



ICS Committee Reports 2015

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ICS Children and Young Adults Committee Report 2015

2015 Activities:

Clinical book on urodynamics in children and young adults

This book, requested by Springer Verlag to Italian Society of Urodynamics, will be published as editors by 2 member of CYAC committee (GM and JW).

All members of CYAC and other members of ICS have bene involved and it will provide a text that will respect ICS terminology.

Publications expected March 2016

Transitional Care book

CYAC contacted different editors

Springer Verlag offered to publish the book with an interesting proposal: no expense for ICS and a money income or as alternative limited expenses (that could be cover by sponsors and a larger number of free copies. CYAC will present this to Board of Trustees in order to choose.

Book to publish for 2016-2017.

Paediatric neurogenic Bladder day

Following the great success of neurogenic Bladder day , a first edition of Paediatric and young adult neurogenic Bladder day will be Held in September in Roma,

CYAC worldwide live to organise other 1-2 editions worldwide in 2016.

Document with urodynamics committee on urodynamics (Cystometry and PFS) in children and adolescents with functional dysfunctions (no evidence of relevant neurological abnormalities)

No budget request for 2016



ICS Continence Promotion Committee Report

World Continence Week

Organised and directed this year by Nicole Huige, below are activities around the world that have been reported to the ICS office:

- Continenence Foundation Australia
- Eastern Health Nurse Continence Advisors, Canada
- Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, England
- Alberta Health Services, Canada
- Horizon Health Network, Canada

CFA launched a new video in time for WCW:

<http://www.ics.org/committees/continencepromotion/wcw/wcw2015/wcw2015australia>

The WCW resource pack was updated providing new information and up to date facts.

Eastern health did send me the attached picture,

<http://www.ics.org/committees/continencepromotion/wcw/wcw2015/ehncacanada>

Report from Nicole Huige on World Continence Week

During the last week of June 2015 many activities were initiated around the globe to create awareness for the topic of incontinence. The World Continence Week (WCW) offered a variety of initiatives for the general public, health care professionals in general as well as policymakers and providers for health and social care.

It was encouraging to see that many activities were using the base material that was developed by the ICS Continence Promotion Committee (CPC), such as the WCW logo and facts & figures document.

In many cases national continence societies have taken action to raise awareness with or without support from the national government and/or industry. Also local hospitals, Continence Nurse Associations or other health care professional associations and individuals with a passion to improve the care for people with incontinence, contributed to raising awareness for this important health and social care topic.

Share to inspire others



The ICS CPC WCW committee encourages the organizations who take initiatives during the WCW to report these activities back to the ICS via a specially made template. The aim is to be able to share the different activities around the globe and inspire others, see link

The main activities can be summarized in the following way:

- Contenance Nurse Advisors informing patients and health care professionals in hospitals.

Explaining their role in the community at a local pharmacy. Workshops to inform professional caregivers how to provide long term care.

- Contenance Societies organizing symposia about bladder health and management of incontinence for people with incontinence and their caregiving relatives. Launching Informative campaigns on where to find help with incontinence like e.g. the National Contenance Helpline.

Information about hospital and community continence services provided to the general public. Symposia targeting policymakers and providers of health and social care, to inform about the medical aspect of incontinence and the health and social care support given to manage incontinence at national level.

- Pelvic floor exercise classes and healthy life style advice by specialized health care professionals.



The Eastern Health Nurse Contenance Advisors.

Contenance Awareness Forum Rio 2014

This event was successful and would not have happened without the tireless efforts of Frankie Bates! Flyers were created and sent to local organisations as well as a dedicated mailer to all relevant patient organisations internationally- over 180 organisations were contacted. 30 international delegates registered for the event but around 50 people attended the forum. These were patients, nurses, physiotherapists, early career members and researchers.



ICS Contience Awareness Forum



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Wednesday 22nd October 19:00 - 21:00 at ICS 2014

The ICS Contience Promotion Committee is pleased to announce that the Contience Awareness Forum will return for ICS 2014 in Rio.

This **free event** welcomes the general public, health care providers from all fields and patient advocacy groups. Various national patient advocacy groups exchange and share their knowledge and expertise, along with ICS opinion leaders discussing important news and changes.

We hope this will be an exchange of information regarding urinary incontinence and treatment among our countries including patients, healthcare professionals and industry representatives.

Please e-mail Jenny@ics.org to register for the Forum.



Contience Awareness Flyer

2014-2015 Project

At the Rio committee meeting, the members discussed developing educational materials based on a partnership with a specific country. It was felt that the project should start with an assessment based on a collaborative effort with someone in country. The committee chose to approach Margaret McDougald who is developing a women's hospital in Ethiopia. After many attempts at contact it was deemed that there were uncontrollable communication issues related to internet and electrical access. At that point, it was suggested that we utilize a less rural route and attempt to partner with contacts made through the Contience Awareness Forum in Rio. Many members were not happy with this option and rather wanted to table the project until we could further discuss with Dr. McDougald.



Chairperson Update

Per the terms of reference, my term is up in 2015. No one chose to run for the chair position. At this point, I await further direction from the trustees regarding the committee.

Agenda for Montreal

1. Terms of Reference & Terms of Office review
2. Discussion of outstanding actions from Rio meeting:

ACTION: Committee to discuss new project- which country to focus on and what tasks to be achieved.
3. CPC restricted fund
4. Media/educational pack- Margaret McDougald discussion
5. Future news articles- Request from PCC
6. Roles and responsibilities of the subcommittees, CPC members in general and ICS office in relation to CPC activities
7. Decision process within the CPC subcommittees and CPC in general - our way of working
8. Annual budget planning for CPC activities - the framework for activities
9. Information base for ICS CPC communication references

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Dickinson, BSN, RN, CURN, CCCN, BCB-PMD
Chairperson



CPC Committee

Annual report of the Education Committee 2014-2015

Ervin Kocjancic, Chairman

Activities and achievements in the past year

In the past year the Education Committee performed core functions on behalf of ICS. The committee's aims last year were as follows and the committee has made some inroads into these objectives:

Work with all the existing Committees to create a core syllabus and generate e-learning modules or ICS accredited slides for meeting and courses. New videos have been filmed this year which will be of interest to the members. As an example: a video on VV fistula prevention, done in conjunction with the Fistula committee; the recording, editing and creating on line modules from anatomy class, organised in London.

With the restructuring of the pre-existing committee (some members finished their term and some, specifically among the early career members, decided not to renew for a second term. The main focus of the committee is the courses and workshop subcommittee. The clear advantage of having a smaller composition of the committee is that everybody is very active and informed about the activities of the entire EC. One of the missions that we identified last year was the increase the activity of the e-learning and the accreditation activities. For this reason we decided to call for 2 new members to join the EC with a specific expertise in the social media and in accreditation process.

At the time of writing this report the committee is currently voting on these new members to join the committee. The committee is working hard to ensure that the new members will be active and meet the criteria for interest.

Courses and workshops

The whole committee has been involved in the discussions about workshops selection at the annual meeting and all educational courses and guest lectures throughout the year.

Education Courses/Guest Lectures:

Last year the Board approved £30,000 budget for both 2015 and 2016 to allow the committee to approve educational courses in early 2016 without having to wait for the 2016 budget. The specific advantages of this is to select those education courses/guest lectures that will be of use to target for marketing purposes for ICS 2016. A concerted effort was made by the



committee to contact Asian societies to host education courses. A large number of the 2015 courses are being run in autumn and therefore every opportunity to advertise ICS 2016 will be used. Several of these courses are at no cost to the ICS.

2015 Education Courses/Guest Lectures

PACS - Istanbul	January	Children's neuro - Italy	September
Post ICS-IUGA Physio - Netherlands	February	Multi dis pelvic floor - Italy	October
EAU Guest Lecture - Madrid	May	SIU Society Session - Melbourne	October
Cadaver Masterclass - London	May & December	Turkey Continence Society	October
Neuro & Pelvic Floor - Mexico - Guest Lecture	May	MKÖ - Tumour therapy and continence – Austria	October
Post ICS-IUGA Physio - Brazil	May	Basic Urodynamics and Undercontractil detrusor - Guest Lecture - Mexico	November
SIUD Guest Lecture	June	Female urology – Pelvic Floor Conf - Thailand	November
UNUFU Guest Lecture Greece	September	Korea Urological Association – Guest Lecture	November
Uroantaomy and urosimulation Guest Lecture – Turkey	September	SOBEST – Brazil – Guest Lecture	November

At the Cadaver course, the uroantaomy and urosimulation eLearning and filming of sessions have been achieved. The entire Education Committee was engaged in trying to find highly qualified speakers, for the add on courses, that resides closer to the meeting venue, allowing us to reduce the travel expenses.

PACS 2016 has already been pre-approved for 2016 and there are discussion concerning a very large Stoma and Continence Society in Japan for February 2016. The Education Committee has taken the advice of the 2016 LOC to consider which Japanese events to attend.

A focus has also been Korea as they are the 4th largest submitters of abstracts to the ICS after Japan.

Workshops for ICS 2015

The entire committee was engaged in selecting workshops for ICS 2015. The committee also



successfully reviewed all the workshops in advance of the face to face meeting. The meeting was prepared ahead of time with several WebEx meetings, however this process was very time consuming, laborious and ineffective. In the face-to-face meeting we were able to achieve a significantly better result in a more time effective fashion. Additionally, with an increase in e-learning modules the face to face meeting could be used to finalise and prepare state of the art, next generation education output. The entire committee is in favour of continuing meeting twice a year.

Shorter workshops of 1.5 hours were called for this year and also if workshops has been run for more than 3 times a substantial change to faculty and programme was requested. The resulting 33 workshops show a true representation of the ICS multi-disciplinary objectives. The majority of the workshops are scheduled for the first day, but over half are placed throughout the remainder of the week. The free, committee workshops and topics to compliment the “tracks” worked on by the Scientific Committee have been scheduled Wednesday through to Friday. Eight have been selected for recording and eLearning questions and slides have been obtained in advance of the meeting.

Other ICS 2015 activities

ICS Course Recognition

The generic course recognition application and guidelines were approved by the committee, the Board and other Committee chairs. Two applications for a renewal of the urodynamics course recognition have been received and at the time of writing this report are being processed under the new guidelines. Once these have been completed and any feedback received a full release of this recognition will occur in Q4 of 2015. This is an income generating activity for the ICS.

ICS Booth Activities

The Committee decided not to continue with the Meet the Expert sessions due to dwindling numbers. Instead a concept of a ‘post-match’ interview with the state of the art lectures was conceived. In conjunction with the Publications and Communications committee two key people will be interviewed and filmed at the ICS booth during the meeting. AV will be provided so that the audience can ask questions and a hashtag will be used via social media.

Early Career Session

This session will continue at ICS 2015 followed by a night out for the younger professionals.

Core Curriculum

At the time of writing this report a discussion is being held on the forum and a full report will be discussed at the Montreal meeting with a view to implement for the 2016 workshop applications.



Feedback for education courses

New procedures have been put in place to receive feedback from the speakers and hosts of the ICS Education Courses and Guest Lectures

Submission of articles to e-news

The committee have been preparing articles for the e-news in conjunction with the publications and Communications committee

Plans for 2015-2016

For the Educational Courses the 2016 budget of £30,000 has been pre-approved. Additional requests of 6 WebEx/teleconference calls throughout the year. We are planning to increase the e-learning activities with the possibility to activate a live webcasting. We strongly believe that this might represent the future of spreading the ICS culture worldwide. We are asking an investment in this type of technology that can allow a large number of web based connection with streaming of lectures and a web based live interaction with the ICS faculty. Additionally, these type of connections as well as some of the special contents from the video library that will be created during the live webcasting can represent a tremendous source of revenue for ICS.

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

1. Activities/Achievements

The EC is proud to be organising 2 major events at ICS 2015. The first is a Basic Ethics Workshop that will be conducted by a panel of 5 EC members. I (Nina Davis) will serve as moderator. Dr. Elise De will present a review of the origins and principles of modern health care ethics; Dr. Margot Damaser will speak about research ethics; and Dr. Safwat Tosson will present on financial disclosures and business ethics as it applies to the medical field. The session will end with a group discussion of 3 illustrative ethics cases.

The second event we are organising is a debate, "Is it Ethical to Perform Urodynamic Investigations Prior to Surgery for Female Stress Incontinence? The Relationship between Ethics and Evidence". Prof. Peter Rosier will moderate the point-counterpoint: Dr. Victor Nitti will present the 'pro' argument and Prof. Xavier Fritel will counter with the "con" perspective. We are looking forward to a lively debate.

Another focus has been on updating the TOR for the EC. Both a forum and a teleconference were held this past spring. The consensus was that the EC should maintain a strong educational role in the ICS and align its efforts with the Educational Committee and the PCC so that ethics activities can be incorporated into ICS programmes and publications on a



regular basis. It was suggested that a needs assessment be conducted to determine what the EC could provide to add value to ICS activities. Another suggestion was that there be an EC liaison to the PCC to provide ethics-related content. Currently, I am serving in that role on an ad hoc basis, but the relationship could be formalized. The second most important role was felt to be ongoing monitoring of integrity issues for the organization including enforcement of the ICS disclosure policy and serving in an advisory role to the Board of Trustees for evaluation and resolution of ethical issues that may arise in the course of ICS business. Lastly, several members expressed concerns regarding the necessity for the EC to be independent of the Board of Trustees in order to avoid inappropriate or undue influence on the EC's efforts to ensure the integrity of the organization. This will be discussed further in Montreal and an update provided to the Board.

2. Committee Membership

Currently, the EC is comprised of 10 members and one member of the Board of Trustees in an ex officio role. The members are as follows:

Nina S. Davis (US)	Urology/Geriatrics
Alvaro Bedoya-Rongo (UK)	Urogynecology
Elise De (US)	Urology
Andrew Farkas (UK)	Gynecologist
Ruwan Fernando (UK)	Urogynecologist
Suzanne Hagen (UK)	Scientist
Cristina Naranjo-Ortiz (Spain)	Physiotherapist
Tom Rosenbaum (UK)	Urologist
Safwat Tosson (UK)	Urogynecologist (Deputy Chair)

Our newest member, from the Netherlands, is Heidi Moosedorff-Steinhauser, a physiotherapist. Two of our members, Suzanne Hagen and Safwat Tosson were given dispensation by the Board to remain on the EC for an extra year to make sure that we retained experienced members who are engaged and who offer unique perspectives to the group.

The EC has had as many as 15 members in the past. This is too unwieldy. It is recommended that the committee be maintained at its current roster of 10 members. The EC will need to recruit a nurse member as well as 2 or 3 others in the next election. It is desirable to increase the geographical diversity of the committee. I personally would like to enlist another scientist and another nurse member if possible.

2. Budget Request

During the past year, the EC had 2 teleconferences. We would like to continue to conduct business in this manner in the coming year. Our conferences lasted 2 hours each and were extremely productive. We were also quorate for both meetings.



ICS FISTULA COMMITTEE 2015

Activities and achievements over the past year

The ICS fistula committee has been busy over the last year working on taking the theme of education, development and research further.

Education

The committee had agreed to produce a series of films on fistula and aspects of prevention, surgical management and physiotherapy. The films were carried out in the Bristol ICS in March 2015 and edited at Headquarters by Roger Blackman. They are now available directly via the ICS website.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvMZQRTti1oQ18n9OFbW28qSb3IMIZB7f>

Various workshops were also presented globally with the ICS Fistula Committee members being a key part of the faculty:

IUGA Nice, France 2015

- Professor Mourad and Professor Abubakr Elmardi ran the Fistula workshop as part of the IUGA meeting in Nice, covering all aspects of fistula surgery including epidemiology, surgery and preventative strategies.

FIGO-IUGA Vancouver, Canada 2015

- Members of the ICS Fistula Committee will be presenting at FIGO this year and will be covering the long term management fistula sufferers in under-resourced settings.

Various committee members have also been in touch with colleagues at ISOFS and are working with them in developing clinical guidance in fistula management. They are working with surgeons in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda. There is a request from our colleagues to help develop guidance in managing continence post-surgical repair of fistula and accessing urodynamics teaching and training.



Development

In addition, we were also asked about prolapse surgery and how trainees in different settings can access training and expertise in this surgery, and whether the ICS can help in this aspect as well.

Engender Health (USAID) is working on this and we will be asking them if we can join them in helping provide development of this type of surgery in under-resourced settings.

Another arena that the committee will be taking on is Female Genital Mutilation. This is because it appears to fit in with the area we are all working in. The committee produced a response to the FGM case in the UK in the winter of 2015, which was very well received by the ICS membership.

There are other new developments on the global stage, namely the G4 Alliance, which is looking at the provision of access to surgical care for all. Its focus is on Surgery, Trauma, Obstetric and Anaesthetic training, development, guidance and advocacy for the neglected patient. The Chair of the ICS Fistula Committee was invited to join the G4 based on her experience in under-resourced settings and as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fistula Foundation. The main inaugural meeting in Geneva in May 2015 resulted in WHO adopting the resolution of '*Surgical Care for All*'. The work of the ICS FC may be used in the development of clinical guidance in the management of fistula in under-resourced settings. This is likely to have a significant global impact and will be up for discussion in the Fistula Committee meeting in Montreal in October 2015.

Research

Different members of the FC have been involved in developing research protocols for continence research in fistula patients. There are current projects being prepared in tandem with Engender Health/FIGO and the Fistula Foundation. The ICS team look forward to contributing to all aspects of this work.

Plans for the next year



Two workshops were planned for 2015 – one in Gondar, Ethiopia to take place in February 2015 and the other in Nairobi, Kenya in July 2015. However, funding was not available in time for the workshops to run. Thus, all workshops were deferred. The role of international workshops will be discussed at the ICS meeting of the FC in October 2015.

Other plans include:

1. Attendance of FIGO 2015 by Professor Abubakr Elmardi on behalf of the committee and to report on areas of collaboration
2. Attendance of Global Maternity and Newborn Health Meeting in New Mexico by one of the members of the committee (TBC)
3. Formalization of ICS FC and Other Committees meeting in Kuwait November 2015 – Chaired by Professor El Mardi
4. Attendance of G4 Alliance by a member of the committee (TBC)
5. Collaboration with FIGO and Engender Health

Notification of any new subcommittees (as the Trustees should formally approve these, per the ICS Bylaws)

Nil

Details of any budget requests for the coming year

A proposed budget was sent into the Board for review for 2014, and in 2015, but it was felt the funds could not be released without 9 months' notice. The proposed budget was reduced from £32500 to £12000 but it was not available for utilization for 2014 nor 2015 and hence the sum has been deferred indefinitely. The budget was mainly to cover:

4 ICS Fistula Committee Members (or other members of ICS with track record in fistula and reconstructive urology surgery) to:

- Attend an African Fistula Centre for 3 days and 3 nights 1-2 times a year
- Flights and Accommodation for 3 nights for trainers



- Transport and Accommodation for 12 local trainees

It was also proposed that the FC should meet at least 6 months before any annual meeting, but the costs were deemed too high and thus it was agreed that the committee would only host meetings via Skype. This does mean the attendance is usually not adequate. The next Skype meeting will be hosted in August or September 2015 following a 'doodle poll'.

Future Funding Request for 2015 (2016 to be determined after Montreal 2015):

Two Skype/internet/teleconference calls £0

New Total requested £0

Confirmation of whether the committee will call for expressions of interest for new committee members

No vacancies available currently, but we have accepted a secondment of a nurse specializing in fistula to be part of the committee for one year.

Special request for any members whose terms are ending to be renewed for one more term, or part of a term.

Nil to my knowledge

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Chair of the ICS Fistula Committee 2015

[ICS : Neurourology promotion Committee report 2015, August, 30th 2015](#)

Chair: Emmanuel Chartier-Kastler (Urologist, France)

Members: (multidisciplinary committee)

- C D'Ancona, Urologist (ex officio member)
- E Chartier-Kastler, Urologist, F
- H Madersbacher, Urologist, A (past chairman)
- A Manu-Marin, Urologist, R
- M Hassouna, Urologist, C



- T Kessler, Urologist, CH
- C Konstantinidis, Urologist, Greece
- L Liao, Urologist Ch
- M Davies, Urologist, UK
- E Finazzi Agro, Urologist, I
- H Bruschini, Urologist Br
- M Averbeck, Urologist, Br
- W Altaweel, Urologist, Saudi arabia
- J Panicker, Neurologist, UK
- R Sakakibara, neuroscientist, J
- B Schurch, Neurologist, CH
- P Denys, Rehabilitation physician, F

New members (2015) approved after electronic voting process and admitted at ICS Montreal 2015

- Juan Botero, Urologist, Colombia
- Pawan Vasudeva, Urologist, India
- Emmanuel Braschi, Urologist, Argentina
- Daniele Minardi, Urologist, Italy

Members ending term at ICS Montreal 2015 and cannot be renewed

- H Madersbacher
- A Manu-Marin
- H Bruschini
- R Sakakibara

Members ending term at ICS Montreal 2015 and can be renewed

- J Panicker
- M Davies
- M Averbeck

1 Publication activities

Recommendations:

- Ongoing process with interim meeting to be held in Zurich (August 2015 under the auspice of T Kessler and the 4th International Neurourology meeting in Zurich, see Addendum). This meeting is supported by ICS and the 4th international neurology meeting. The committee is very grateful for this combined support.



Publications will follow upon literature analysis and following a process of submission within the next 18 months.

The aim of this innovative process, never internationally done, is to obtain specific recommendations for the main neurological diseases (Parkinson disease, dementia, multiple sclerosis etc.)

Some authors have been suggested outside of the committee to try to promote young neurourologists as future active members of the committee and attract them:

- Elaboration of disease specific recommendations for urological management of LUTS in central nervous system disorders: final steps.

(Literature search and data extraction. Discussion and revisions of first drafts. Submission process. Elaboration of a presentation programme)

- Dementia and associated disorders: Marcio Averbeck et al.
- Parkinson's disease: Ryuji Sakakibara et al.
- Multiple sclerosis: Thomas M. Kessler et al. (alpha-blockers: Schneider / antimuscarinics: Kessler / baclofen: Denys / botulinum toxin: Schurch / cannabinoid: Abo Youssef / catheterization: Gajewski / desmopressin: Phé / Neuromodulation: Kessler / pelvic floor muscle training: Davies / surgical techniques: Chartier-Kastler / vanilloids: Phé)

2 Teaching activities

Courses that were scheduled year 2015 were all successfully organised and done under the auspice of H Madersbacher. ICS and the committee have to be very grateful to Helmut for his energy and his fantastic international relationship. (Indonesia, Cairo, India, Sofia, Thessalonique.)

The process to organise courses for the next years has to be modified and will have to be approved at the next plenary session of our committee:

- To obtain standard agenda for one day basic and advanced neurourology courses to be proposed to those who would like to have ICS neurourology courses organised in their country
- To submit all courses projects to ICS education committee to obtain ICS label (must be a quick process)
- To select members of the committee able and willing to give courses



- We have to keep in mind that courses must be founded by the local host (travel, hosting and accommodation), the committee will start the process to find some sponsors which can be specifically dedicated to courses if needed.
- At that time no courses are planned for 2016 and advertising will have to be done by members of the committee and through the web site of ICS to suggest national congress, academic centers, and subspecialties meetings to obtain these courses. Some projects are under preparation (Saudi Arabia urological meeting, Iran)

3 To promote recommendations:

Following the writing process, the committee will submit for workshop and/or communications to explain and promote its work.

4 International Relationship and specially with the annual international neurourology meeting (Zurich)

The committee wants to follow a strong relationship with this meeting in the aim to promote its own activities and to attract new candidates for membership and obtain one interim meeting of members.

A budget request to the ICS office will be done again for 2016 and the committee is grateful for the 2015 support.

In this view, in collaboration with ICS office and through this international meeting, the committee would like to establish an international list of contacts for neurourology worldwide. All members of the committee will work for that in their area and we hope to be able to have a first list for our meeting in Montreal.

5 New projects

The chairman will propose a digital book edition « atlas of surgery for neurourology » which may be written by members of the committee and available through the ICS website for all members.

Summary has to be discussed in Zurich.

Other topics to discuss:

- Promotion of neurourology needs to find and attract young colleagues to ensure scientific activities and future members: How to proceed and what are the objective of ICS in this area? Probably we should list young promising neurourologists in our countries to work with them.
- Our committee has no nurse has member. Do we have to keep a specific place for a nurse?



- Our committee has no gynecologist or colorectal specialist
- An overview of our international representation is rather good except that we have no member from Australia

Addendum (August 30th, 2015)

Zurich's meeting summary:

Present:

E Chartier-Kastler, Urologist, F

H Madersbacher, Urologist, A (past chairman)

~~A Manu-Marin, Urologist, R : Absent~~

M Hassouna, Urologist, C

T Kessler, Urologist, CH

C Konstantinidis, urologist, Greece

L Liao, urologist Ch

M Davies, Urologist, UK

E Finazzi Agro, Urologist, I

H Bruschini, Urologist Br

M Averbeck, Urologist, Br

W Altaweel, Urologist, Saudi Arabia

J Panicker, neurologist, UK

R Sakakibara, neuroscientist, J

~~B Schurch, neurologist, CH : Absent~~

P Denys, Rehabilitation physician, F

Invited speakers: J Galewski (Canada), V Phe (F) and M Schneider (CH)

1 Alpha Blockers

M Schneider reported about our systematic review process and the methodology. He gave an example with his work on alpha blockers.



2 Dementia group

Q: write why some papers have been excluded

Conclusion: OK for the draft after circulating again. A separate paper will be done on recommendations for practice issued from the committee work. The chairman as to ask NU if they agree for such paper (based on the model of the urodynamic committee.)

3 Parkinson group

1 paper published: NU 2015, in press, more guidelines than systematic literature review

A SR paper is on bench. A draft on « therapies for OAB in PD patients ».

Should be reviewed by the group.

A new prisma research will be done on LUTS and medical therapies in Parkinson disease.

4 MS group

Divided in many topics

Alpha blockers: ready for publication

Q: voiding and storage symptoms

Antimuscarinics: running process and a recent Cochrane review may lead to the decision not to go further on

Baclofen: try to publish it in a neurological journal

Botulinum toxin A: to be analysed and discussed again in Montreal

Cannabinoids: THC, CBC. Separate manuscript

CIC: few papers and to be written, brand name not always reported

Desmopressin: 9 studies, to be written

Neuromodulator: EAU is processing this topic. Including TNS

PFMT: paper to be written

Surgery: to be discussed in Montreal

Vanilloids: few papers and to be published



5 Questions that were discussed:

T Kessler and H Madersbacher informed the committee that they are on the way to create a new society: INUS (International Neuro Urology Society). It will be under the umbrella of the Swiss continence foundation and a partnership has been created with the BJU Int for the Swiss Continence Foundation.

A discussion started within the committee. We draw the following conclusions:

This idea is a good one with regards that there is no specific independent society dedicated to NU worldwide. All the committee agreed for that. But it has been stated that the activities of this society should be limited to the annual congress (as it is done by TK in Zurich since 4 years) and the research grants. Any overlap about educational activities could lead to some conflict with our committee. At the end of the discussion it was concluded by TK and HM that the whole legal process to create it in Switzerland was ready and done, so the committee had to admit it and to discuss the objectives to find the best way to work with other associations (e.g. ICS...).

The chairman (ECK) of the ICS committee concluded the discussion stating that he would not be a founding member of this society as his position as chairman of the ICS neurourology promotion committee cannot allow it. He will do his best to facilitate ICS and INUS good relationship and he said as a reminder to the committee that he had to be respectful to ICS and also to underline that for the first time this year we obtained some financial support to meet here during the congress in Zurich. He also confirmed that there is a need for such structure, but taking into account existing structures.

ICS Nursing Committee full term report

Prepared by Donna Bliss, Chair

1. Activities and achievements over the past year

- Reorganize Committee Structure, Operations, and Communication
 - Chair and Committee voted to modify the TOR and structure of the committee which was sent to ICS Trustees for approval—pending. The Education and Practice subcommittees were merged into one and the descriptions of the subcommittees were revised to be less overlapping.
 - A member functioning as a secretary or deputy chair to assist the chair is sought. Subcommittees are led by chairs but members assist with different activities as needed and are not assigned to a subcommittee. Inactive task forces were ended
 - Communication among Nursing Committee now regularly uses online ICS forums with very good response by members. Three first quarterly



conference calls to plan and update activities of the committee were held and were thought to be beneficial by the committee.

- Committee Recognition Awards for Members
 - A proposal of 4 recognition awards for nurse members of ICS by the Nursing Committee was sent to the Trustees. Nursing Committee was asked to reframe the proposal so the recognitions could apply to and be used by all ICS committees and not only the Nursing Committee as ICS was looking to increase recognition of members' contributions to the society and achievements. Donna sent information to the ICS staff who is assisting to revise the proposal.
- Other
 - The Committee chair is participating on a task force to review TORs and structure for all ICS committees
- Education Subcommittee Activities
 - Annual ICS meeting sessions
 - The Education subcommittee and the Nursing Committee Chair planned and developed the Nursing Workshop and Nursing forum to be held in Montreal. Following a model that has been well received, the Nursing workshop features nurse speakers local to the country of the meeting (Canada). The timing and content of both sessions was revised to fit the new schedule of the annual meeting. The Nursing forum will have two international nurse speakers and a report of the results of an international survey re: the role of the continence nurse supported by the ICS Nursing Committee will be made.
 - External Sponsorship
 - SCA agreed to sponsor the nurse award for conservative management of incontinence and translation of the Nursing workshop in French but did not have funds to sponsor a lunch symposium as hoped this year.
- Research Subcommittee Activities
 - Three Nursing Committee members and one alternate were nominated for and completed reviews of scientific abstracts for the main scientific meeting
 - Research abstract presentations were discontinued at the Nursing Committee Forum and new investigators were encouraged to submit to the new investigator session.
 - The Nursing Committee through Donna Bliss, Chair, provided input re: reclassification of categories for scientific abstracts at the annual meeting to the planners for 2015 to better reflect multi-disciplinary research. Subject categories were modified.
 - The Nursing Committee Chair Donna Bliss provided input re: scheduling sessions for nurses and other allied health delegates to engage them more throughout the annual meeting. The 2015 meeting schedule reflects change.



- Communications Subcommittee Activities

We developed new postings and features for the Nursing Committee webpage to increase the communication and engagement of the ICS Nursing Committee regarding committee activities as well as achievements of its members in the field of continence nursing and ICS news items.

- The following were initiated on the ICS Nursing Committee microsite:
 - Introduction of a new Nursing Library resource of documents developed by ICS nurses to support or promote continence nursing research and practice to the ICS Nursing webpage,
 - News of the new feature and invitation to submit resources was circulated by a news item via social media and a mailer to all nurse members.
 - Criteria and procedures for review of submitted documents to the Nursing Library resource and a guidance for those submitting were developed and used.
 - Several relevant documents have been posted
 - A Listing of Continence Nursing References of publications by ICS nurses was started on the ICS nursing microsite. Citations of research studies, review articles or practice pieces for 2014 were uploaded for one year. 2015 citations will be uploaded in Jan. 2016 and so on. Regular news items with a strap line to funnel nurse members to our website.
 - News of the new feature and invitation to submit citations was circulated to members.
 - Listing of Honors/Awards of ICS nurses members was started on the nursing microsite as a way to acknowledge the achievements of nurse members
 - Honors/awards of three members were posted.
 - Abstracts from ICS Rio 2014 were available for access on our website until 31 March 2015 when new abstracts were used to be submitted.
 - Recent sub-committee reports and were uploaded into the relevant microsite pages and will be a regular feature.
- The Nursing Committee submitted articles to the ICS newsletter as requested

2. Plans for the next year

- Continuing Activities

- Plan and hold a Nursing Workshop at the ICS annual meeting in Tokyo in 2016. Meet with Japanese ICS members to plan the details for the workshop.
- Plan and hold a Nursing Forum at the ICS annual meeting in Tokyo in 2016.



- Track and promote as needed participation of nurses in workshops submitted for ICS annual meeting in 2016 and beyond.
 - Collaborate with nurse members of ICS Education Committee to identify opportunities for nurse speakers at ICS educational courses.
 - Develop an ongoing strategy to ensure nurse participation in abstract reviews for the main scientific meeting.
 - Identify ways to increase submission of research abstracts by nurse members.
 - Continue feeding news items to the ICS e-news/social media e.g. nursing contribution to ICS Montreal.
 - Continue to populate the Nursing Library resource.
 - Update the Listing of Continence Nursing Related References
 - Continue to contribute to the ICS newsletter
- New Activities
 - Nursing Committee chair, Donna Bliss, will meet with the SCA representative in Montreal to discuss future opportunities for sponsorship, including the 2016 meeting.
 - Develop and implement procedures and criteria for Nursing Committee Recognition Awards if approved by Trustees
 - We are planning to develop a Best Practice document for Bladder (and Possibly Bowel) Training and will submit a proposal to the Trustees for this activity
 - As ICI 6 will be conducting a systematic review of conservative therapies for incontinence, we determined that an educational-practice “how-to” document for Bladder (and Possibly Bowel) Training is needed and will supplement any ICI6 outcomes without overlapping efforts. As there is limited research supporting such a document, a Best Practice consensus is appropriate and will fill a gap
 - Review a past document “Guideline for Collaborative Continence Nursing Research” to assess whether it should be archived or implemented.
 - Explore opportunities for participation of ICS nurse members in an international lecture or for developing an educational add-on course for nurses.

3. Notification of any new subcommittees (as the Trustees should formally approve these, per the ICS Bylaws)

- Proposal to merge Education and Practice Subcommittees is awaiting approval of ICS Trustees



4. Confirmation of whether the committee will call for expressions of interest for new committee members, as of the 2015 AGM in Montreal

We confirm that 3 individuals applied and are being recommended to be new members of the Nursing Committee. Because we had 4 openings on our committee, the chair is co-opting 1 additional new member for a one year appointment

5. Requested budget for the coming year

- Committee communications
 - Online forums--We will use online ICS forums to discuss numerous activities of committee over the year—at least 1/month on average.
 - Conference calls –Quarterly Conference calls, each of 1.5 hours in length, for Nursing Committee to discuss work plans and activities not as amenable to online forum discussion
 - Website updates and social media - We are planning to continue to engage members and attract new/renewed members with new postings on our ICS website page and using social media (twitter and Facebook) to let members know about strategic/key information and to encourage people to go to the website for more information.

- Nursing Committee meeting, workshop and forum at annual ICS meeting in 2016 in Tokyo
 - A 2-2.5 hr. meeting during meeting in Montreal + some light refreshment (e.g. coffee, tea, rolls if a 7 am meeting.)
 - Nursing workshop
 - Free registration for nurses for Nursing Workshop at 2015 Tokyo
 - Nursing Forum

- Education and Practice Document Development
 - Staff assistance is required for developing a Best Practice document for Bladder and possibly Bowel Training if project proposal is approved (see New activities above for more info)

- Committee Recognition/Awards –we will develop name of award, criteria and scoring of applications if proposal is approved by trustees
 - Committee Recognition/Awards for innovation/success in incontinence practice or an educational program, research pioneer or research career award, and ICS leadership in service are being considered



2015 ICS Physiotherapy Committee Annual Report

(NB: final report to follow Physiotherapy Committee teleconference in early September)

Chair: Doreen McClurg

Term of Office: September 2015-September 2018

Date report submitted 17th August 2015

Committee members 2014-2015: Doreen McClurg Chair, Elisabeth Bakker co-opted member for one additional year, Cristiane Carboni, Rebekah Das, Jacqueline de Jong, Chantale Dumoulin, Rhonda Kotarinos, Adelia Lucio (Co-opted), Stephanie Madill, Peter Meyers, Heather Moky (co-opted), Melanie Morin, Cristina Naranjo-Ortiz, Marijke Van Kampen, Petra Voorham-van der Zalm (Co-opted) and Myung-Soo Choo Ex officio representing the ICS Board of Trustees

Members with special 12-mth extension (to support new committee): C Dumoulin, J de Jong

Co-opted members: Heather Moky, Adelia Lucio, Petra Voorham-van der Zalm

New members: Rhonda Kotarinos, Cristiane Carboni, Rebekah Das, Peter Meyers.

3 x Meetings in the last year, face to face Rio Sept 2014, teleconference X2 with full committee (Jan 2015 and Sept 2015). SKYPE call with the Communications committee

The Physiotherapy Committee represents and supports ICS physiotherapy members and the physiotherapy contribution to various ICS committees in order to encourage and maintain the multidisciplinary strength of the ICS. It acts as a liaison body between the Chair of ICS, ICS Board of Trustees and its physiotherapy members regarding matters of mutual concern. It is pleasing to see that there is PT representation on many of the ICS committees as reported below and we hope to have representatives on all relevant committees. We are also delighted that Christina Naranjo Ortiz has also been elected as the PT representative to the Board of Trustees (awaiting ratification).

The Physiotherapy Committee has 3 functions: communication, research and education.

Activities and achievements over the past year:

- Committee membership:

- New Chair commenced in Oct 2014 from within existing committee (D McClurg)
- 3 Members with special 12-mth extension (to support new committee): C Dumoulin, J de Jong and Els Bakker. Now standing down
- Co-opted members 2014-15 Adelia Lucio (Co-opted), Heather Moky (co-opted), Petra Voorham-van der Zalm (Co-opted)
- Members now elected 2015 Adelia Lucio, Health Moky, Petra van der Zalm and new member Paula Iguualada-Martinez)

Standing down Marijke Van Kampen, Jacqueline de Jong and Chantal Dumoulin



- Membership and Communication sub-committee:

- Physiotherapy Round-table sub-committee (Jacqueline DeJong, Marijke Van Kampen and Petra Voorham-van Zalm) are responsible for the Organisation of the Montreal 'Physiotherapy Round-table' meeting. This has been facilitated by strong liaison with and participation by local contacts

Due to increasing popularity in recent years, 150 places available. As per the ICS guidelines the format will be slightly different with 3 State-of-the-Art Lectures and 8 short workshops of which the attendees can avail of 2

In addition a short Chair and Scientific (Melanie Moran) report will be presented.

The Start of the Art Lectures are:-

- Urinary Incontinence and Erective Dysfunction INGE Geraerts
- Psychosocial aspects of vulvodynia Sophie Bergeron
- Mechanisms of neuropathic pain Serge Marchand

Marijke and Jacqueline will be standing down this year and Petra Voorham-van Zalm has now had one year to help with succession planning

An evening meal has also been arranged on the evening of the Round Table

Communications Sub-Committee

The communications sub-committee is chaired by Cristiane Criscarboni and have benefitted from some additional support from Beth Shelley the former chair (1/2 SKYPE calls, and emails). The abstracts of the ICS Rio roundtable were uploaded on to website and a report about the roundtable was set to the Newsletter. It is felt that this year the report and pictures for the web-site and e-Newsletter will be more prompt.

Education and Professional Development Sub-Committee

Peter Meyers was the Chair of this sub-committee but a lot of the work this year has focussed on getting the educational guideline finalised and published and Els Bakker was co-opted to complete this work. It is hoped that in the coming year this work will be expanded once the basic document is published. Peter also serves on the Continence Promotion Committee.

Scientific and Research Sub-Committee

This committee was continued to be chaired for an additional year by Chantale Dumoulin to allow completion of the work on adherence commenced in 2011 and funded by a grant from the ICS. It is with great pride that we can report that this work has resulted in 5 publications being accepted and now published on line in Neurourology and Neurodyamics. This work was also presented at a workshp in WCPT and will also be presented at this meeting on Thursday between 13:30 - 14:30 'Strategies to Increase Adherence' Chair:



Melanie Morin (Canada) Speakers: Roger Roman Dmochowski (United States), Chantale L Dumoulin (Canada), Sarah Dean (United Kingdom).

In addition the Physiotherapy Committee Activity 'Optimising First Line Therapy for Overactive Bladder' is being Chaired by Rebekah Das, with Beate Carrière, Sonja Soeder and Ruth Kirschner-Herrmanns presenting and is being held on Tuesday at 9.00-1.00 (W5)

PT is represented in a wide variety of workshops and podium and poster presentations. In addition there will be 2 sessions of PFME, one for ageing women and one for pre and post natal women

Committee members serving on other ICS committees

- Scientific Rep: Melanie Moran – A total of 729 abstracts were submitted for the 2015 ICS meeting. The abstracts were reviewed and scored by a minimum of 3 reviewers (including at least one member of the scientific committee). A total of 54 abstracts and 9 videos were selected for podium presentation, 51 for short oral presentation, 206 for poster or e-poster, 9 non-discussion video and 132 for read by title. Among the first author who submitted an abstract and revealed their profession, 9% were physiotherapists.
- Ethics: Cristina - Naranjo Ortiz
PT is represented on the Ethics committee by Cristina - Naranjo Ortiz. This committee has organized a workshop for the Montreal meeting as well as the annual Ethics Lecture
- Continence Promotion Committee – Peter Meyers and Els Bakker (both to 2016 no option to renew). Nothing specific to PT to report

Liaison with ICS Physiotherapy members serving on other ICS committees

- Standardisation Committee – Beth Shelley
- ICS Education - Marijke Slieker-ten Hove – This will be included in the report when Submitted
- Fistula Committee - Gill Brooks

Standardisation:

The physiotherapist representative on the standardisation committee is Beth Shelley. Term ends in 2016

PT input on all 3 of the documents:

- Conserv Mx: Primary author and 6 co-authors are PTs
- Pain: one PT co-author, with input from other PTs on terms and the pain paper should align with the Conserv Mx paper
- Ano-rectal: there is a PT co-author, with additional input from other PTs

Importance of having continued PT representation on this committee - many terms being defined that have impact PT and we can improve those definitions.



Encourage PT to have input in to these documents by joining committees e.g. Ultrasound and incontinence products

Beth is also Editor in Chief of the ICS Wiki and reported. The wiki is set up to provide a place for discussion of standard terms. Over the past year there has been a 500% increase in activity on the wiki and we are preparing for even more with new standard documents publication. I am currently looking for new wiki authors who are interested in writing one page on one term. I would especially like to have PT authors for some of the conservative management terms that are coming out soon. The process is simple and short. When these papers are published I will directly ask for help with this project. Please let me know if any member has concerns about terms or the process of defining them and I would be happy to open a discussion.

Fistula

PT is represented on the Fistula committee by Gill Brook and reported:

In September 2014 I submitted a chapter "Physiotherapy and rehabilitation in obstetric fistula management" for a forthcoming textbook on the subject.

At the ICS Congress in Rio de Janeiro I took part in the Fistula Committee's workshop, presenting on "Physiotherapy in the management of incontinence in post fistula repair patients". This and all the other workshop presentations are available in their entirety on YouTube (ICS TV).

I undertook my annual visit to the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in February 2015. The main purpose of my visit this year was continuing professional education for their new physiotherapist. In addition to my visits I try to maintain regular contact via email. In addition, I am a member of the rehab advisory council of the Worldwide Fistula Fund and participate in regular conference calls with them.

In March 2015 Fistula Committee chairman Suzy Elneil, London midwife Yvonne Saruchera and I visited the ICS offices and completed the filming of a range of presentations and conversations on obstetric fistula as part of a project commissioned by the ICS Education Committee. These have subsequently been edited and approved and are available via the ICS website. It is hoped that all of these videos and more will act as a useful resource for a range of healthcare workers and professionals in countries where obstetric fistulae are still prevalent. In addition, I wrote a short piece for ICS [News](#) on the role of physiotherapy, highlighting the emerging evidence supporting our role.

In May 2015 at the World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress in Singapore, I participated in a seminar on "Trauma induced pelvic floor disorders: implications for physical therapists". This included a range of presentations on obstetric fistula and female genital mutilation and the presentations was available at:

<http://www.wcpt.org/sites/wcpt.org/files/files/wpt15/SG-8-WomensHealth-handout.pdf>

I was invited to attend an event at the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists in



London to mark the international day to end obstetric fistula. It was a great opportunity to network with others with an interest in the field, and hear about the RCOG's involvement. At every opportunity I promote the role of physiotherapy in the management of obstetric fistula and would encourage you all to do the same! Please email me on gill.brook@lineone.net if you would like to discuss it further, or catch up with me in Montreal. I shall attend the Physiotherapy Roundtable the meal the same evening.

Summary: full or part progress made on all goals set 12 months ago.

Plans for the next year: *(NB: further details to follow Physiotherapy Committee teleconference in early September)*

- Membership and Communication sub-committee:
 - Planning for 2016 Round-table. Discussions will focus on the format of the roundtable in Japan where there are no recognised PT role
- Scientific and Research sub-committee:
 - A new activity to be proposed: to be confirmed
- Education and Professional Development:
 - Following the publication of the education guideline it is proposed to develop assessment of the pelvic floor
 - Continue to contribute physiotherapy topics and speakers to multidisciplinary educational activities
 - Contact key physiotherapy members to contribute to submission or workshops for 2016 Meeting

Notification of any new subcommittees (as the Trustees should formally approve these, as per the ICS Bylaws):

- nil

Details of any budget requests:

- January & July teleconferences 2016

Confirmation whether the committee will call for expressions of interest for new committee members, as of the 2015 AGM in Montreal:

- It is expected that 2 positions (Christina Ortiz and Stephanie Madill) will be vacant but can stand again. Nominations invited by 1 April 2016 if not re-standing



Special request for any members whose terms are ending to be renewed for one more term. This is permitted assuming this Bylaw change is voted in by the membership at the 2013 AGM:

- Not known at this stage

Publications and Communications Committee Update

August 2015

Jacqueline Cahill

Under its new mandate and structure the PCC has overseen and contributed to the ICS E-News, Social Media output, updated the Factsheets and are working, in conjunction with ICS IT staff, on an Infographic for patients.

- E-news:
As per my earlier communique; in January 2015 we assembled a schedule whereby 3 committee members and chair are each responsible for a minimum of one latest scientific article review and two Social Media contributions per month, in addition members are encouraged to contribute, “pieces” of interest on an ad hoc basis. Articles are sent to the Editor, (Sophie Fletcher), Social Media to ICS office, (Jenny Ellis). With such a small committee this has been a challenge and one member due to lack of commitment has been asked to resign and has since stepped down. This leaves one editor, two committee members and the chair. We are looking at enlisting an additional co-opted member to cover the committee member whom has stepped down

We have however been successful in garnering a scheduled monthly commitment from the Education and Fistula Committees, in addition we now have each ICS committee scheduled to submit one article per month.

We have also received additional articles from ICS Affiliate societies and groups, and reports from ICS add-on courses, in fact there has been great interest in contributing to the ICS E-news although some of the submissions were not appropriate i.e. promoting products or of little relevance or interest to the membership.

We are currently organizing a new quarterly topic, “A week in the life”, this will be an article from an early career member in each of the membership disciplines, depicting a typical week’s work – successes and challenges etc. Which we feel would be of interest to other early career members.



- **Library**
With the help of the office we have created a new section to the ICS website, which is repository for ICS member's new publications with a link as to where to purchase.
- **Factsheets**
These are now updated and will be distributed to the press at the Montreal meeting. Nina Davis has recommended that the review of the fact sheets takes place every 4-5 years in line with the Standardization Committee.
- **Infographic**
Along with the ICS IT department we will create an infographic tool for healthcare professionals to use with their patients, depicting the 10 most misunderstood incontinence/urology words along with the correct scientific terms, using the Standardization Committee's glossary. This will have be a British version: of incontinence/urology words. Once created an app will be under consideration.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
Derek Griffiths will be interviewed by the PCC Chair and the session recorded and placed on the ICS YouTube page. This is in conjunction with the Education Committee who will then have a member open-up a question and answer session from the audience which will also be recorded. Both sessions will be promoted via social media beforehand to encourage members to ask questions and engage in the session.
- **Education Committee**
The EC chair and I have held several tele-conferences and will be meeting in September to firm-up ways in which to collaborate.

Given the challenges brought by having a small committee who have very time consuming weekly and monthly, (and on my part daily), commitments to uphold, I am proud of what the PCC has accomplished over the past year. However, to be able to maintain the high standard and bring even more benefit to the ICS membership through the ICS E-news I strongly recommend that the PCC be allowed to increase in size. Not all committee members have contributed as required on a timely basis, having an increased membership would allow the PCC to not solely be dependent upon two committee members to write review articles each month.



The Scientific Committee has been working hard this semester, rising to the challenge of planning an innovative and cutting-edge program for the ICS 2015 Montreal Annual Scientific Meeting. With the creation of the new elected chairman position, Cara Tannenbaum (current Scientific Chair) invited Nucleio Lemos (past chair) to pilot the elected chair position and trial the application of the new Terms of Reference for the Scientific Committee. The trial is progressing seamlessly. The elected chair position looks to be an important step forward to ensure the continuity and long term planning of the Scientific Committee, as well as to promote sustainable liaison with the Board of Trustees.

Following the Annual Scientific Program Meeting, which took place from May 1st to 3rd, the Committee is pleased to report an increase in the average score of the abstracts submitted, suggesting an overall enhancement of the quality of the science to be presented at ICS. All 750 abstracts were reviewed by three or more reviewers, with at least one being a member of the Scientific Committee. This rule was implemented for Rio, raising the quality of the review and program building. Another novelty for 2015 is the e-Strip program – a new database interface built by the IT team which substantially improved the Committee program building experience. E-Strip introduces electronic efficiency, and may potentially permit shortening of the Face-to-Face meeting from 2017 on, while simultaneously reducing costs and enhancing quality.

Overall Statistics

- Bearing in mind that submissions were lower than hoped the quality of submissions was recognised by all reviewers to be very high.
- This is a very different profile from previous ICS meetings with all of these innovative presentation formats, ePosters, integrated Workshops and thematic tracks
- **80% of accepted abstracts given presentation slots!**
- **50% of accepted abstracts are going to be published in N&U!**

Status	Total	%
Accepted	694	91.3
Not Accepted	65	8.6
Withdrawn	1	0.1
TOTAL	760	

N.B. This will change slightly as some people will withdraw from the programme over the next week.

Outcomes

Outcome	Total	%
Published	330	47.6
Presented	552	79.5
Non-Discussion	142	20.5
Total	694	

Presentation Types

Type	Total	%
Podium	54	7.8
Podium Short Oral	208	30.0
Podium Video	9	1.3
ePoster	59	8.5
Open Discussion ePoster	167	24.1
Open Discussion Poster	55	7.9
Non-Discussion Videos	9	1.3
Non-Discussion Abstracts [‡]	133	19.2
TOTAL	694	

N.B. The total should match "Accepted" in the table above.

[‡] Also please note that I had in my notes from last year that "Read by Title" should be renamed "Non-Discussion Abstract"

The May meeting promoted in-depth discussion of the new "tracks" concept. This concept was first implemented in Rio, where the program grid was conceived on the basis of unifying



areas of interest. State of the Art Lectures, Roundtables and Scientific Sessions were distributed throughout the program sequentially according to thematic content. Based on positive feedback from Rio attendees, the Scientific and Education Committees have been working together to further improve this concept by integrating the workshops into the scientific program, reducing the total duration of the Annual Scientific Meeting to four days and creating a richer and more condensed program.

The year 2015 will also herald in the launch of e-posters to ICS. A hybrid format will be trialed at the Montreal meeting: during the lunch breaks, clinical discussion posters will be presented on the ePoster boards and basic science posters will be displayed on traditional paper poster boards. However, the highest scoring basic science abstracts will have dedicated e-poster sessions in parallel to the scientific sessions and will be displayed and manned for 90 minutes, as part of the integrated basic science track. Networking and discussion will occur during these sessions, permitting fulsome conversations around methods and findings.

ICS 2015 Presentation Types (3 new types!)

Presentation Type	Podium	Podium Short Oral	Oral ePoster	Podium Video	Open Discussion ePoster	Open Discussion Poster	Non Discussion Video	Non Discussion Abstract	Not Accepted
Published in N & U [†]	X	X	X	X					
Oral Presentation (minutes)	5	2		5	5				
Audience Questions (minutes)	10	3		5	5				
Powerpoint Presentation	X	X							
Extended Oral Discussion			X			X			
ePoster Exhibition			X		X				
Poster Board Exhibition						X			
Poster Available on ICS Website			X		X	X			
Video Available on ICS Website				X			X		
Abstract Available on ICS Website	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

The Scientific Committee is now elaborating strategies to further increase the quality of the science of the Annual Meeting. Strategies include collaboration with the IT team on the improvement of the software programs used to collect and manage the submitted abstracts, revision of the categories and keyword systems, and re-evaluation of the abstract submission rules.

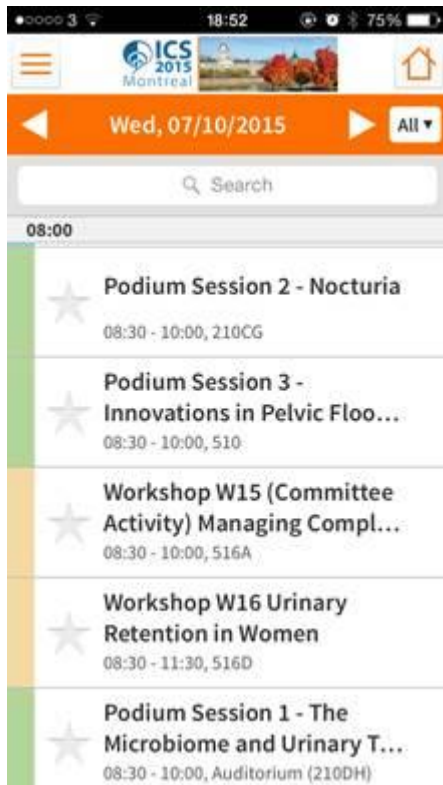
Some of the improvements on that direction were:

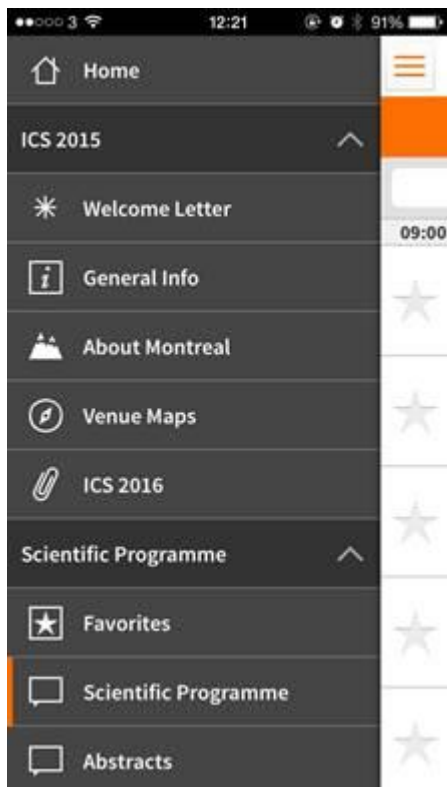
- 4 new disclosure systems to cope with CME accreditation by University of Montreal
- XML data feed for a new conference phone app for ICS 2015



The delegate App is already in Beta Testing (second test stage of a software) and the IT team is sparing no efforts to make it available for the next meeting.

Here is the preview:





Standardisation Steering Committee Report to ICS Trustees, August 2015

The committee has been active with several teleconferences of the subgroups. The chairman has been well supported by the office, and visits there monthly.

SSC focus (the elements that define current scope of SSC activity); Development, Governance, Access, Education, Response

Working groups (WGs) - current

1. **Chronic pelvic pain**; chaired by Ragi Doggweiler, mentored by Kristene Whitmore. A consultation workshop was run at the Rio meeting, and preliminary final report drafted. The SSC Chairman worked with Kristene Whitmore to move this to submission version, and this has now been received by the SSC.
2. **Joint working groups with IUGA**
 - a) **Conservative management of female pelvic floor dysfunction**; chaired by Kari Bo Helena Frawley, mentored by Marcus Drake. First report is now out for consultation.



- b) **Female Sexual Health**; chaired by Rebecca Rogers. Working group active, and external review is planned for end of year/ early 2016
- c) **Pelvic Organ Prolapse**; chaired by Bernie Haylen. Working group active, update pending
- 3. **Good Urodynamic Practice (revision)**; chaired by Peter Rosier and co-chaired by Werner Schafer, mentored by Marcus Drake. External consultation will take place at Montreal meeting.
- 4. **Neuro-urology**; chaired by Jerzy Gajewski. First draft reviewed with SSC Chairman and external consultation will take place at Swiss Continence Foundation meeting
- 5. **Nocturia (joint with ICCS)**; chaired by Hashim Hashim, mentored by Stergios Doumouchsis. Working group active, first draft awaited
- 6. **Basic science**; chaired by Marcus Drake. Working group appointed but only a small proportion have contributed thus far. Second reminders sent.
- 7. **Voiding dysfunction**; chaired by Chris Chapple. Working group based on ICIRS; initial proposal published (Chapple CR, Osman NI, Birder L, van Koeveringe GA, Oelke M, Nitti VW, Drake MJ, Yamaguchi O, Abrams P, Smith PP: The Underactive Bladder: A New Clinical Concept? Eur Urol 2015) and full committee meeting at next ICIRS.
- 8. **Standardisation of terminology of LUT function**; chaired by Marcus Drake. Working group has limited membership due to modest number of applications. To be embellished by invitations to collaborating organisation. Revision to focus on responsiveness and approachability.
- 9. **[Bowel dysfunction]**. We had hoped to work with the European Society of Coloproctology to initiate a joint working group, but this has fallen through due to a separate initiative within coloproctology which has good funding.

Bladder diary day

“Bladder diary day”; we established a large scale initiative to seek bladder diary information from symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals in substantial numbers. The aim is to seek a sounder basis for crucial definitions (increased day-time frequency, polyuria, nocturnal polyuria, sleep duration/ night-time). The first iteration was run in World Continence Week, and other calls have gone to affiliate organisations. The initiative was first run in 2014 and is being repeated in 2015. We have sought support from Laborie to help improve take-up and data capture.

Publications;



1. Terminology glossary; now accessed through ICS website, and excellent quick resource for easy access.
2. Membership-engagement folder; a group of informative summaries and flyers in a dedicated folder used to save annual updates.
3. *Core Signs* prepared by the SSC, the minimum knowledge set for a practitioner seeing people with LUTS (nurse, physiotherapist, care of the elderly, neurologist, and non-specialist urologist/ gynaecologist). Available to all members as a flyer
4. *Translations of Core LUTS*; validated translations done in various languages
5. *Bladder diary day data capture sheets*, including versions in Persian and Portuguese

ICS Wiki

Beth Shelley has taken over as chair of the Wiki. The ICS Wiki includes all current standardisation documents. A group of young volunteers is engaged in updating content. This is a comprehensive resource, and website access metrics indicate growing and frequent access to the wiki.

SSC Membership

Marcus Drake (Chair), Stergios Doumouchtsis, Sohier ElNeil, Rizwan Hamid, Salma Kayani, Jane Meijlink, Luis Monteiro, Susie Orme, Beth Shelley.

Budget requests

1. *ICS membership engagement folder*; the folder in which to house accumulating flyers first made available to AGM attenders at the Montreal meeting. We wish to request further development once response to the folder this year is available. This will include printing, design and shipping.
2. *Standardisation of terminology of LUT function*; a face-to-face meeting may be needed to develop the revision. This would require attendance at a meeting appended to another major meeting such as the EAU.

Marcus Drake, August 2015

ICS Urodynamics Committee: Activities and achievements over the past year

ICS teaching modules:

(New) Ready for publication in NU&U (2014-2015 incl. slides and presentation):

- Cystometry
- Videourodynamics
- Ambulatory urodynamics (submitted)
- Recognize and correct artefacts in urodynamic traces (submitted)
- Leak point pressures (submitted)



- Leak point pressures in NLUTD (submitted)

To be submitted

- Background and philosophy of urodynamics

(New) To be presented ICS 2015

- Clinical neuro-uro-gynaecological examination
- Pressure flow analysis in children
- Cystometry in Neurourology
 - Multiple sclerosis
 - Spinal Cord Lesion
- Pelvic muscle surface EMG

In preparation (for 2016)

- Pressure flow (advanced module)
- Pressure flow analysis (basis) Japanese version
- Bladder diary
- Uroflowmetry
- Modules on the basis of the updated GUP

All new modules submitted to NU&U for peer review.

New endorsement process: reviewed by representative of respectively ICS Educational activities organizing Committee; Standardisation Steering Committee and Board and Trustees. Before submitting to NU&U.

New manual for working groups to finalize at Montreal 2015 meeting

Coaching of working groups: **now also via ICS Committees**; Especially Neurourology committee. Plans of physiotherapy committee (to start making module(s)) not yet established.

If availability of camera allows we will **try out talking head (studio) presentation** and recording.

Linking of modules with NU&U manuscript and or with Campbell's urology **is agreed**. Should be put in practice (Q4? 2015 of 2016)

In cooperation with the office a dedicated website –page for the teaching modules is in preparation.

A standard and specific ICS layout for slides has been developed (by the office) and included in the committee's manual for the working groups.

There are **no plans for subcommittees**. The committee steers ad hoc working groups.



Budget: (Yearly) New recordings of the modules during the annual meeting: costs should be covered by ICS budget: ± 2-3 hours of (audio-video-ppt's) recording.

Website hosting of the modules cost should be covered by ICS budget

Committee meetings at-hoc outside ICS annual meeting (are and) will be arranged cost-neutral.

Confirmation whether the committee will call for expressions of interest for new committee Members, as of the 2013 AGM in Rio de Janeiro: Depends on plans to resign, to be discussed in the committee meeting.

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