old logo 18 (12%)





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3. In favour of Creating Another Logo 8 (5.3%)
4. No preference 34 (22.8%)

These results were posted on the ISPN website in January 2011 and an email sent to all members from our President Paul Steinbok confirming the results and the adoption of the New ISPN logo. In addition he informed the membership that, when updating our Constitution, Wan Tew Seow discovered that the Society has to present a Seal as part of this constitution. It was therefore suggested that the Old Logo be used as the Society Seal. This ensures that it maintains its rightful place in our History and Constitution.

Zero Cost Initiatives

A number of initiatives have been undertaken during this year to enhance the website for the membership.

1. Journal Club – Gianpiero Tamburrini. This is a bi-monthly feature covering a number of topics and has been both informative and probing in nature. Subjects covered have been the stigmata of Dysraphism, Hydrocephalus, Epilepsy Surgery and Craniofacial surgery.
2. The Edgardo Schijman Case of the Month – Tony Figaji. There have been some really good cases presented under Tony's supervision and these have been oncological and craniocervical.
3. Complication of the Month – William Harkness. Four cases so far have been presented describing complications that have been encountered in the authors practice.
4. Shunt Project – Ahmed Ammar. A collection of radiographs and information is being compiled to create a practical resource to enable easy identification of shunt systems and their characteristics.
5. Fellowship Project – Martin Tisdall/William Harkness. All members have been invited to contribute to an online survey of fellowships available throughout the world. This is to enable those in training with a specific interest in Pediatric Neurosurgery to find out where they can gain further experience. This register of fellowships will be posted in the Open Access area of the website and launched in Goa.
6. Newsletter – Ash Singhal. Work in progress
7. Consulting Room/Grand Rounds – Dave Gruber. Work in progress

Appearance of Website

The appearance of the website has not changed since launch. A series of photographs was commissioned and provided free of charge and some of these will be used to 'refresh' the website. However, in order to ensure a more balanced mixture of photographs a further invitation will be sent to ISPN members prior to the Goa meeting encouraging them to contribute photographs.

Summary for 2010/2011

A number of new initiatives have been launched for this year but the feedback from our membership has been limited. It is proposed that at the Goa business meeting members will once again be invited to contribute and we feel that the launch of the ISPN guide should increase interest and therefore we hope, result in greater membership interest. There is no doubt that the senior members who have contributed so far lead very busy lives and going into 2011/2012 the challenge will be to keep the website up to date and informative. For many of the 'housekeeping' aspects of the website, including chasing contributors etc it may be necessary to engage more administrative assistance, a role which could be provided by our PCO or alternatively sought elsewhere. The cost of this is unlikely to be great but this again raises the question of website sponsorship.

With the launch of the ISPN guide in Goa, the website moves into another era and as such becomes increasingly attractive for commercial sponsorship. There are areas of the website





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that will be particularly suitable for sponsorship links, such as the Shunt project and this opportunity should be maximized.

On a personal note, I shall be standing down as Communication Chair following the 2011 Goa meeting. I hope to retain some involvement with the website but feel that it is time for some new enthusiasm to be injected into the process and encourage all of our membership to actively engage in the website. The ISPN website provides a unique opportunity for our Society to educate and inform and the image projected by it must remain fresh and vital and this can only be achieved by the active involvement of our membership.

William Harkness. London October 1st 2011

f. Ways & Means - Francisco Salomao

Report on the activities of the Ways and Means Committee (2010 – 2011).

The Ways and Means Committee developed two main activities during this year:

1. To evaluate applications and decide on the winners of scholarships to attend the 39th Annual ISPN Meeting in Goa;
2. To establish the terms of reference for a future Traveling Fellowship.

1. Scholarships to attend the 39th Annual ISPN Meeting in Goa: After a careful analysis, the Ways and Means Committee decided to grant scholarships considering the information given by the applicants and the criteria displayed on ISPN's web site, as can be seen below:

1. Neurosurgeons in training with paper (platform or poster presentation) submitted and accepted by ISPN Scientific Committee;
2. Age less than 35 years;
3. Written proof of annual income;
4. Letter of reference from their Chairman or an active ISPN member;
5. No award recently received.

Six scholarships were initially granted to the following applicants:

Okechi Humphrey, AIC Kijabe Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya
Nishant Goyal, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India
Jayant Menon, UC California San Diego, USA
Stefan M Rueckriegel, University of Wuerzburg, Germany
Giuseppe Mirone, Santobono Children's Hospital, Naples, Italy.
Haradan Debnath, Bangladesh

Although the last one (Dr. Haradan Debnath) exceeded the age limit (DOB 15/06/1967), his application was considered because only 5 candidates had no restriction criteria.

As Dr. Nishant Goyal, due to political reasons, was unable to get a visa to enter India, **Dr. Juan Bosco Gonzalez Torres** from Nicaragua, replaced him, following the same criteria used to include Dr. Debnath.

2. Traveling Fellowship: a second draft of the terms of reference for Traveling Fellowship was submitted to the EB, incorporating the suggestions received after the presentation of the first draft. By the time of this report, no other suggestion was sent to this committee.

3. Observations and suggestions:





1. To set a deadline for applications in order to facilitate the selection process. I propose that this deadline should be 3 months before the Meeting.
2. To allow application of persons who have received one previous scholarship.
3. Not allow applications of medical students.
4. Restrict applications to neurosurgeons in training or who have completed training no more than 10 years before (WFNS criteria), originating from developing countries, irrespective of age.
5. Add a sum of money to the Anthony J. Raimondi ISPN Award, in order to motivate the participation of young scientists.

g. Scientific - John Kestle

Scientific Committee Report for 2011

1. Members:

John Kestle (Chair), Chidambaram Balasubramaniam, Helio Machado, Luca Massimi, Young-Shin Ra, Yasuo Yamanouchi, Chandrashekhar Deopujari (Annual Meeting Chair)

2. Timeline for meeting preparation.

This year we again asked that authors register for the meeting before final acceptance of their abstract. Eventually we had to waive this requirement. There were some troubles with credit card acceptance and a lot of people emailed asking for an extension, so ultimately we waived this requirement.

The abstract deadline was May 6 (similar to last year) and the accepted abstracts were submitted to Child's Nervous System by the end of June. This was the first year that poster abstracts were published. In addition, the nursing abstracts were included in Child's Nervous System.

3. Oxford System for Reviewing Abstracts.

We stuck with the Oxford System and my comments are similar to last year. The system does the job, but is not user friendly and there basically isn't any telephone support. When I email the administrator, he simply refers me to a help manual, which is quite frustrating at times, but having used the system over the last few years, it was acceptable. In going forward with the possibility of a PCO, I think we should look at other options.

4. Meeting data.

There were 314 abstract submissions (including 15 nursing abstracts). This year we limited any individual to a single appearance at the podium. When there were multiple abstracts submitted by the same presenter, the best one was chosen for presentation and others were allowed as posters. This year we asked authors to indicate whether their work had been previously published, and if so, it was not accepted. Seventy-five abstracts were accepted for full presentation and 61 abstracts were accepted for flash presentation. There were 136 electronic posters accepted and 15 abstracts were accepted for the Nursing Symposium. In addition, the three top scoring nursing abstracts were selected for presentation in the main plenary sessions.

The submissions by category were as follows:

Category	#
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Brain Malformation	16
Trauma	16
Vascular	10
Other	26
Craniofacial	32
Dysraphism/Tethered cord	30
Epilepsy	22
Functional	7
Hydrocephalus	54
Oncology	75
Spine	12

5. Review process.

Kestle reviewed all abstracts and each abstract had two additional reviewers. The three scores were averaged and ranked within subject categories. The highest scores were chosen for full presentation, followed by flash presentation and posters. Authors were notified of their format based on this process. Specific requests for one format versus another from authors were honored as much as possible.

6. Awards and Scholarships

Raimondi award. The Raimondi award had no applicants this year.

Trainee awards. The Trainee awards were continued this year, having been started at the Jeju meeting. When abstracts were submitted, people had to indicate whether or not the presenting author was a trainee. In order to receive the award, the trainee must be the presenter. The recipients get a reduced registration fee and will receive a certificate of recognition. There were six trainee awards given this year.

Best poster awards. The poster scores were ranked based on their abstract scores and the top ten were invited to send their slides to the Scientific Committee prior to the meeting. From the review of slides, the best clinical poster and best basic science poster will be chosen. The winners will receive certificates at the banquet.

Scholarships. Six scholarships were awarded by the Ways and Means Committee. They will be reported by the Ways and Means Chair and awarded at the banquet.

This year we checked the trainee awards against the scholarships so that there was no duplication. If someone was eligible for both, the scholarship received priority since it was of higher value.

7. Scientific program.

Full presentations were allowed 9 minutes (7 for presentation and 2 for questions, which would immediately follow the talk). Flash presentations were allowed 3 minutes and discussion of flash presentations occurs at the end of the session.

h. Liaison - Francesco Sala

i. Ethics & Morals - Takayuki Inagaki





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j. Nominating - Saffet Mutluer

On 16th October 2011, meeting of the nominating sub-committee of the ISPN was held in Grand Hyatt Goa at 10:30-11:30 AM. The nominating committee chair Saffet Mutluer, past Presidents Tai Tong- Wong and Richmond Abbott and platform members Volkan Etus and Young Cho-Koh were admitted to the meeting.

President Mutluer has opened the meeting and has asked the opinions of the committee members.

After discussions for each position, the following decisions has been made unanimously:

President: Tadanori Tomita

Immediate Past President: Paul Steinbok

President Elect: Kyu Chang-Wang

Secretary: Graciela Zuccaro

Treasurer: Frederick Boop

Audit: Wan Tew Seow

By-Laws : Shlomi Constantini

Membership: Yusuf Ersahin

Liaison: Guirish Solanki

Communication: Graham Fieggen

Ethics and Moral: Takayuki Inagaki

Scientific: John Kesstle

Way and Means: Francesco Salamao

Education: Gianpiero Tamburrini

Historian: Carlo Mazza

Childs Nervous System: Consezio DiRocco

Annual Meeting: Charles Teo

11.6 Historian

11.7 Child's Nervous System

Also during the last year our Journal could take advantage of the continuous increased editorial activity and worldwide availability of its cultural resources of Springer.

As an example, the full text downloads from Springer publication were 183 millions in 2010 compared to the 162 millions in 2009. Springer also inaugurated new service, our readers can enjoy as, for example, the RealTime which allows to know in any moment which are the most loaded articles and where the downloads is made.

Concerning more specifically CNS the 7 day downloads range around 1200-1500 everyday. The current subscriptions are 346, of which 261 from Society members from single persons, and 383 from Consortia with 8,145 institutions (in 2009 the Consortia were 297 and the institutions 6,693). The request for articles increased to 12,556 from the 11,730 of the previous year. Most of the article requested concern contemporary articles (60%) but still 8% regards articles from the archive. The requests comes from USA (24%), Canada (3%), China (9%), Japan (4%), France (6%), UK, Germany, Spain, Italy (all 3%), Africa (2%), demonstrating a worldwide interest for the journal. Most of the requests arrives through Google (23%), libraries and University (17%) and Springer research engine (3%).

In 2010 we received 658 papers of which about half (48%) were not accepted. Most of the published papers were original (108), focus session (20), letters to Editors (27). Fifty-one were case reports. During this year, we have already published 235 papers (September





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2011) to be compared to the 273 published in 2010 and 263 in 2009. In spite of the increase in the number of the published paper, the 2010 IF is 1,314 and Citation Index 561 (494 in 2009) (good numbers considering the numerous papers accepted for “geographical” reasons, that is to promote pediatric neurosurgery in developing countries).

The number of allotted pages for year is currently 1872 (which we would not like to overcome, though Springer would not object to their possible increase, if we need). The time span for publication ranges around 6-7 months, most because of an excessively long and delayed review process. Consequently, for the next year we plan to modify the current review system in order to accelerate the process. The accepted papers appear on line a little faster (around 5 months). Finally, the ranking of the journal is 128/185 among Clinical neurology journals, 54/106 among pediatric journals and 88/187 among surgical journal.

In conclusion, in the last year the journal progressed in all the fields and continued to increase its appeal and diffusion, so further fulfilling its mission of contributing to educate pediatric neurosurgeons and allied specialists throughout the world.

11.8 Future meeting sites

The official proposals for ISPN 2015 were:

Shanghai, China
Beijing, China
Athens, Greece
Izmir, Turkey
Elad, Israel

The elected site for **43rd ISPN 2015** Annual Meeting is **Shanghai, China** and Dr. Jie Ma is the Chair of this Meeting.

11.9 Correspondence

Nominations of two members to serve on the nominating committee were asked from the floor. The approved names are: **Hakan Karabagli**, from **Turkey** and **Sandip Chatterji**, from **India**.

Respectfully submitted by
Graciela Zuccaro
Secretary ISPN

