

## **Strategy Trustee-Chair teleconference 9<sup>th</sup> March minutes**

**Attendees:** Adrian Wagg, Chris Payne, Giovanni Mosiello (Children and Young Adults Committee Chair), Sohier Elneil (Fistula Committee Chair), Emmanuel Chartier-Kastler (Neuro-urology Promotion Committee Chair), Marcus Drake (Standardisation Steering Committee Chair), Doreen McClurg (Physiotherapy Committee Chair), Jacqueline Cahill (Publication and Communications Committee Chair), Ervin Kocjancic (Education Committee Chair), Nucelio Lemos (Scientific Committee Chair)

**Apologies:** Peter Rosier, Sherif Mourad, Cara Tannenbaum, Carlos D'Ancona, Tamara Dickinson, David Castro-Diaz, Mauro Cervigni, Alex Wang, Donna Bliss, Myung-Soo Choo, Katherine Moore, Nina Davis

**Also in attendance:** Dan Snowdon, Dominic Turner, Jenny Ellis

### **Introduction by General Secretary**

AW: welcomed everyone to the call and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The purpose of the calls was explained.

The eventual aim was to have committees participate in a disseminated network with output not dependent upon committee members, but allow committees to draw on the considerable expertise of the ICS membership dissemination network. Good examples are the SSC and urodynamics committee

### **Publications and Communications Committee (PCC)**

JC: confirmed that the PCC has now been downsized to 4 members plus chair, an email was sent regarding these changes in January to all chairs. Newsletter is no longer being produced but e-news replaces this communication, so the news is more current and more scientific content- as per the ICS strategic aims. JC: would like chairs to share this information with JC, please send links to articles on new science that we can use. Also would like more regular articles regarding committee activities/updates. DT: stated that he felt the committee have done a really good job, last series of article have been content driven and very good at engaging members.

CP: agreed, this is a good start, need to keep committees involved. JC will send an email regarding what we are looking for this week.

**Action:** JC to send news emails to all committees.

### **Children and Young Adults Committee**

GM: Stuart Bauer has been co-opted on to the committee, working on the book project. Committee needs €6-7000 for the cost of book production, and asked for some support for the cost or involve industry?

AW: is it guidance from the office that you require? GM: would like to receive 1 contact to define the process of communication- 1 committee, maybe Ervin? AW: asked if the committee had a draft manuscript? GM: no we have a draft of the index, need to define project to assign to authors, need editor for project. DT: would it be a paid editor? If so then you would need a budget. All spending

needs to be requested to the board. Do you need someone to chase and edit chapters or do you need someone to edit the content (so medical professional.) Work with ICCS, need ICS editor to align with ICCS editor. AW: think putting together a budget, office can help, then submit to the board.

**Action: JE to contact GM and assist in budget request.**

GM: will do so in next few days and will work with other committees on the book project. DT: discussed in Rio about ICS acting as publisher for the book. We are a bit far away from this at the moment, so need to arrange manuscript production then printing. MD: disagree need to get printing sorted and then sort manuscript. GM: should we sell or free book? GM: would like DT to assist with the project, DT: happy to discuss further.

**Action: DT and GM to discuss book further. DT to prepare book costs for committee.**

JC: PCC happy to help in any way possible. ECK: Neurourology committee could help as well, suggested PDF book might be cheaper than physical book- GM: happy with this idea and any less expensive solution. DT: agreed this would be a good option, can do type setting in house- which reduces the cost. Electronic only would be minimal cost and good way to send to ICS and ICCS members. DT: will prepare the costs for all options. AW: asked who SE using for book? SE: Elsevier directly contact us regarding publication.

### **Fistula Committee**

SE: 3 or 4 projects in progress:

- Filming Friday 20<sup>th</sup> in Bristol- hoping to cover 9 mini chapters. Film meeting this Thursday to discuss this further before filming in Bristol.
- Book aiming for June.
- Working on workshop with Kenyans, likely to be delayed whilst finalising timings but faculty confirmed.
- Getting involved in FGM campaign, website piece well received, looking at incorporating this into committee activities. Big driven by WHO on this issue, so looking at working with them on this issue.

### **Neuro-Urology Promotion Committee**

ECK: first goal for committee is to collect data on neurological organisations worldwide, over the next year we need to build networks and relationships with organisation worldwide. Will need office assistance with the contacts-in the past worked with EAU on this topic.

**Action: Office to work with ECK on neurological organisations worldwide database**

One issue is courses, mainly organised by Helmut. Need to move this over to committee to ensure continuity. AW: agreed that intermittent communication between committee and Helmut is not ideal, need to move across to the committee. ECK: will need new process implemented, do not want any issues with these changes, and would like office assistance with this. ECK: is currently writing process for committee course applications, so that people can apply for neurourology courses. JC: I think it should be people outside of the committee who speak at the events, not just committee members. MD: good idea, senior and junior faculty, review who has made contribution and

feedback on quality of presentations, to ensure good quality of speakers and ICS represented. ECK: agreed with comments, main activity is promotion/teaching, in the name of the committee. ECK: asked if funding from ICS is available? AW: confirmed that the education committee has the courses budget to apply for this support. DS: advised that ECK might want to engage EK early on as they need to be aware in advance for their budget management. JE: suggested using education committee forms and adapt.

**ACTION: JE to send ECK education committee app form and docs.**

Next meeting will be in Zurich, where we will discuss process of NUU journal application. AW: asked whether documents will be branded, ECK: confirmed it would. AW: asked if the committee need other committees involved in the documents? ECK: confirmed that they would be open to assistance on the different documents, will send the list soon.

**Action: ECK to send list of NUU projects to Board**

### **Standardisation Steering Committee (SSC)**

MD: provided an update on the working groups (wg):

- Good urodynamics practice- completed
- Neurourology- Working well under Jerzy
- Basic science- wg members will be having a meeting at EAU
- Containment products- call gone out for members, wg will start soon
- CPP- provisional final draft, needs to be tweaked for submission.
- Revision of LUTS- working with AW on selection process
- ICS-IUGA; slow progress
- Underactive bladder-Chris Chapple chairing, no updates, needs a prod

SSC wiki- Beth Shelly working with members on wiki updates.

Translations- 3 translations, working on finalisation of these translations.

In the Rio delegate bags there were inserts: core symptoms, urodynamic equipment etc. JE: working on folder for Montreal, we would like to include more inserts for Montreal- working on core signs, POP-Q, IUGA-ICS, SSC method and hopefully CPP.

AW: I think the move from lots of people into application process rather than only committee members is working well. JC: I think these terminology documents are great and members are keen to read the documents, especially the short documents! MD: agree that's why I am keen to have the shorter version to encourage more people to read. MD: may ask PCC to assist with these projects. DT: suggested one definition on each e-news. All agree this would be a good idea. MD: word of the month would be good. JC: need to get that out there! EK I think it's great, would it be possible to link with other organisations so it's linked up? DT: suggested a plan for the next 12 months, pick most miss understood or changed definitions and do that.

**Action: MD to work with office on word of the month plan**

## **Scientific Committee**

NC: committee have implemented a lot of changes to the programme since Barcelona- themes in Rio. We are now introducing tracks on the annual meeting days so you can follow through the activities you are interested in on these days. The committee are working with the education committee on this plan. The SOA and workshops fit together with each other. Working on e-poster project, had many requests from members for these, now checking with poster delegates whether they would like a poster pilot set up or e-poster? We will be in contact with PCC regarding these changes so we can highlight to the members/delegates. We will be filming with the office crew on how abstracts are scored, selected etc. JC: sounds good. DT: we have fine-tuned the categories this year. Also introduced the new elected chair position, the goal is to ensure continuity on the committee.

## **AOB**

AW: encouraged chairs to keep in touch with each other between calls. AW: thanked everyone for attending.

*Please note- members are encouraged to use the [strategy board forum](#) for discussions between chairs/board members, the office can assist should you require it.*