



ICS Neurourology Promotion Committee meeting minutes

12:00 - 14:00, Monday 26 August 2013

Location: CCIB, Barcelona, Spain

Present: Helmut Madersbacher (HM) (Chair), Waleed Altaweel (WA), Marcio Averbeck (MA), Homero Bruschini (HB), Emmanuel Chartier Kastler (ECK), Melissa Davies (MD), Enrico Finazzi Agro (EFA), Jerzy Gajewski (JG), Pablo Gomery (PG), Thomas Kessler (TK), Limin Liao (LL), Andrei Manu Marin (AMM), Jalesh Panicker (JP), Ryuji Sakakibara (RS), Brigitte Schurch (BS)

In attendance: Sender Herschorn (SH)

Apologies: Louise Kurczycki (LK)

ICS Office: Dan Snowdon (DS)

HM welcomed all committee members and gave thanks for the support that confirmed HM as interim chair of the committee until the officially elected chair takes post on 23 October 2014.

Minutes of Beijing meeting: approved

Terms of office

Noted that 1 Chair and 3 committee positions would be advertised in 2014.

HM asked committee members to consider running for the Chair position and to encourage suitable candidates to express an interest in becoming a committee member.

HM stressed the importance of the committee collaborating with the Education Committee. Neurourology can be represented through Education Committee courses or through courses run directly by the Neurourology Promotion Committee (NPC), e.g. "Neurogenic Bladder Day" courses. JP felt this was a great idea as the current courses will not cover the breadth of the subject. MA mentioned an international Continence Day in March which could serve as suitable timing for a course.

HM outlined that courses could educate delegates that Neurourology covers more than spinal cord injury. BS asked where the courses might take place; HM said they would most likely be an add-course to an existing event. This is similar to the structure of most education courses run by the ICS.

Other suggestions to promote Neurourology worldwide included sending neurourological speakers to international events to present guest lectures. TK recommended developing stronger links to local and regional neurourological societies. These links could develop into having an ICS-branded course at the annual events of each society. HM agreed and felt that it was important to reach the general urologists, neurologists, rehab doctors, geriatricians and general practitioner.

Any NPC courses are in collaboration with the Education Committee, either together with an Educational Course but could also be a "Neurogenic Bladder Day" course apart from the Educational



Course but possibly together either with a national or regional event of the institution hosting the course and its faculty. 1 day would be sufficient in most cases. MA queried how the NPC proposal differs from normal Education Committee courses.

The length of course was discussed. JP noted that length of course depends on the audience. A half day or full day would generally be fine. Special training would require 2-3 days and should include some assessment and certification.

HM asked the NPC for a mandate to work with the Education Committee Chair (Ervin Kocjancic) on the course proposals. JG warned HM that the Education Committee would take the lead on these courses and both parties should be aware of this from the start. HM agreed but noted that the NPC could bring its own expertise and ideas. PG recommended the NPC promoted its strengths through acting as consultants. SH explained that the new strategic plan for the ICS would involve alignment of committees. SH asked the committee to consider what resources they can create using their specialty. Standards and guidelines would be particularly valued. (Meanwhile Ervin was contacted and agreed with our plans)

It was agreed that representatives from the NPC would discuss course proposals with the Education Committee.

Action: NPC to discuss course proposals with the Education Committee. Assigned NPC persons to undertake this task are HM, ECK, BS, WA and MA.

Guidelines

Review EAU guidelines following discussion with Jürgen Pannek. ECK suggested short guidelines ordered by disease. HM favoured this approach. TK stressed that the statements must be evidence-based; this is a more complex undertaking. HM added that there was little evidence available. JP pointed out that ICI has completed many guidelines, much of which are disease specific. Could the NPC associate with ICI? TK noted that this would probably need a formal research process. JG added that this would be an ideal project for the NPC. From this work slide sets can be created and a fact sheet could be published.

HM asked the NPC to choose three topics for the guidelines. The chosen topics were:

1. Parkinson's Disease and MSA
2. Dementia
3. MS

Subcommittee Chairs and subcommittee members were then assigned:

1. **Parkinson's Disease and MSA**
 - a. **Chair:** Ryuji Sakakibara. **Subcommittee members:** Enrico Finazzi Agro, Homero Bruschini, Jalesh Panicker
2. **Dementia**
 - a. **Chair:** Helmut Madersbacher. **Subcommittee members:** Andrei Manu-Marin, Waleed Altaweel, Pablo Gomery, Marcio Averbeck



3. MS

- a. **Chair:** Tomas Kessler. **Subcommittee members:** Emmanuel Chartier-Kastler, Jerzy Gajewski, Melissa Davis, Brigitte Schurch (*after an e-mail correspondence after the meeting with JG, TK was confirmed as the chairman of this subcommittee*)

HM asked each subcommittee chair to present till October 15th how the work will be structured.

A meeting of the groups was discussed. EAU Stockholm in 2014 would be a good opportunity. HM would submit a budget to support a modest meeting. The office will create discussion forums for each working group.

Action: HM to submit a budget to the ICS Board for support of a modest meeting of subcommittees

Action: Office to create discussion forums for each working group

The final results could be presented at a special session during ICS 2014, similar to the session the Urodynamics Committee is running at ICS 2013. TK highlighted the need for a methodology. A proposal and costs are needed before the Board of Trustees is approached.

Fellowship

HM will speak with Allergan during ICS 2013 to determine their interest in funding an ICS Neurourology fellowship.

JG stressed the need for fellowship reports as this is valuable content for ICS News and in highlighting the activities of the ICS

Action: Office to send the latest Neurourology fellowship report to the NPC

AOB

JP questioned the lack of Neurourology topics in the ICS 2013 workshops programme. HM will contact the Education Committee to relay these concerns.

Action: HM to contact the Education Committee to highlight committee concerns over the limited Neurourology topics within the ICS 2013 workshops programme.