

## ISPN Business Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday 10 October 2018 **18:00-18:45** (GMT+3)  
Hall B, David Intercontinental, Tel Aviv, Israel

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### 1. President & Secretary welcome

ISPN President Graham Fieggen (GF) and Secretary Gianpiero Tamburrini (GT) welcomed all members to the annual Business Meeting and explained that only those topics requiring members voting were to be raised in this meeting, due to time limitations.

ISPN members were requested, as in the previous year to put forward the names of members from the floor to be added to the Nominating Committee. The following 7 candidates were put forward:

- Richard Anderson, USA
- Marcia da Silva, Brazil
- Suresh Sankhla, India
- Ulrich Thomale, Germany
- Serge Gorelyshev, Russia
- Bruce Kaufman, USA
- Jie Ma, China

Active members were then invited to submit their preferred vote through the ISPN app.

### 2. Treasurer's report

Mike Handler (MH), ISPN Treasurer, presented ISPN's financial status by showing current assets, and 2018 income and expenses and commented that the figures speak for themselves, ISPN is in a good and strong position.

Rick Boop (RB) recommended from the Audit Committee point of view, that a formal audit should be held by an external consultant. MH replied he is not convinced an external audit is necessary, as a formal analysis of the accounts was recently performed.

GF proposed a compromise; to first review whether an audit is deemed necessary and then to put forward a motion in the next business meeting. MH & RB agreed to this.

### 3. Annual Meeting

#### a. 2022 – 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting site selection

GF mentioned that the Executive Board (EB) dropped one year behind in selecting the next ISPN meeting destination and an open & transparent process was applied this year. 8 Letters of Intent were received, from which 2 parties were selected to move forward to preparing a full Bid Book.

For ISPN 2022, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, the EB proposed Toronto, Canada, as the destination.

#### b. 2023 – 51st Annual Meeting site selection

At the same time, Lyon, France, was proposed to host ISPN 2023, which will be the start of the next 50 years of ISPN meetings.



The members approved the proposed destinations to host the ISPN Annual Meeting: ISPN 2022 will be held in Toronto, Canada, and ISPN 2023 will be held in Lyon, France.

#### **4. Committees**

##### **a. Constitution & By-laws**

The revisions in the ISPN By-laws were distributed by email and GF requested the members to vote for the approval of the revisions, including the revised article 14, as the position of the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal remained unchanged: Child's Nervous System is the official Journal of the ISPN, and ISPN do not determine the appointment of the Editor, however, they make a collegial recommendation.

The members approved the changes in the By-laws.

##### **b. Education**

Education has the busiest portfolio of activities; 9 education courses are proposed for 2019, with quite a few taking place in Asia.

The members approved the 9 Education courses for 2019.

For future education courses it was proposed to limit the number of courses to 7 per annum, with a maximum of 3 per continent.

The members approved the reduction to 7 courses from 2020 and the limitation of 3 per continent.

A proposal was put forward to increase the support for Low and Lower Middle Income Countries (LMIC) attendees to a maximum of USD 5,000 per course, for up to 5 courses.

The members approved this proposal.

Another proposal was put forward to provide up to USD 10,000 to increase Allied Health Professionals participation in the education courses.

The members approved this proposal.

A final proposal was put forward to have the option to make an amount of up to USD 2,000 per course available for those Educational Courses that require translation to local language. It was noted that informal translation options are preferred, and the allocation would be decided on case by case basis.

The members approved this proposal.

##### **c. Ways & Means**

There was only one application for a Visiting Fellowship that is in a complete state to be approved by the members: Ibrahima Berete, for a fellowship with RB in Tennessee, USA.

Martina Messing-Junger (MMJ) made an appeal to the members present to have more visiting fellowships, as the support is available.

The members approved the Visiting Fellowship of Ibrahima Berete.

##### **d. Membership**





GF commented that he made a personal effort to reach out to all pending membership applications and this now resulted that 48 members are to be approved officially as members of ISPN. Several applications remain pending.

The members approved the new ISPN members.

#### **e. Liaison**

GF commented that in the past not enough attention has been paid to the relationship with the Joint section, and this is now being rectified by the Liaison Committee by working on a reciprocal arrangement, that is proposed for a period of 3 years. Zulma Tovar-Spinoza (ZTS) added this is long overdue, and will help to overcome the separation from the past years.

The members supported and approved this proposal.

#### **f. Nominating**

William Harkness (WH), Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed candidates for the EB. He specified that particular considerations (ie meeting costs, 2 years loss in a row etc) were taken into account to select new EB members.

The following candidates were proposed for the 2018-2019 EB:

- President: Wolfgang Wagner (*automatic succession from President Elect*)
- President Elect: José Francisco Salomão
- Nominating Committee Chair: Graham Fieggen (*ex-officio*)
- 2019 Meeting Chairman: Guirish Solanki (*ex-officio*)
- Historian: Tad Tomita (*ex-officio*)
- CNS: Concezio di Rocco (*ex-officio*)
- The Guide: Rick Abbott (*ex-officio*)
- Secretary - Adrian Caceres
- Treasurer - Mike Handler; as also outlined in the financial strategies, due to the increased challenges, it was decided to appoint an 'Assistant' Treasurer (investment advisor) – Rick Boop
- Audit - Rick Boop
- By-laws - Hiroaki Sakamoto
  - Co-chair - Luca Massimi
- Ethics and Morals - Wan Tew Sew
  - Co-chair - John Kestle
- Educational - Sandip Chatterjee
  - Co-chair - Nelci Zanon
- Liaison - Zulma Tovar-Spinoza
  - Co-chair – Neelan Krishnan Venkataramana
- Membership - Tony Figaji
  - Co-chair - Ji Yeoun Lee
- Communication - Ash Singhal
  - Co-chair - Federico di Rocco
  - Co-chair (App) - Ramiro del Rio
  - Co-chair (Social Media) - Benedetta Pettorini
  - Co-chair (Industry Liaison) - Llewellyn Padayachy
- Scientific - Francesco Sala
  - Co-chair - Abhaya Kulkarni
- Ways and Means - Martina Messing-Jünger
  - Co-chair – Meng-Fai Kuo
- Allied Health Professionals – Lindy May



The members approved the new composition of the EB for the period 2018-2019.

José Francisco Salomão expressed his appreciation for being elected in the President Elect position.

### **Members for the Nominating Committee – Outcome poll**

Serge Gorelyshev and Ulrich Thomale were selected as members from the floor for the Nominating Committee.

### **5. Any other business**

No other business was discussed.

### **6. Next Business Meeting**

The next Business Meeting will be held during ISPN 2019 in Birmingham, UK.

### **7. Close**

GF thanked all members for their participation and closed the meeting at 18:40.

