



ICS Board of Trustees and Conticom-ICS Ltd Directors

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Friday 6 March, Edmonton, 07:00 – 08:00 (MST)

Present: Adrian Wagg (AW, Chair), Mauro Cervigni (MC), David Castro Diaz (DCD), Carlos D’Ancona (CD) Katherine Moore (KM), Sherif Mourad (SM), Chris Payne (CP)

Apologies: Myung-Soo Choo, Alex Wang

In attendance: Dan Snowdon (DS), Dominic Turner (DT)

Minutes: Dan Snowdon

1. International Consultation on Incontinence (ICI)

AW confirmed that Paul had been informed the intention of the ICS to host ICI-6 during ICS 2016 in Tokyo. Paul is moving forward with allocating chairs and committees. Hosting this event meets a strategic aim of the ICS to increase scholarly output and standing in the field of continence.

DS presented the budget analysis and confirmed that free registration would only be given to ICI for chairs and committee members. A maximum stipend of \$3,000 would be given to committee chairs. All attempts would be made to ensure the cost of hosting was minimised. This will be accomplished through leveraging industry support and limiting costs where possible. The ICS is unlikely to print an extensive number of hard copies of the book. Dom is in contact with the ICS printer to receive indicate figures on a small print run. The limited hard copies could be given to chairs and possibly to committee members. Pre-ordered hard copies may be an option. Otherwise, the book would be available as an electronic copy.

The ICS could issue guidance to authors on chapter style, using previously published ICI chapters that displayed good formatting and typography. AW agreed with proposing this to Paul and suggested this would be the limit of ICS involvement on this occasion.

ACTION POINT 246: KM/ICS to locate good ICI chapter example(s). Prepare proposal of suggested style for Paul to consider sharing with chairs.

KM summarised the ICI project as a prime opportunity for the ICS. However, the Society should accept there will be challenges and there will be a net cost to the ICS in hosting. AW agreed with the summary.

The ICI book will be the intellectual property of the ICUD.

The remainder of the discussion was held IN CAMERA



2. Lifetime Achievement Award

DS confirmed the voting result as 7 cast with 5 for Derek Griffiths and 2 for Kari Bo. The Board considered whether to offer 1 or 2 awards this year. AW commented there were so many worthy candidates that at the rate of 1 award per year we would never catch up.

CP and SM joined the meeting

MC felt the award was for those at the end of their careers, and Kari Bo is still very active. KM responded that Kari is now 60 and has been active and influential in her career since 1990. Kari produced a landmark PhD study that is still referenced to this day. KM added that the award criteria do not state the candidate need be at the end of their career. The Physiotherapy Committee has put Kari forward once without success and suggested they would not try again if unsuccessful this year.

AW recommended the matter be brought to vote on the Board forum. The notes from the Board meeting would be copied for the reference of all.

ACTION POINT 247: DS to set up Board vote on whether to give out one or two lifetime achievement awards in 2015

AW encouraged the Board to propose future candidates for the lifetime achievement award.

3. Kenes contract IN CAMERA

Discussion continued in reviewing the terms of the new contract with Kenes International.

4. Regional branches of the ICS

AW asked the Board to consider the principles of creating regional branches of the ICS. This should be considered in the context of the strategic plan.

This should be considered beyond Carlos's proposal for Asociación Latinoamericana para el Piso Pelvico (ALAPP) to become a Latin American ICS. The Board should consider the wider consequences of regional branches in financial, legal and logistical terms.

DCD asked CD if ALAPP could simply affiliate with the ICS rather than become a regional branch. DS clarified that ALAPP had held discussions with the ICS in Rio and it was agreed then that ALAPP needed to be formed as a legal entity so an affiliation agreement could be made. CD preferred to consider a Latin American regional branch, as an opportunity for ICS. DCD suggested affiliation was a more appropriate route. CD felt that a regional branch was like an affiliation. Discussion clarified that an affiliate with the ICS would involve membership processing only. To create a regional branch would necessitate the ICS to create a legal presence in a country to be able to manage an office (whether electronic or



physical) and brand and identity from afar. The base country's financial and governance system would also need to be considered, particularly so as the regional branch would need to be a charity like the ICS.

SM asked what were the advantages and disadvantages of regional branches. KM advised that this would need to be considered step by step. CP noted the Board had not seen a compelling plan or case for seriously considering the creation, or even the full scale investigation of regional branches. A branch would likely require more office staff and sufficient income to offset increased costs. The local legal and governance challenges must be considered too. ICS resources are finite and should be directed at key strategic needs, per the strategic plan.

AW agreed with comments made. Branches would need to have some chance of success to be a viable option. KM proposed that the Board look at terms and how branches might work. Even if the Board decided not to proceed then this information would be available for a future Board to review.

ACTION POINT 249: DS and AW to look further into creating a discussion piece for the Board on the merit of ICS regional branches.

5. Wiley contract update

DS summarised the position. A contract has been received with ICS and SUFU providing numerous comments. The contract will now be reviewed by a U.S. attorney before a response is formally sent to Wiley.

ACTION POINT 250: DS to share current Wiley contract, with comments, on Board forum.

6. Special funding

AW presented a proposal from Chris Chapple to support the travel of his editorial assistant to ICS 2015. It is Jen's final year and she has been Chris's right hand as editor. This is a transition year so Jen's attendance would assist in the transfer to the new editor. The Board agreed. It was suggested that SUFU be approached to share the costs.

ACTION POINT 251: ICS to fund Jen Tidman's travel to ICS 2015. SUFU to be asked to share half of the costs.

7. E-Posters

KM asked for an update on the development towards providing e-posters at ICS 2015.

ACTION POINT 252: DS to provide an update to the Board on the status of e-posters

Meeting adjourned 0758