



## **ICS Neurourology Promotion Committee meeting minutes**

**12:00 - 14:00, Monday 20 October 2014**

**Location: Sul America, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

**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), Thomas Kessler (TK), Limin Liao (LL), Jalesh Panicker (JP), Ryuji Sakakibara (RS), Brigitte Schurch (BS)

**In attendance:** Sender Herschorn (SH)

**Apologies:** Pablo Gomery, Andrei Manu Marin

**ICS Office:** Dan Snowdon (DS)

### **1. Committee picture**

A photo was taken.

### **2. Minute's silence for our colleague Louise Kurczycki**

HM asked that all committee members observe a moment of silence and reflection in honour of Louise Kurczycki who had sadly passed away this year.

HM thanked the committee and gave thanks to the contribution of Louise to the committee.

### **3. Approval of February Teleconference meeting minutes and Barcelona minutes**

The minutes were approved.

### **4. Terms of office**

HM noted that as of the 2015 annual general meeting (AGM) four Neurourology Promotion Committee (NPC) members would end their terms: Homero, Andrew, Helmut and Ryuji. Three new members will join the NPC as of the 2014 AGM.

It was agreed to request four new members to begin as of the 2015 AGM.

**Action:** Call for four new Neurourology Promotion Committee members by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

### **5. Terms of reference**

No changes were made.

### **6. Election of new members for our committee to replace the positions of those whose term is finished or had to step down from the position for other reasons**

HM referred to the twelve 2014 candidate applications. Committee members were asked to mark the candidates in terms of first, second and third choice. There would be 5 points allocated to first choices, 3 for second and 1 for third. DS would calculate the scores as an impartial observer. HM



recommended that the NPC appoint a range of candidates to cover different countries and experience. ECK seconded this proposal.

After calculating the results DS announced that Pierre Denys, Charalampos Konstantinidis and Magdy Hassouna were appointed. HM congratulated the new members and welcomed them to the committee. HM asked that DS notify the new members and to inform those not chosen on this occasion and ask that they re-apply for a 2015 position.

**Action: DS to formally notify new committee members.**

A discussion was held whether ECK would still be a member of the NPC when he is appointed as Chair from the 2014 AGM. It was clarified that he would still be a full member of the NPC and have the same rights as other NPC members.

## **7. Discussion of the report of the Chairman sent to the ICS office**

### **a. Recommendations for the urological management of patients with LUTS and cerebral diseases resp.**

Comments were invited and a discussion was held over the report.

The recommendations from the report will be presented during ICS 2014. Following the presentation an approach to publishing will be made. TK suggested this be completed as a systematic review. TK outlined the definition of a systematic review to the group and delivered a presentation.

The methodology will use prisma statements. Registration should be completed so a registration number is received, like in a randomised trial.

SH agreed that a systematic review would be valuable but recommended to publish in the official ICS journal, Neurourology and Urodynamics. The report should be formally noted as an output of the committee.

MA gave an update on the work of his group.

**Action: Committee to discuss the LUTS report and publication and reach a decision.**

### **b. Neurogenic Bladder Day Courses (NBDC)**

The courses have been well accepted. Twelve are scheduled and six have been run to date. HM thanked the committee for their contribution to the success of the courses. HM displayed a map of where courses were held. HM attended every course.

Course requests are increasing and remain a valued route to promoting neurourology. HM asked for suggestions on how to improve the courses. A course in Africa would be welcomed as none have been held there to date.

HM showed a slide of how speaker travel expenses were funded. This was achieved through industry support from Astellas, Allergan, Andromeda, Wellspect and others.



WA recommended that delegates receive an ICS certificate recognising their attendance. HM confirmed that they do receive a certificate.

JP suggested that courses be accredited. HM noted that the locals are in charge of accreditation but he supported this. Each course has been evaluated to date.

## **8. Further plans proposed by Prof. Chartier-Kastler, upcoming chairman of the NPC**

ECK thanks HM for his contribution as interim Chair.

### **a. Continuation of NBD courses**

ECK supported the continuation of the courses, following the same method.

### **b. To finalise the recommendations and to publish them**

This will be a key task for the committee to accomplish. ECK noted that the committee should consider to which congresses workshops should be submitted. Start sub-groups on surgery.

**Action:** ECK to provide suggestions on sub-groups for surgery.

### **c. Atlas of Surgical Neuro-Urology**

A discussion was held whether to publish by chapter or book. The latter would mean output is outdated. TK commented that ICS financial support would be required if a systematic review was to be completed. ECK will make a request when details are available.

### **d. Get in contact with other new urological organisations and regional experts**

It is important to collaborate and get other opinions from the neurourology field. ICS can assist with this work.

**Action:** ECK asked the committee to send contacts from the neurourology field to him.

### **e. Budget request for a Scientific Annual Meeting of the NPC possibly in the context of the International Neuro-Urology Meeting in Zurich**

HM will suggest a funded meeting in Zurich. This is a good opportunity.

**Action:** HM to ask the Board for a mid-term committee meeting in Zurich.

MD noted that in the UK it is hard to recruit neurourologists. More promotion is needed to encourage younger doctors to specialise in this field.

## **9. Any other business**

HM reported on a meeting with Emmanuel Braschi (of Argentina) who had proposed the creation of an international neurourology society. HM did not think this was the right time to create the society but asked that Emmanuel keep in contact with the NPC. HM suggested that Emmanuel be invited to join the NPC. A NBD course in Argentina would be a good idea too.

**Action:** Emmanuel Braschi to be invited to apply to join the NPC as of 2015



JP suggested a NBD in association with the Romanian Society of Neurology. HM remarked that this could take place as long as there was a minimum half day programme for the ICS.

Next meeting: ICS 2015 in Montreal with a meeting in Zurich before or after the 4<sup>th</sup> International Neuropsychiatry Meeting. The Board was asked for GBP 7.500 for financial support. If necessary a teleconference/Webex could be arranged in February/ March 2015.

End of meeting