

ICS Urodynamics Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 6th October 2015,

Venue: Palais des Congres

Room: 512H

Time: 14:00-16:00

Attendees: Peter Rosier (Chair), Carlos D'Ancona, Tamara Dickinson, Enrico Finazzi Agro, Jerzy Gajewski, Michael Guralnick, Margaret McDougald, Alan Wein, Jian Wen, Roman Zachoval

Known Apologies: Alex Digesu, Gunnar Lose, Jose Batista

In Attendance: Nickie Robinson, David Castro-Diaz

Meeting started with a short silence to recognise the passing this year of Mario Joao Gomes

Peter Rosier (PR) welcomed David Castro-Diaz (DCD) as board liaison, DCD explained the board liaison role and advised that their only concern is that they should be disseminating the info they have.

1. Take a committee photograph

2. Approval of Rio Minutes

Any comments on minutes from Rio meeting – all agreed, no comments.

Action – Need a committee member to nominate approval and another to second.

3. Terms of office

There are 8 committee members who will have completed 6 years on the committee and will therefore be stepping down in Tokyo: Jose Batista, Carlos D'Ancona, Tamara Dickinson, Enrico Finazzi Agro, Jerzy Gajewski, Margaret McDougald, Alan Wein and Roman Zachoval. There are also 2 members who have completed a 3 year term and are therefore able to renew for a further 3 years with the Chairs agreement: Jian Wen and Alex Digesu

Post Script: Alex and Jian have confirmed they wish to renew. Also please note that there is an option for the Chair to submit a request to the Board of Trustees to retain some of the members stepping down for a further period in order for the committee to transition with new members.

Action – Office to renew Alex Digesu & Jian Wen

Action – PR to advise if he will be applying to the Board of Trustees for succession planning regarding the 8 vacancies.

4. Terms of Reference

There were no changes to the terms of reference

5. Outstanding Actions

- 5.1. AW suggested module to report / template urodynamics – the suggestion is still there but there is a new good urodynamics practice document available, containing a paragraph on the content of a template for such report.

Action – PR to advise if this action is now completed

- 5.2. “How to set up equipment” video – There should be more attention to education on the website. There is a template for new modules. No problem making videos and publishing them, it is more a technical problem. If we have machines in the videos, then they must all be used, we can show no favouritism.

Action – Committee to look into a “How to set up equipment” video (ongoing)

- 5.3. Modules linked to Campbell Electronic Edition - This can be done if Campbell wants to make a link there is no objections. Roger Dmochowski is happy to take to N&U.

6. AOB

There is a new PowerPoint template available for modules. All new modules are being created in this template. The old ones are being updated and will be available shortly.

New Modules – Bladder Diary is a last minute addition. The aim is to try and present all the modules in the Friday session. Everyone is happy to try and present all the new modules at the session on Friday. There are already ideas for new topics for next year. EFA noted that the modules are based on fairly old data/science. PR advised that he is involved in the ICI-6 section on Urodynamics and commented that if they see the need for new data then we can look into this. DCD asked if they are only looking at Urodynamics. PR highlighted that all activities with regard to diagnosis in lower urinary tract dysfunction are potential module topics. All modules need to be based on as much evidence as possible, however the perspective is for teaching not for science of the modules. It can be slightly controversial but there must be evidence. There is so much need for the simple basics. If we can go up in levels then that's ok but need to have the basics, translated into practice and practical advises.

Action – PR to advise if new modules are required from ICI-6

Top

1. Change to “good urodynamics and clinical practice”
2. Members can organise working group for modules
3. Is there anything PR should report to the board?

Presentations on the website should be more visible. PR suggested that education should be on the front page of the website – this is something to aim for.

Action – Office to put Education onto the front page of the website

EFA we should also track the number of times the pages / articles are accessed.

Action – EFA to advise how often the tracking data should be sent

Action – The office to provide the tracking data to EFA (frequency to be confirmed)

The committee has agreed long ago that the slides should be accessible to the membership for download, to be used in their own teaching activities. MM also highlighted that the modules should be dated so they can be regularly checked and if outdated or discrepancies are noticed then the committee needs to flag this / raise awareness. This could be added to the agenda for each Annual Meeting. PR thought that ownership / responsibility should be added to the modules. JG suggested that the slides should be restricted and protect from editing, would we be able to add an ICS watermark? PR comments that is not really possible to protect something that is (has been) on the internet and also mentioned that we should be presenting the slides at every opportunity and allow others to do so as well.

Action – Committee to check for outdated or incorrect modules and notify office

Action – Office to add checking of modules to the agenda for Tokyo 2016

EFA raised the prospect that the Education committee will be asking for a combined ICS course. This was received as a good idea, and MM thought that a practical course would be good – having the equipment to show in a practical approach. PR confirmed that this would have to come through him in the first instance.

Action – PR to liaise with Education Committee regarding a possible combined course

PR asked the question - Should we be more active at presenting our modules? General feeling is that they should be presented only once, then could be put on the website for eLearning. TD said that SUNA have backed away from presenting courses, so this provides an opportunity for ICS. She also asked if the courses could be done as a video conference once then offer as a purchased? CDA suggested that they could include exam questions / interactive / direct learning. There was a general discussion regarding accreditation or certification, and the consensus was that this would be too difficult as this would be different for different countries, although PR raised the idea that should the committee find a way to create a urodynamics course based on the modules – ICS recognised? A long term objective? Need to keep as simple and accurate as possible. Principles are important but standardisation is a big problem in this field, without even looking at certification or accreditation. First the committee should look at is standardisation by teaching and spreading knowledge eg. EMG is never standard so you will never find out if it is useful or not because the differences in techniques hamper comparison. If you can get everyone using the same standard then you can find out if it is useful in the future.

Meeting Ends