



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, September 12th, 2012 – Sydney, Australia

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Graham Fieggen
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John Kestle
Guirish Solanki
Takayuki Inagaki
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12.1 Presidential Welcome

12.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Goa) – 2011

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

12.3 Annual Meeting Reports

2011 – Goa - Chandrashekar Deopujari

The following report was sent on August 30, 2012

Provisional FINANCAL SUMMARY ISPN 2011 GOA

INCOME	<i>(USD / <INR 45 in October, 2011)</i>
1) Income from Registrations	INR 1, 93, 00, 000 /- (USD 420, 000)
2) Income from Sponsorships *Directly deposited to ISPN Treasurer	INR 97, 00, 000/- (USD 215, 000) (USD 29, 000)

EXPENSES	<i>(USD / INR Fluctuating)</i>
i) Conference Expenses	INR 2, 15, 00, 000/- (USD 478, 000)
ii) Salaries, Fees, Registration Discounts	INR 10, 00, 000/- (USD 22, 000)
iii) Indirect Taxes Paid so far	INR 16, 00, 000/- (USD 36, 000)

Balance	<i>(USD / INR 56 at present)</i>
* Available at present	INR 49, 00, 000/- (USD 87, 500)



*30 % taxes to be paid (if money can't be utilized for charitable activities in the field of Pediatric Neurosurgery in India)	INR 16, 50, 000/- (USD 30, 000)
*Auditor & CA (Tax Consultant) fees	Not paid yet

2012 – Sydney - Charles Teo

The following report has been sent by Dr. Teo.

15th June 2012

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

All preparations are on schedule for the ISPN Annual Meeting 2012, Sydney. Below is an update on the main areas of the programme.

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 confirmed. Abstract submissions have closed and the Scientific Committee have reviewed and scored all abstracts with presenting authors currently being notified.

Accommodation, Sydney

The Four Seasons Hotel is the meeting venue and meeting hotel. 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. There is a pool, on-site health spa and gym. Alternate accommodation is also available for delegates at:

- The Holiday Inn Old Sydney in the Rocks.
- The YHA Sydney Harbour in the Rocks.
- The Grace Hotel in the CBD.

Alternate accommodation can be arranged by filling out a form on the Alternate Accommodation page on the ISPN website or by emailing the organising committee at info@ispn2012sydney.org.

Social Functions:

Saturday 8th September President's Reception: Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales has extended an extremely generous invitation to host the President's Reception at Government House. Government House is located in the picturesque grounds of the Royal Botanic Gardens and has stunning views across Sydney Harbour.

Sunday 9th Annual Meeting Opening Reception: Bar100 has been secured as the venue for the Annual Meeting Opening Reception. The heritage listed venue is located in walking distance from the hotel, in the historic Rocks district.

Wednesday 12th September Gala Dinner: The Crystal Palace at Luna Park, 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. Then over dessert, delegates can enjoy some friendly competition at Luna Park's heritage listed Coney Island.





Delegates will be transported by ferry, across Sydney Harbour to Luna Park and return transport by coach buses will be available.

An extensive Tour and Social Programme has been organised.

Tuesday Sports Afternoon activities are arranged. The Golf afternoon will be held at exclusive NSW Golf Club, Cooper Park Tennis courts in Woollahra will host the Tennis afternoon and a guided Kayaking Tour around Sydney Harbour is also available.

The ISPN Tour Programme brochure containing information on tours, the Social Programme and Sports Activities was mailed to delegates and information is also available on the ISPN Sydney website.

Pre-Meeting

A pre-meeting course has been organised in Palm Cove, Northern Queensland, to be held on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of September, 2012. The subject of the course is *Surgical Approaches to the Brainstem* and speakers have been confirmed.

A Live Surgery has also been scheduled in Sydney on Saturday 8th September.

Registration and Promotion

The ISPN Sydney website is located at www.ispn2012sydney.org and all registrations can be done online through there.

Promotional brochures on the Annual Meeting, the Pre-Meeting and Tours were mailed to delegates in February 2012.

Fortnightly html emails (e-postcards) are now being sent to ISPN Members as well as all doctor and nurses' associations on our distribution lists, to promote the meeting and social programme.

Conference Budget

Revenue	
500 Registrations	425,000
C.Teo Loan to CMI	85,000
ISPN Loan	25,000
Cerrone (Paid)	10,000
Reho Travel (Paid)	5,000
Medtronic (Paid)	50,000
Johnson & Johnson (Paid)	40,000
Codman (Paid)	20,597
Carl Zeiss Med (Paid)	20,000
Integra (Paid)	10,000
Cadwell (Paid)	10,000
KLS Martin Group -Medical & Optical (Paid)	10,000
Brainlab (Paid)	20,000
Karl Storz (Paid)	10,000
Global Surgical Distribution (Paid)	10,000
Southern Radiology (Paid)	5,000
Synthes (Paid)	30,000
B.Braun (Contract being finalised)	40,000
POW Private (Paid)	25,000
Total Sponsorship	315,597
Total Revenue	850,597

Costs	
4 Seasons Delegate packages (500 Registrations)	200,000
4 Seasons Ball room rental @\$600 per night	24,000



Winten/Teale/Buchanan @ \$2500 per Day (Mon & Wed)	5,000
Tanner Room @ \$500 per Day (Sun, Mon & Tues)	1,500
President's Dinner	5,000
Gala Dinner	125,610
Opening Ceremony	35,000
Speakers costs	10,000
Hotel AV (including Exhibition booths)	70,000
Graphic Design	15,000
Printing	7,000
Website	12,000
Banners & signage	5,000
Transport	16,000
Programme	10,000
Conference Bags & Volunteer Costs	20,000
Sponsor Delegate Fees	30,000
Marketing & Postage	7,500
Repay - C.Teo Loan to CMI	85,000
Repay - ISPN Loan (4 Seasons - Hotel Deposit)	25,000
Management, Administration & Staffing	90,000
Travel	5,000
Miscellaneous/contingency	10,000
Insurance	6,120
Total	819,730

Total Revenues	Total Expenses
\$850,597	\$819,730
Balance	
AUD \$30,867	

[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 ISPN meeting 2013 will take place in Mainz, Germany, from September 29, 2013 (Sunday) to October 3, 2013 (Thursday). The two thousand years old city of Mainz, capital of the German federal state Rheinland-Pfalz, lies at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Main, a few kilometres away from and ideally linked to the Frankfurt Rhein/Main airport, the largest on the European continent.

The famous historical Electoral Palace (Kurfürstliches Schloss), part of the Congress Centrum Mainz, will be the meeting venue; the entire building is reserved for the ISPN throughout the meeting. The Electoral Palace is situated directly at the river Rhine and only a few steps away from the historical old town of Mainz. The scientific congress itself and the welcome reception will take place here. The gala banquet is scheduled at the wine-growing estate "Hofgut Laubenheimer Höhe" at the periphery of Mainz, surrounded by vine yards and with a panoramic view to the river Rhine.

A "Rheinhessen Evening", serving local cuisine, is planned as well as several touristic activities: cruise on the river Rhine to the famous Loreley cliff, 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 and its 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.

For accommodation, there will be hotels of different categories in Mainz, all in short distance to the congress site, so every delegate and guest can easily walk from the hotel to the congress, to the historic old town etc. The accessibility of Mainz for international guests is excellent; the international Rhein/Main Airport Frankfurt is only a few kilometers away and ideally linked to Mainz by public transportation, starting directly from the airport.

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

After successful negotiations and a contract with the professional congress organizing company Porstmann Kongresse Berlin and with the Congress Centrum Mainz, important dates and locations have been fixed and the organisation of the meeting is running very effectively. Negotiations with possible sponsors have been started to create a budget balancing the financial interests of all involved parties.

Wolfgang Wagner
Meeting chairman ISPN 2013
Mainz, Germany

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

The following report has been sent by Dr. Francisco Salomao:

Rio de Janeiro, 16/06/2012

To
Secretary of ISPN
Dr. Graciela Zuccaro

Dear Mrs. Secretary,

Since the negotiations between ISPN and MCI, initially approved to be the Core PCO, were stopped, the Organizing Committee decided to contact JZ Kenes, a local PCO, actually a branch of Kenes International. Three reasons guided our decision:

1. The need to starting as soon as possible the preparations for the Meeting, to be held in a year of major international events in the city of Rio de Janeiro;
2. The fact that ISPN itself started negotiations with the Kenes Group;
3. The fact of knowing personally, for many years, the work of JZ Kenes, one of Brazil's most respected PCO.

Currently, I am discussing the terms of the contract to be signed with JZ Kenes and that certainly includes clauses of pre-financing and no loss. Of course if in the meantime, the ISPN come to an agreement with Kenes Group, this will prevail and our local PCO is aware of this.

The choice of venue and dates will depend on these negotiations and I hope to have more details shortly.





Respectfully submitted

José Francisco M. Salomão
Chairperson of the 42d ISPN Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[2015 – Shanghai – Jie Ma](#)

The following report has been sent by Dr. Jie Ma

**ISPN2015 Report at ISPN 2012 in Sydney
By Jie MA**

1. Constitution of the ISPN2015 Local Organizing Committee:

Chairperson: Jie MA
Vice Chairperson: Yuqi Zhang, Ying Mao
Secretary: Yang Zhao, Rong Zhang,
Deputy Secretary:
Treasurer:
Local Scientific Committee: Qiu yongming, Gang Wang, Xiaosheng He, Jun Gong,

Advisory Board: (专家顾问) Dingbiao Zhou, Zhongcheng Wang, Liangfu Zhou,

2. Selection of possible dates: September 18 (Saturday) - September 24 (Thursday), 2015

1) Festival Dates

The "Golden Holiday Weeks" in China from 1st to 7th of October has become peak seasons for travel and consumption.

The festival "Diwali" of India will fall on November 11, 2015.

Yom Kippur will fall on September 22 – 23, 2015. (Conflict)

Rosh Hashanah will fall on September 13 – 15, 2015

2) Main Neurological Surgeons Meeting Dates

ID	Country / Region	Organization	Annual Meeting Name	Start Date	End Date	Year
1	America	Congress of Neurological Surgeons	2011 Annual Meeting	2011/10/1	2011/10/6	2011
2	America, Korea		2010 Annual Meeting	2011/10/16	2011/10/21	2010
3	Japan	The Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons	The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons (JCNS)	2012/5/11	2012/5/13	2012
4	British	The Society of British Neurological Surgeons	2011 Autumn Meeting	2011/9/7	2011/9/9	2011
5	Europe	European Association of Neurosurgical	14th European Congress of	2011/10/9	2011/10/14	2011





		Societies	Neurosurgery			
6	China	China Medical Association	CNS Annual Meeting 2011	2011/10/13	2011/10/15	2011

3. Venue Booking

Pre-booking was requested to The Sheraton Shanghai Hotel & Residences, Pudong, Renaissance Shanghai Zhongshan Park Hotel and Hilton Shanghai Hongqiao.

4. PCO Choosing

Contact with possible local manager of both SICMO and MCI. The local representative (Mr. Ping CHEN and Mr. Frank GAO respectively) have been contacted and asked to prepare their proposals as well as the budget concerning the several activities required to organize the 45th ISPN Meeting.

Respectfully,

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12.4 Treasurer's Report

Accounting period October 1, 2011 to August 20, 2012

Available Funds:	Checking Account	\$344,105.03
•	CD \$100,000 (@1.46%)	\$101,282.12
•	CD \$50,000 (@3.55%)	<u>\$56,421.82</u>
•		
		\$501,808.97
•		
•	(Checking Account Balance as of 10/1/2012 =	\$203,668.32)

Income

•	Membership Fees	\$87,752.00
•	Springer Royalties	\$93,106.72
•	Springer Tax Refund	\$33,232.83
•	Codman Check (Goa)	\$22,000.00
•	Cadwell Check (Goa)	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
	Total	\$243,091.55

Anticipated Income

- \$25,000 advance for Sydney meeting

2011 Goa Meeting Financials





• Income from Registration	\$420,000
• Income from Sponsorships	<u>\$215,000</u>
• Total Income	\$635,000
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• Conference Expenses	\$478,000
• Salaries, fee, discounts	\$ 22,000
• Indirect Taxes <u>thus far</u>	<u>\$ 36,000</u>
• Total Expenses	\$536,000

2011 Goa Meeting

• Balance	\$99,000.00
• (\$87,000.00 at current exchange rate, taxable at 30% if moved out of India*)	
• Goa Contribution to ISPN:	
• Codman Check: \$22,000.00	
• Cadwell Check: <u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	
• Total	\$29,000.00

Treasurer's Proposal for Meeting Profits (Requires vote)

- (1/3) of profits given to ISPN
- (2/3) of profits remain in the host country to fulfill ISPN missions within that country
- Example, ISPN teaching course in November in Delhi will be \$9800.00; revenues should be taken from the Goa account
- Local host society should provide a financial plan for use of the overage for EB approval

2011-2012 Expenses

• Medical Editor (The Guide)	\$9,700.00
– (Arlene Stolper Simon)	
• Shipping Costs (Springer)	\$28,664.64
• Production Costs(Springer)	\$9,869.78
• Tax Filing	
• New York State	\$100.00
• Citrin Cooperman	\$1250.00
•	\$1500.00
•	
• Bank Charges	\$2,060.00
• Credit Card Fees	\$2,344.00
• Abstracts Online	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
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• Subtotal	\$56,888.42
• ISPN Teaching Courses	
• Manila , June 15-17	\$9000.00
• Suzhou, June 19-20	\$8200.00
• Nairobi, May 24-26	\$6900.00
•	
• Moonbrand (webmaster fee)	<u>\$6000.00</u>
•	
Total	\$86,988.42





2011-2012 Anticipated Expenses

• ISPN Annual Scholarships (six)	
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• Dr. Thanh Can Do Dang (Viet Nam)	\$2000.00
• Dr. Kanwaljeet Garg (India)	\$2000.00
• Dr. Xiaoguang He (China)	\$2000.00
• Dr. Weikai Chen (China)	\$2000.00
• Dr Cristina B. Beil (Brazil)	\$2000.00
• Dr. Anas Samir Said (Jordania)	<u>\$2000.00</u>
• Subtotal	\$12,000.00
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• ISPN Teaching Course, November, New	
• Delhi	\$9,800.00
• – (depending upon EB Decision)	
•	
• Total	\$21,800.00

The Bottom Line

• Total Expenses + Anticipated Expenses	\$108,788.42
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• Annual Income minus Expenses	\$243,091.55-\$108,788.42=
•	
• TOTAL \$134,303.13	



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12.5 Committee Reports

a. Audit – Wan Tew Seow

Auditing Committee Report 2012

The Auditing Committee have reviewed the documents submitted by the Honorary Treasurer for the annual audit.

We are satisfied that the accounts are in order.

We have to date, however, not received the financial report of the Goa 2011 meeting for auditing.

At the same time, we would like to comment on the current financial operations of the Society with regards to “Local accounts” – accounts opened in the host countries of the ISPN Annual Meetings for the organisation and management of the meetings. To ensure oversight and access to these “local” accounts, there is a need for the Society to come up with a written proposal with how to handle extra money which may remain on these “local accounts” for one reason or another. These accounts will also need to be audited. We also like to highlight that there is still a substantial number of members who have not paid up their subscriptions.

Wan Tew SEOW
Chair

Arthur DiPatri
Member

Nobuhito Morota
Member

b. By-Laws - Shlomi Constantini

Summary of changes to the by-laws:

Senior Members Article III. Section 6. **Approved**

At the age of 65, Active and Associate Members may be appointed to Senior Membership upon the written request of the member and with the approval of the Executive Board. **In order to request Senior Membership, the member must fulfil all of the following conditions:**

- a. **Over age 65 or retired from neurosurgical practice.**
- b. **Completely up to date with membership dues.**
- c. **Continuous membership in the ISPN over the past 10 consecutive years before requesting this change of status.**

Senior Members shall not be required to pay dues nor attend Annual Scientific Meetings of the ISPN. Senior Members may attend the Annual Scientific Meeting of the ISPN, the Annual Business Meeting of the ISPN, may vote, and may hold only the office of Historian.

When an Associate Member moves to the Senior category, he/she assumes the title of Associate Senior Member. His/her privileges will be in accordance with those of Associate Members, not Senior Members. Thus, such members may attend the Annual Meeting of the ISPN, but may not attend the Annual Business Meeting of the ISPN, may not vote and may not hold office.

Executive Board. Article IV. Section 2. **Approved**

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Chairperson of the Annual Scientific Meeting, the Immediate Past-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Chairpersons of the By- Laws, Membership, Scientific Program, Liaison, Education, Ways and Means, Audit, Communication, and Ethics & Morals Committees. **Note that each member of the Executive Board can, at any one time, hold only one position in the Executive Board.**





Executive Board. Article IV. Sections 11 and 12. Approved

Section 11

Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, a majority of the entire Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or of any specified item of business. **Business transactions can be completed physically or electronically.**

Section 12

Unless otherwise required by law, the vote of a majority of the Executive Board members present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be the act of the Executive Board. **Voting can be done at physical meetings or by electronic means.** Each Executive Board member present shall have one vote.

Standing Committees. Article VII. Section 8.

The Nominating Committee and Nominating Subcommittee

There shall be a Nominating Committee, chaired by the President of the ISPN, comprising the members of the Executive Board, augmented by the Immediate Past President, two past presidents who are not members of the Executive Board and who were most recently in office, and two members of the ISPN, not members of the Executive Board, who shall be elected annually at the preceding Annual Business Meeting of the ISPN and who shall not be eligible for consecutive re-election.

The three past presidents and the two elected members shall constitute a Nominating Subcommittee, chaired by the Immediate Past President. This Subcommittee shall request nominations for all offices, which shall be submitted in writing not later than three months before the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board. The Nominating Subcommittee shall prepare a slate of officers and committee chairmen who shall be presented to the Nominating Committee for assessment and approval before submission to the Annual Business Meeting.

The slate of the Nominating Subcommittee can be modified by the Nominating Committee by adding names but not by deleting names. **In addition, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee may request suggestions directly from the Nominating Committee members as to possible nominees.** Members may suggest other candidates in writing prior to or by nomination at the Annual Business Meeting. The candidates will be voted on individually at the Annual Business Meeting.

Note that care must be taken when preparing the proposed slate of officers to ensure that one individual is not unintentionally selected for two different positions in the Executive Board, which is not allowed, as stated in Article IV, Section 2.

The phrase “In addition, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee may request suggestions directly from the Nominating Committee members as to possible nominees”. **Has to be deleted** because it adds no further meaning and in practice never happens.

The phrase “Note that care must be taken when preparing the proposed slate of officers to ensure that one individual is not unintentionally selected for two different positions in the Executive Board, which is not allowed, as stated in Article IV, Section 2”, **the words “note that” must be replaced for the word “Reminder”.**

c. Membership – Yusuf Ersahin

Professor Carlo Mazza was recently approved as a senior member.

ISPN membership applicants who have fulfilled the all criteria.

Table 1: ISPN membership applicants who have fulfilled the all criteria.

Name	Family Name		The classes of membership
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PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY

1. Sarmad Azeez Ibrahim	Al-Karawi	Canada	Candidate Member
2. Jenny	Benoit	Switzerland	Active Member ^{3.}
3. Robert J.	Bollo	USA	3Active Member
4. Robert A.J.	Campbell	Australia	Active Member
5. Mohamed	El Beltagy	Egypt	Active Member
6. Andrew Bryan	Foy	USA	Active Member
7. Marcelo	Galarza	Spain	Active Member
8. Dharmendra	Ganesan	Malaysia	Active Member
9. Serge K.	Gorelyshev	Russia	Active Member
10. Michael H.	Handler	USA	Active Member
11. Todd C.	Hankinson	USA	Active Member
12. Abilash	Haridas	USA	Active Member
13. Alya	Hasan	Kuwait	Active Member
14. Peter A.	Heppner	New Zealand	Active Member
15. Ryuji	Ishizaki	Japan	Active Member
16. Dimitris	Kombogiorgas	United Kingdom	Active Member
17. James Pat	McAllister II	USA	Associate Member ^{18.}
18. Cindy J.	Molloy	Australia	Active Member
19. Joachim	Oertel	Germany	Active Member
20. Humphrey	Okechi	Kenya	Active Member





21. Shaun D.	Rodgers	USA	Candidate Member
22. Gnanamurthy	Sivakumar	United Kingdom	Active Member
23. Theodore J.	Spinks	USA	Active Member
24. Gary	Tye	USA	Active Member
25. Marcelo	Volpon Santos	Brazil	Active Member
26. Martin J.	Wood	Australia	Active Member

The List Of Candidate Members Lacking Criteria

Name	Family Name	Country	The classes of membership
1. Zakaria M.	AbuSultan	Sweden	Candidate Member
2. Shameem	Ahmed	India	Active Member
3. Dennis R	Buis	Netherlands	Candidate Member
4. Jimmy Ming-Jung	Chuang	Taiwan	Candidate Member
5. Tony Alexander	Elias	United Kingdom	Active Member
6. Mohammed Awad	Elzain	Sudan	Active Member
7. John Murage	Gachiani	USA	Active Member
8. William	Gump	USA	Active Member
9. Daraspreet Singh	Kainth	USA	Candidate Member
10. David Chyi Yeu	Low	Singapore	Active Member
11. Bernard Trench	Lyngdoh	India	Active Member
12. Luis Rafael	Moscote	Colombia	Active Member
13. Dan	Ochieng	Kenya	
14. Roddy J.	O'Kane	United Kingdom	Active Member
15. Rajendra	Prasad	India	Active Member
16. Venkatraman	Sadanand	USA	Active Member
17. Deema N.	Sahli	Saudi Arabia	Candidate Member



18. Mohammad Zohail	Shaker	Iraq	Active Member
19. Rajendra	Shrestha	China, People's Republic of	Candidate Member
20. Shyam	Sunder	India	Active Member
21. Martin M.	Tisdall	United Kingdom	Candidate Member
22. Timothy W.	Vogel	USA	Candidate Member

d. Education – Gianpiero Tamburrini

ISPN Education Committee report 2011-2012

Starting from October 2011, four educational courses have been organized for 2012, three of them already concluded.

1. The first Course was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from May 24th to May 26th, 2012

This Course was locally organized by the Pediatric Neurosurgery Unit of the Nairobi Kenyatta National Hospital, under the local direction of Prof Nimrod Juniahs Mwang'ombe and Dr. Julius Kiboi.

The WFNS Pediatric Neurosurgery Committee (Chairman: TT Wong) formally contributed to develop the programme

The topics of the Course, accordingly decided with the local organizing committee were:

1. Neuroendoscopic management of hydrocephalus and arachnoid cysts
2. The role of neuroendoscopy in the management of intraventricular tumors
3. Epilepsy surgery

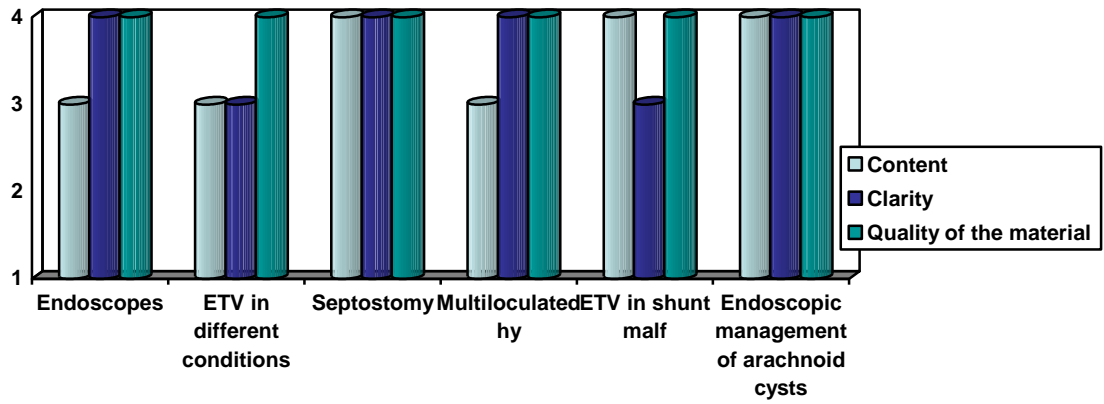
The site of the course was the Panafric hotel in Nairobi and the Keniatta National Hospital.

The ISPN Faculty was composed by:

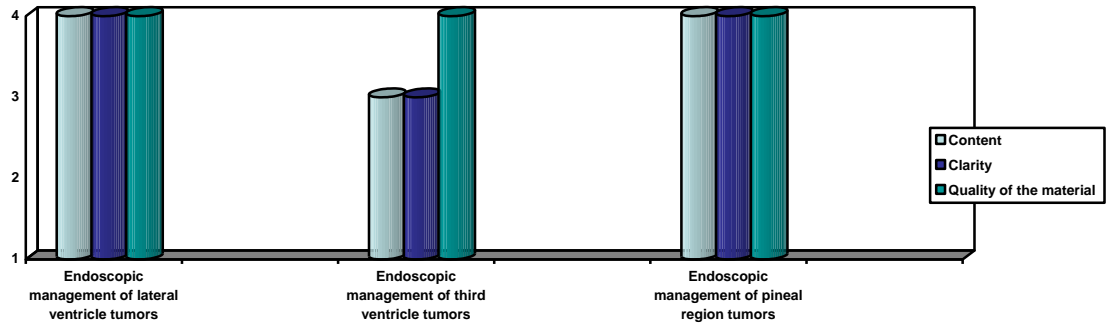
T T Wong (Taiwan), G Tamburrini (Italy), C Deopujari (India), S. Bhatia (USA), L. Padayachy (RSA-Cape Town), substituting G. Fieggen .

The total number of delegates participating to the Course was 40, according to the final report by Prof. Mwang'ombe, which actually includes all pediatric neurosurgeons of Kenya (32)+ 8 neurosurgeons coming from neighbouring countries. An anonymously completed evaluation questionnaire was prepared and administered to all delegates, including for each Faculty an evaluation of the content, clarity of the presentation and quality of the material .

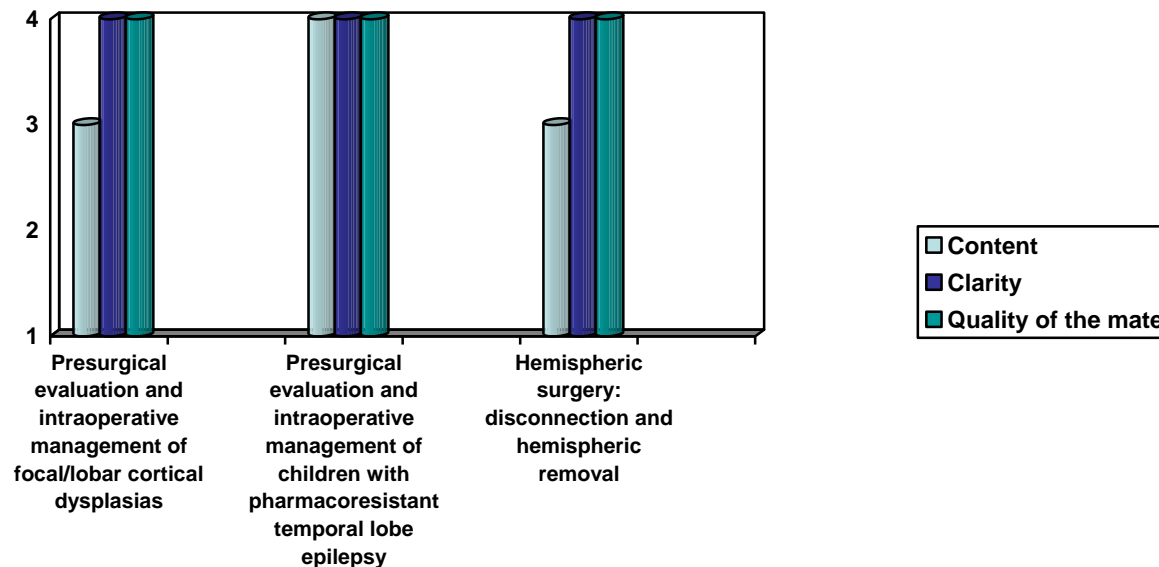
Thirty-five on forty questionnaires were returned. Following is the graphic presentation of the mean score for all presentations:



Ventricular neuroendoscopy for hydrocephalus: Graphic legend: 1=Not sufficient; 2=Sufficient; 3=Good; 4=Excellent



Ventricular neuroendoscopy and intraventricular tumors: Graphic legend: 1=Not sufficient; 2=Sufficient; 3=Good; 4=Excellent



Epilepsy surgery: Graphic legend: 1=Not sufficient; 2=Sufficient; 3=Good; 4=Excellent

Summarizing the results no score by the delegates was less than 3; quality of the material was considered excellent for all presentations

The second day of the course was dedicated to clinical cases and was held at Keniatta National Hospital. There were three cases of hydrocephalus with indication to neuroendoscopic treatment (one obstructive hydrocephalus and two multiloculated hydrocephalus). Cases were discussed with the local staff and then treated with the supervision and direct involvement of our Faculty.

Contemporarily in a parallel room residents and staff members not involved in that moment in the operating theatre were given the possibility to work on models with neuroendoscopes in a workshop organized by the local committee, again under the supervision of the part of the Faculty not involved in that moment in the operating room.

2. The second Course was held in Manila, Philippines, from June 15th to June 17th

This Course was a 2 and a half day Course locally organized by Dr. Gap Legaspi. The themes accordingly decided were:

- Hydrocephalus
- Spina bifida
- Lateral and third ventricle tumors
- Posterior fossa tumors
- Craniosynostoses

The ISPN Faculty was composed by:

S. Cavalhero (Sao Paulo, Brazil), C. Deopujiari (Mumbai, India), Wan Tew Seow (Singapore), G. Tamburrini (Rome, Italy), T. Tomita (Chicago, USA)



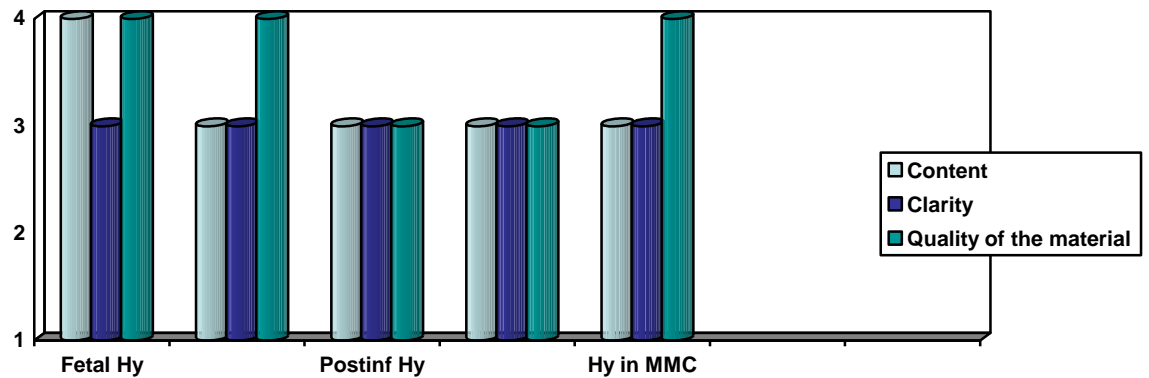
In order to improve the interaction with delegates the first two days were organized alternating morning lectures from the Faculty, with afternoon cases for discussion and video-sessions, presented both by the Faculty and delegates.

The total number of subscriptions to this course was 78, most delegates being represented by neurosurgeons, with the participation of neonatologists (10 delegates), pediatric oncologists (7 delegates) and maxillo-facial surgeons for the last half day dedicated to craniosynostosis (3 delegates).

In consideration of the good English speaking of local people, it was decided also in this case to administer an anonymously completed evaluation questionnaire, in order to try to have a more objective evaluation of the quality of the Course organization and lectures.

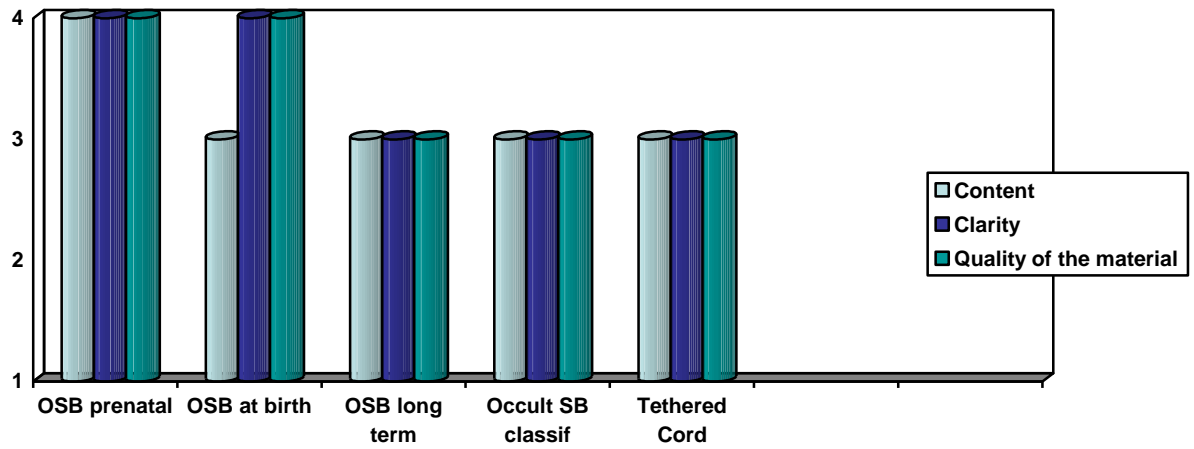
Following is the graphic representation for each session and presentation:

June 15th: Hydrocephalus



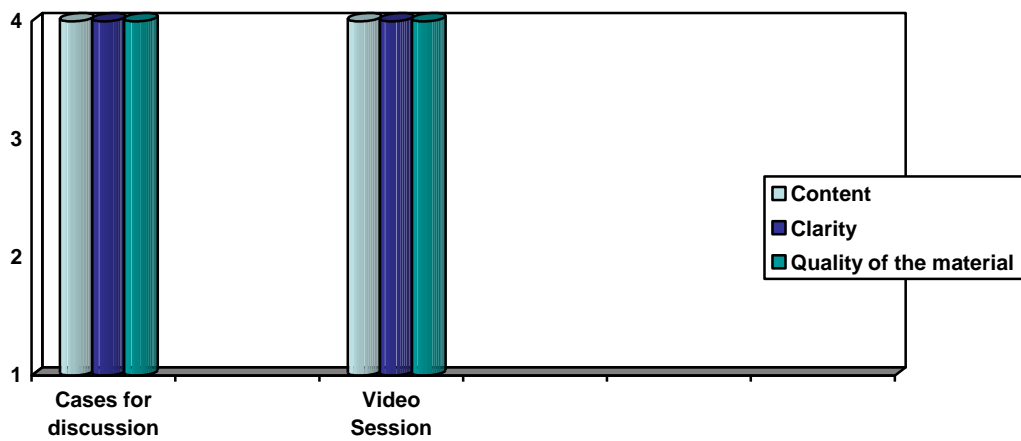
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June 15th: Spina bifida



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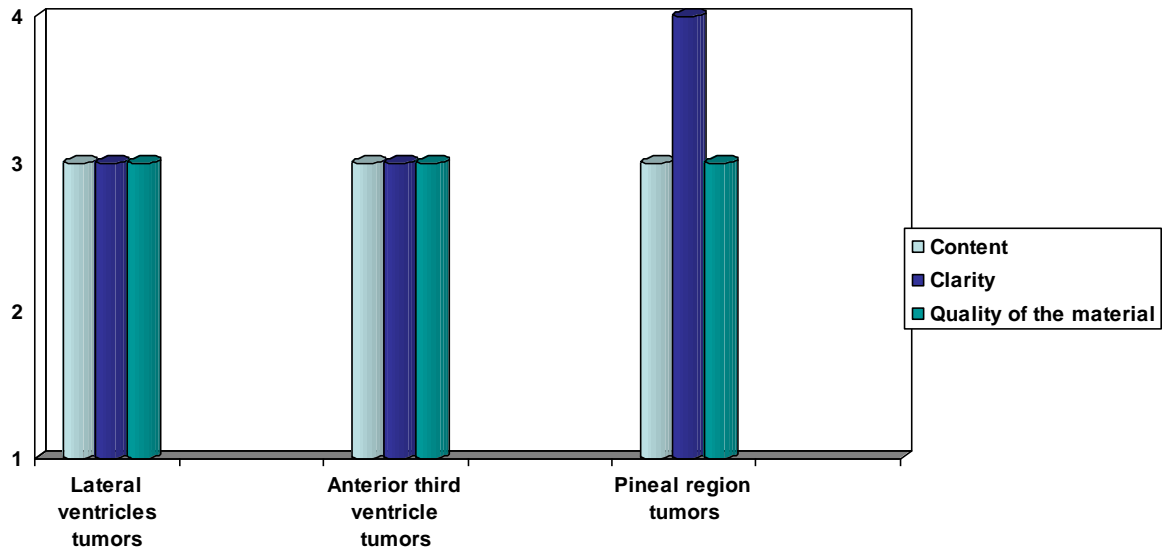
June 15th: Cases for discussion and Video Session: Hy and Spina bifida



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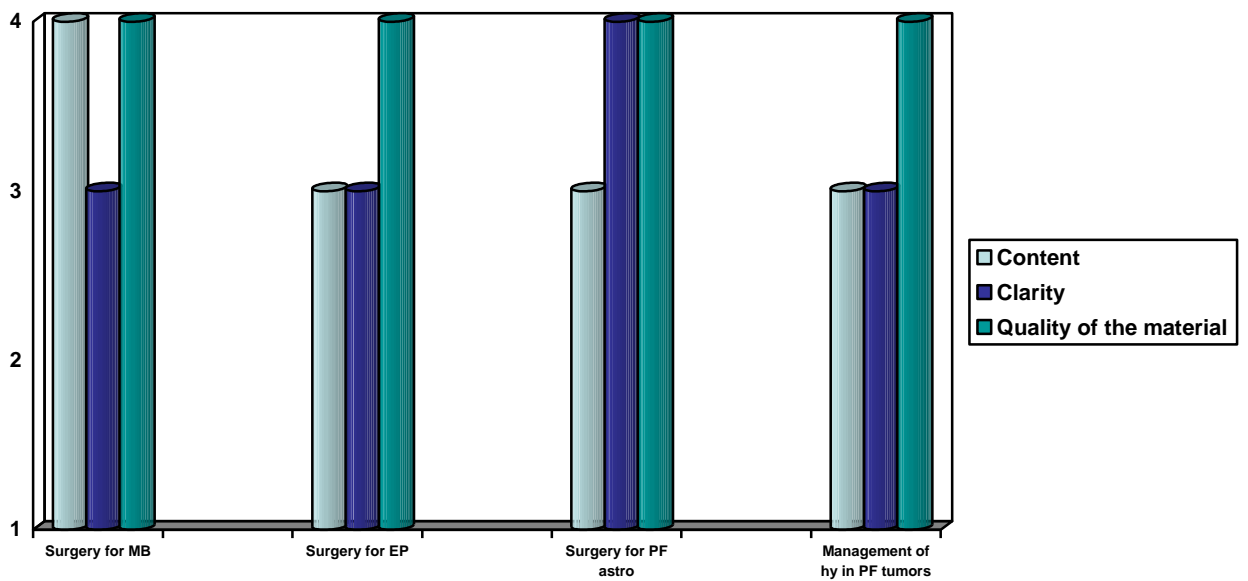
June 16th: Lateral and third ventricle tumors





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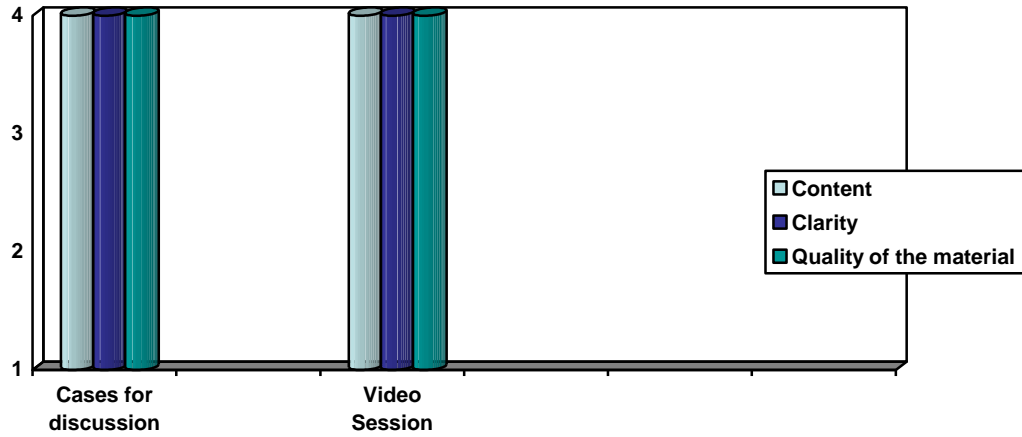
June 16th: Posterior fossa tumors



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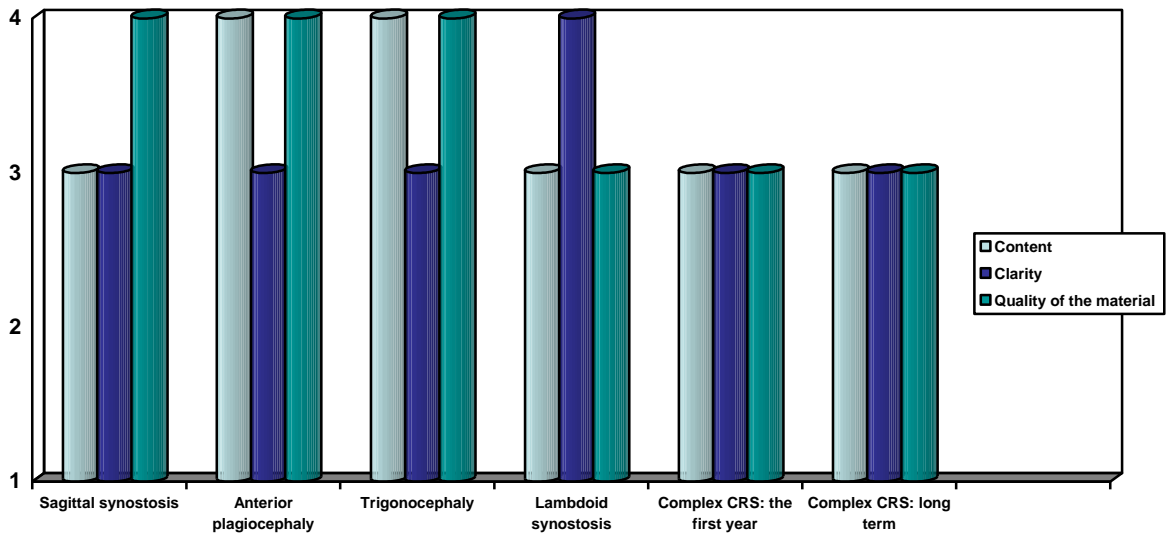


June 16th: Cases for discussion and Video Session: Intraventricular and posterior fossa tumors



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June 17th: Craniosynostoses



Graphic legend: 1=Not sufficient; 2=Sufficient; 3=Good; 4=Excellent

Shortly summarizing the results, again the mean score for all presentations was never less than 3. Cases and video sessions were particularly appreciated and considered by all delegates as excellently conducted.



3. The third Course was held in Suzhou, China, from June 19th to June 20th

This Course was locally organized by Je Ma and Yang Zhao. It was performed jointly with the annual China Pediatric Neurosurgery Forum (CPNF) and preceded by the Third Shanghai Hands on neuroendoscopy workshop.

The scientific programme of the ISPN Course was centered on neuroncology, the topics dealt with being namely:

- Supratentorial brain tumors
- Sellar and suprasellar tumors
- Third ventricle tumors
- Posterior fossa tumors

The ISPN Faculty was composed by: C Deopujiari, Shizuo Oi, P Steinbok, T Tomita, G. Tamburrini, KC Wang, TT Wong.

The international faculty Course lectures were alternated with local delegates presentations during the morning sessions, these last being in the context of the 2012 CPNF. Cases for discussions and video sessions both by International Faculty and local delegates represented the plan for the afternoon sessions.

The English language speaking still represent a problem in China, though in rapid improvement especially among young people.

For this reason, at the time of the preparation of the Course, it was proposed to sponsor as ISPN a simultaneous translation for the whole duration of the workshop; though initially considered as possible, problems of transferring at the Congress site a complete simultaneous translation set occurred and it was not possible to have it in the end.

In order to partially overcome this, all international faculty members sent their powepoint presentations in advance in order to be translated and they were projected contemporarily in English and Chinese. Moreover, having the possibility for short presentations to have a direct translation by some of the young delegates to the whole audience, a good interaction was possible during the cases for discussion and the video sessions. It was not possible by the local organization to translate the evaluation questionnaire in Chinese, so, in order to avoid confusion it was decided not to administer it to the participants in English.

The number of participants was 185 coming all along China; this number was significantly increased compared with past courses, having the sensation of a progressive growth of the local interest for pediatric neurosurgery.

According to the final report that was sent to me both by Jie Ma and Yang Zhao, on July 7th the global evaluation of the Course was very good; in particular the most appreciated part was the one of cases for discussion and video sessions, in which there was an interesting interaction on different modalities of management of mostly common and simple pediatric neurosurgical cases.

4. The 4th Course for 2012 has been organized to be held in New Delhi, India on November 1st-2nd 2012

This Course is locally organized by Deepak Gupta and will be held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

The programme is definitely set-up. Topics will be:

- Hydrocephalus





- Craniosynostoses
- Spina bifida
- Craniopharyngioma
- Antenatal fetal surgery for spina bifida

The ISPN Faculty proposed by Deepak Gupta and reviewed for approval will be composed by:

Shlomi Constantini , Concezio Di Rocco, James Goodrich, Robert Keating, Dachling Pang, Guirish Solanki, Gianpiero Tamburrini

This Faculty will be flanked by the presence of Martina Messing-Junger, lately invited by Deepak Gupta at local expenses for the CME on antenatal Fetal Surgery for spina bifida.

Hydrocephalus and Craniosynostoses will represent the topics of the morning session of November 1st. The same day, in the afternoon, three hands-on workshops dedicated respectively to high speed drills for craniofacial surgery, craniovertebral junction fixation and Hydrodynamics of CSF shunts have been organized, followed by a Video demonstration and Cases for discussion session on complex craniosynostosis surgery. The second day of the Course will be dedicated to craniospinal dysraphism and to the management of craniopharyngioma. The end of the first part of the morning will be dedicated to Antenatal fetal surgery for open spina bifida.

ISPN Courses : 2013

The ISPN Courses organized and already confirmed in terms of dates and topics with the local organizers for 2013 are resumed in the table below:

Date	Site	Local organizer	Topics
January 25 th -27 th 2013	Cairo, Egypt	El Gohary	Medulloblastoma Craniopharyngioma Epilepsy in children Management of spasticity Pediatric neuro-oncology
February 3 rd -7 th	Cradle of Mankind , South Africa (3 yrs courses ESPN/ISPN cycle)	G. Fieggen	To be confirmed (G. Fieggen)
March 12 th - 14 th	Isla Manada, Indonesia	Ekopras Prasetyo	Brain tumors Craniosynostosis Brain injury
March 16 th - 18 th	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Ezmi Alias	Hydrocephalus Spina bifida Supratentorial tumors Sellar and parasellar tumors Posterior fossa tumors
May 27 th - 28 th	Isla Margarita, Venezuela	Juliao Velez (supervision:Graciela	Craniovertebral junction malformations Vertebral column tumors



		Zuccaro)	Vertebral and spinal cord trauma Hydrocephalus Spina bifida Lateral and third ventricle tumors; posterior fossa tumors
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Further Courses sites and proposed dates are:

Date	Site	Local organizer
June 2013	Nairobi, Kenya	Nimrod Juniahs Mwang'ombe
November 2013	Mumbai, India (3 courses cycle)	C. Deopujiari

Respectfully preliminarily submitted,
Gianpiero Tamburrini

e. Communication – Graham Fieggen

The following report has been sent by Dr. Graham Fieggen.

ISPN Communication Chair 2011/2012 Report

I wish to start by acknowledging the enormous contribution made by Mr William Harkness in this role from 2008-2011. His commitment to realising the educational mission of the ISPN, as spelt out by Dr Rick Abbott in his 2008 Presidential Address, together with a very creative alliance with Mr Richard Moon and colleagues of Moon Brand, culminated in the redevelopment of the ISPN website 3 years ago. This process of website development was documented in detail by Dr Paul Steinbok in his report while President; three findings were that the ISPN had received good value from Moon Brand, and we now need to utilise the website to its full potential and consider finding ethical commercial sponsorship.

The ISPN Guide

This has continued under the leadership of Dr Abbott; please see addendum for his report on progress over the past year.

Website Initiatives

The following aspects of the website require concerted attention:

1. The Edgardo Schijman Case of the Month – Dr Tony Figaji. Despite assurances from numerous colleagues that cases would be submitted, few were forthcoming and only 4 have been published. These were of a very high standard.
2. Complication of the Month – Dr Graham Fieggen. One case submitted.
3. Journal Club, Newsletter, Consulting Room/Grand Rounds, Shunt Project etc etc etc remain works in progress
4. It is worth noting that the register of fellowships compiled by Mr Harkness and posted in the Open Access area of the website has attracted high volumes of traffic.

Appearance of the Website

A photographic competition will be launched to enable a more diverse range of images to be used. Thank you to Mr Harkness for providing all the images used to date.

Planning for 2013

Three key areas need attention for the next year:





1. **access:** consolidation of the membership list and ensuring all paid up members are registered on the website and have access. Implementation of the “office tasks” spelled out in Appendix 2 of the Kenes PCO proposal should greatly facilitate this.
2. **content:** absolutely vital to ensure we attract greater volume of content. Ideally each member of the ISPN should contribute one item for the website per year.
3. **sponsorship:** needs to be pursued so we can expand the educational reach of the website.

In conclusion, the past 4 years have seen the development of a world-class brand for the ISPN, accompanied by a superb website, the potential of which has hardly been tapped. It will now be important to ensure that there is synergy between the brand and website created for the ISPN by Moon Brand and the operations of any Professional Congress Organiser appointed by the ISPN.

Mr Moon has kindly indicated that he is willing to fly to Sydney at his own expense in order to participate fully in discussions with the EB and the PCO. He, Dr Abbott and Mr Harkness will be invited to attend the EB meeting when the Communication report is presented.

Graham Fieggen - Cape Town 07 September 2012.

Addendum

Much has been learned over the past year. First, the format for The Guide is difficult to grasp owing to its newness and a lack of similar sources of information being used by pediatric neurosurgeons. After an attempt at using the authoring tool on-line this was abandoned in favor of using Microsoft Word. This has also proved friendlier to our medical editor. To move the completed chapters from word to the website a graduate student has been recruited and this process is now in place and working smoothly. After the first of the year the pace of chapter submissions and the time required to edit them into a final form led me to conclude that it would be best to concentrate on three areas, Hydrocephalus, Infections and Tumors. All except for a couple of chapters' first drafts have been received, edited by the editor-in-chief for format and content and sent back for revisions. Over 2/3s have been revised and are in the editorial process or complete. My plan is to complete these sections, establish the cross-links and then use these Sections as further examples for authors of chapters in unfinished Sections of what we would like from them. Hopefully this will increase compliance and shorten the time for completion after the first drafts are received.

Editing – Arlene Stolper Simon hired.

Past experience as medical editor for Harcourt Brace with position on editorial board for Harrisons Internal Medicine Text. Currently freelance editor working in New York area for various medical organizations.

Work done to date:

- Stylebook created
- Template developed
- Sample chapter edited
- 8 chapters completed edit, 15 partial edit

Work in Queue – 17 chapters awaiting edit. Editor currently on medical leave. Anticipate return to work next few weeks.

Current workflow

Material only sent to Arlene after review by Section editor and Editor –in chief. We are satisfied about the completeness of the chapter. Arlene then edits for grammar, spelling and adherence to style sheet.

Expenditures to date

97 hours @ \$100/hr

\$9700

Uploading of chapters – Kara Weber, Univ of Wisconsin graduate student working with Bermans Iskandar, MD, one of our Section Editors.





Work done to date

Eight chapters are complete and have been uploaded:

- Meningitis
- Long-Term Outcome of Hydrocephalus
- Supratentorial dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumors
- Supratentorial primitive neuroectodermal tumors
- Cerebellar Astrocytoma
- Infratentorial Hemangioblastoma
- Medulloblastoma
- Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumors

Anchors and links for citations to references in completed chapters– I have recruited a resident to do this.

Cross-links between chapters – this will need to be done by editors once Sections become more complete.

Two ISPN members just recruited to assist in format edit of submitted first drafts

Revenue

Upon completion of the first three sections I believe that the content will be complete enough for The Guide to shown to selected equipment manufacturers for solicitation of advertising subscriptions. To avoid intrusion into our readers experience I propose placement of any equipment/product related material only on pages we have constructed to provide general information about the product's class of equipment. An example might be a company like Aesculap who wants to advertise its endoscopic equipment. If one were reading about the treatment of hydrocephalus he or she would encounter a page speaking about endoscopic management of hydrocephalus. Paragraphs speaking about endoscopes could have a link to a page describing endoscopic equipment. That page would describe all the endoscopic equipment available, listing the attributes for each in an unbiased way. On that page we could sell advertising space for a company's logo as well as links from their equipments; descriptions to a page on the respective company's website where a reader could get specific information about their equipment as well as contact information about sales. In this way the only readers encountering advertising are those interested in the products and who might be in market of purchase. We are offering a selected readership to advertisers while avoiding intruding on reading experience of those not interested in the equipment.

We can also consider offering "sponsor" type advertising showing company's logo on some of The Guide's main pages in exchange for ad revenue. This would be discrete and limited to main pages on site. I would anticipate only offering a limited amount of this if any at all (would only suggest doing this if revenue truly needed. If we can obtain sufficient revenue form product specific pages would leave it at that).

Rick Abbott

f. Ways & Means – Francisco Salomao

Rio de Janeiro, 21/07/2012

Final report on the Ways and Means Committee

To

Dr. Tadanori Tomita – President of ISPN

Dr. Graciela N. Zuccaro – Secretary of ISPN





- I. **Scholarship Application – SYDNEY 2012:** The Ways and Means Committee evaluated until 10/07/2012, date established as deadline, 21 applications for scholarship. In fact, 25 people applied but three were not considered because they signed up after the deadline, and the other one was still a medical student. A careful analysis was performed considering the informations given and the **criteria displayed on ISPN web site**, as bellow:
 - a. Neurosurgeons in training or fellow from developing countries according the WHO criteria, with paper (platform or poster presentation) submitted and accepted by ISPN Scientific Committee;
 - b. Age less than 40 years;
 - c. Written proof of annual income;
 - d. Letter of reference from their chairman or an active ISPN member;

The Ways and Means Committee decided to grant scholarships to the following applicants:

1. THANH CAN DO DANG (Viet Nam)
2. KANWALJEET GARG (India)
3. XIAO GUANG HE (China)
4. WEIKAI CHEN (China)
5. CRISTINA B. BIEL (Brazil)
6. ANAS SAMIR SAID (Jordania)

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

- A. Seven applicants from developed countries, all with an annual income greater than US\$ 60.000,00:

SHAUN RODGERS (USA),
MELANIE G. HYADEN (USA),
FAIZAL HAGI (CAN),
ALEX J. LEGGATE (UK),
MATHEW R. BAILEY (UK),
OMAR PATHMANABAN (UK),
ANGELA LI CHING NG (UK)
- B. Five applicants declared themselves as professor or staff neurosurgeons. Some of them also exceeded the age limit:

PANKAJ K SINGH (India) – Professor
GEORGE THOMAS SANTHOS (India) – Staff Neurosurgeon
LUIS A. FERNANDEZ (Cuba) – Professor, 47 year-old
TANIA LEYVA MASTRAPA (Cuba)- Professor, 47 year-old
ASIFUR RAHMAN (Bangladesh), Professor, 43 year-old
- C. One applicant did not submit a paper to the Scientific Committee:

SAMVEL SARGSYAN (Armenia)
- D. One applicant did not returned e-mails in the due time:

LAKSHMI PRASAD (India)



- E. One applicant was preliminarily not considered eligible because despite coming from a developing country (Brazil), declared an annual income greater than US\$ 50,000.00, far higher than that of the chosen:

FELIPE G. DE BARROS PONTES (Brazil).

II . Suggestions:

1. Timeline for applications, selection and announcement of the winners: In order to notify the Scientific Committee, the Treasurer and the recipients of scholarships in a timely fashion, the Committee suggests to set the deadline for applications 3 months before the Meeting. The Committee also suggests the publication of the results two months before the Annual meeting
2. As most applicants do not fulfill the criteria displayed on the website, The Committee suggests to create, on the web site, a mechanism to automatically block the applications of those that do not fully meet the requirements. The W&M believes this would avoid some embarrassing situations, as to deny the requests of people actually in adverse financial conditions, coming from developing countries, but who do not meet other criteria for granting scholarships.

Respectfully,

José Francisco Manganelli Salomão
Chairperson of the Ways and means Committee

Adrian Cáceres
Member of the Ways and Means Committee

g. Scientific – John Kestle

Scientific Committee Report for 2012

1. Members:

John Kestle (Chair), Chidambaram Balasubramaniam, Anthony Figaji, Jia Ma, Luca Massimi, Young-Shin Ra

2. Timeline for meeting preparation.

December 1, 2011	Decision to continue using Oxford Abstract Management System.
January 1, 2012	Call for abstracts
April 30, 2012	Original abstract deadline
May 15, 2012	Extended abstract deadline
May 20, 2012	Original abstract score deadline
May 25, 2012	Final abstract score deadline
June 10, 2012	Authors notified of acceptance conditional upon meeting registration
June 21, 2012	Deadline for presenting author to be registered
June 24, 2012	Final acceptance of abstracts. Authors notified, abstracts sent to Child's Nervous System
July 21, 2012	Invitations sent for session chairs
August 1, 2012	Electronic posters due



Getting people to register for the meeting before the abstract deadline is still problematic. Some exceptions were made this year. Even when we try to enforce this, we still have people emailing after the deadline to say that they can't come and someone else will present their paper.

3. Oxford System for Reviewing Abstracts.

This was used again. For the abstract review process it works fine. It is a bit problematic when we ask people to register before final acceptance of their abstract. The problem is that meeting registration is in a different database than the abstract, so there is a lot of back and forth to check the meeting registration list to see if the author is registered. If we had an abstract system that was directly linked to the conference registration site, it would facilitate this process.

4. Meeting data.

There were 301 abstract submissions (including 12 nursing abstracts). The previous policy of limiting individuals to a single appearance on the podium was relaxed and if the abstracts were scored highly, then people were allowed up to 2 appearances at the podium. More abstracts than 2 were considered in the poster category. Again, work that was previously published was not accepted. A total of 71 abstracts were accepted for full presentation (7 minutes to present, 3 minutes for questions) and 53 abstracts were accepted for rapid fire presentation (3 minutes to present). There were 155 electronic posters accepted.

The submissions by category were as follows:

Category	#
Brain Malformation	12
Trauma	17
Vascular	14
Other	22
Craniofacial	30
Dysraphism/Tethered cord	20
Epilepsy	13
Functional	6
Hydrocephalus	59
Oncology	58
Spine	10
Infection	7

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.

Best poster awards. A best poster was awarded in the clinical research category and in the basic science category. The awards were based on the abstract scores as submitted by the Scientific Committee.

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.

h. Liaison – Guirish Solanki

Date: 25/08/2012

To: The Secretary ISPN

CC. Executive Board ISPN

From: Guirish A Solanki

Re.: Annual Liaison Committee Report 2011-2012

I have pleasure in enclosing the first annual report on the activities of the Liaison Committee for the period of October 2011 to August 2012.

The Liaison Committee's charge:

Our ISPN vision statement includes the development and cementing of relationships with other international organizations committed to the improvement in the health and welfare of the sick and underprivileged child.

One of the Liaison Committee's duties is to study areas of common interest, initiate contact with other societies and make recommendations for activities to be considered by the Executive Board.

Committee Update:

Over the past 10 months the committee has had an opportunity to improve links with other neurosurgical societies and to look at collaboration with other societies whose aims are congruent with the stated aims of our society. It was reassuring to know that there is significant interest by some of these societies in developing links and to actively collaborate in scientific meetings. We immediately set to explore some of these possibilities and two specific offers have now been placed for the executive board's attention and consideration.

Projects currently underway include the following:

- 1. List of Liaison contacts to national, regional and continental neurosurgical societies in every continent.**
- 2. Collaboration with SIOP (International Society of Paediatric Oncology)**
- 3. Collaboration with ISPNO (International Society of Paediatric Neuro-Oncology)**

List of Liaison contacts:

The development of such a list is important to cascade important information between societies and maintain links in respective websites. Access to such a list may help foster closer ties between colleagues in far off places and provide our society with relevant regional information, access to distribution of surveys, research links and local education & training contacts.

Collaboration with SIOP:





Most of the EB is already familiar with this proposal. As Neurosurgery Co-chair of the SIOP-Europe Brain Tumour Group, it was natural that I approached SIOP to investigate opportunities for collaboration at an international level with the ISPN.

This is in the background of an already successful continental collaboration between the SIOP-European chapter (Brain Tumour Group) and the ESPN (European Society of Paediatric Neurosurgery) in terms of developing education and training courses in neuro-oncology for oncologists and neurosurgeons alike as well as a joint neuro-oncology scientific session at the ESPN Congress.

Following informal discussions with Prof. Gabriele Calaminus, the current President of SIOP, it was agreed to put these proposals forward to the executive board of SIOP. The SIOP board has welcomed this idea and has proposed a joint neurosurgery/neuro-oncology session during the SIOP annual meeting in Hong Kong. SIOP is prepared to provide one whole session, on the afternoon of Monday 28 October 2013. This collaboration could take the form of topic focused scientific presentations, invited guest speakers, Oxford style debates or any other suitable format.

It must be stressed that this collaboration is not intended to hold a joint annual meeting of the two societies, but simply to participate in a joint activity of a multi-disciplinary kind. The financial repercussions of holding of joint session are far more manageable than holding a joint meeting.

SIOP is equally keen to contribute to ISPN Meetings and one proposed option is to invite Prof. Gabriele Calaminus to our next year's ISPN Meeting in Germany as an invited speaker.

Collaboration with ISPN:

The international Society of Paediatric neuro-oncology meets every two years and their next meeting is in Singapore in 2014. Following informal discussions with Amar Gajjar from St Jude's and Stewart Kellie from the Children's Hospital in Auckland have been very fruitful and there is great interest for our societies to work together.

The ISPN believes that its success lies in its international footprint and bringing together basic sciences and multidisciplinary clinical practice.

The planned meeting in Asia will consider the added challenge of catering to a number of registrants from regional developing countries who will not have the first world sophistication, but will be regarded as an important target audience for education, professional development networking opportunity.

The ISPN has just hosted their meeting in Toronto. This meeting which I attended was very strong on basic science. Dr Kellie considered that in the case of medulloblastoma was about 10 – 20 years ahead of clinical practice.

The Singapore meeting needs to bring the complexity and controversies of multidisciplinary care to the fore and this is where we can ideally have neurosurgical input into the agenda.

The ISPN has proposed that we work together on a 'paediatric neurosurgery controversies' session – this could either be a session of two or three presentations followed by a moderated discussion involving an area of neurosurgical controversy or neuro-oncology-neurosurgery controversy. In the past, the most interesting sessions have been the 'battle of ideas', with support from data.

There would also be an expectation to involve the neurosurgery participants as faculty in the educational sessions – which are likely to span more than one day in the pre-meeting and be targeted at the delegates from regional developing countries.

Recommendations & Suggestions:

Collaboration of this nature will require the need to involve colleagues with specialized knowledge in focus topics, and support from the education and scientific committees. I would be very pleased to hear the views of the scientific and education committees and of colleagues interested in being involved.

Many of our members are members of several societies, including their national societies, their continental societies such as the ESPN, and allied societies such as SIOP-E BTG, UKCCLG, COG, and WFNS. It is my belief that by sharing these multi-disciplinary





collaborative opportunities with these societies, a true brotherhood amongst societies and a feeling of partnership will open the doors for greater transfer of knowledge and improved practices.

Collaboration will require significant planning and a critical evaluation of financial costs and member's commitment. If there is a genuine agreement and desire to proceed I am certain these issues can be successfully resolved.

Planned Next Steps:

Collaboration with SIOP:

Following discussion of the proposal put forward by Gabriele Calaminus with the ISPN EB, I am due to attend the SIOP Meeting in London in October 2012 to update the SIOP Board of the decision.

If the decision is positive, we aim to reach agreement on funding and specific plans for the joint session. The EB to be kept informed of progress.

Collaboration with ISPNO:

Fortunately Dr Stewart Kellie is a stone's throw from the ISPN Meeting in Sydney and we have agreed to meet during the meeting (after the EB discussion) to evaluate the decision of the ISPN EB and in the event of a positive decision to agree to specifics including an understanding on funding. The EB to be kept informed of progress.

A word of gratitude:

It has been a great honour and privilege to work for the society over the past year! I am grateful to the nominating committee for asking me to join the EB and I hope that my humble efforts will strengthen the society's international standing and help deliver its goals for the betterment of mankind.

i. Ethics & Morals – Takayuki Inagaki

j. Nominating – Paul Steinbok

Report of ISPN Nominating Subcommittee 2012

Members:

Paul Steinbok – Chair
Saffet Mutluer
Tai Tong Wong
Hakan Karabagli
Sandeep Chatterjee

Obligations:

President:	Kyu-Chang Wang
Nominating:	Tadonori Tomita
Child's Nervous System:	Concezio Di Rocco

Annual Meeting Chair:	Wolfgang Wagner (Germany)
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Served 5 consecutive years:	John Kestle; Graciela Zuccaro
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Recommendations:

<i>President</i>	<i>Kyu-Chang Wang (Korea)</i>
<i>President-elect</i>	<i>Gordon McComb (USA)</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Shlomi Constantini (Israel)</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Frederick Boop (USA)</i>



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Hamilton Matushita (Brazil)

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Chidambaram Balasubramaniam (India)

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Gianpiero Tamburrini (Italy)

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Reizo Shirane (Japan)

Liaison

Matthieu Vinchon (France)

Membership

Yusuf Erzahin (Turkey)

Nominating

Tadanori Tomita (USA)

Communication

Graham Fieggen (South Africa)

Scientific

Young-Shin Ra (Korea)

Ways and Means

Douglas Cochrane (Canada)

Historian

Carlo Mazza (Italy)

Child's Nervous system

Concezio DiRocco (Italy)

12.6 Historian

Carlo Mazza could not attend due to family issues.

12.7 Child's Nervous System

Editor's Report

The year 2011 has been characterized by a further development of the journal the influence of which appears to have increased as demonstrated by all the parameters concerning the electronic marker that Springer provides (further details will be disclosed at the occasion of the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting).

In 2011 we received 731 papers of which about half (47%) were not accepted. Most of the published papers were original (141), controversy and review papers (10). We accepted 13 letters to Editor and 72 case reports. Cases based update were 12. The Annual Issue, which unfortunately was not distributed during the Goa Congress for technical problems was edited by prof. S. Oi and made up by 24 invited papers.

The number of allotted pages for the year 2011 was 2195.

The 2011 IF is 1,542 which is to be evaluated at the light of the relatively small audience of the pediatric neurosurgeons compared to the adult counterpart and the journal policy still meant at favouring some papers for "geographical reasons in order to promote pediatric neurosurgery in developing countries.

Respectfully submitted

C. Di Rocco
Main Editor



12.8 ***Future meeting sites***

The bidders are:

Athens (Greece) Dr. Spyros Sgouros
Izmir (Turkey) Dr. Yusuf Ersahin
Kobe (Japan) Dr. Mami Yamasaki
Tel Aviv (Israel) Dr. Shlomi Constantini

The meeting site elected for 2016 is **Izmir (Turkey)**, and the appointed Chair of the ISPN 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting is **Dr. Yusuf Ersahin**.

Nominations of two members to serve on the nominating committee were asked from the floor. The approved names are: **Dr. Sakamoto**, from **Japan** and **Dr. Arthur Da Cunha**, from **Brazil**.

Respectfully submitted by
Graciela Zuccaro
Secretary ISPN