

Clinical EEG & Neuroscience Editorial Board Meeting and ECNS Board Meeting Munich, September 09, 2015, 1 to 5 pm

Attendees: 1) Officers (O) and Councilors (C) - Dean Salisbury (DS, President), Armida Mucci (via Skype, AM, Secretary and President elect), Newton Agrawal (Treasurer), Kemal Arıkan (KA, C), Giorgio Di Lorenzo (GDL, C), Derek Fisher (DF, C), Thomas Koenig (TK, C), Lukasz Konopka (LK, via Skype, C), Oliver Pogarell (C), Nevzat Tarhan (C), Elizabeth Zimmerman (EZ, via Skype, C); 2) other members: Giulia Maria Giordano (GMG), Selahattin Gültekin (SG), Bernd Saletu (Chair of the Pharmaco-EEG committee, BS), Tomiki Sumiyoshi (TS), Annarita Vignapiano (AV).

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Presentation by DS

Circulation: 2014 total of 7,685 and YTD 2015 = 7,741

Online usage: 2014 full-text downloads = 37,972, YTD 2015 = 27,960;

eTOC alert registrants: 2014 = 395, YTD 2015 = 421.

Bibliometrics 2014 Impact Factor is 2.219 and 2014 5-year Impact Factor is 2.585; in the Journal Citation Index, our journal ranked 105 out of 192 for Clinical Neurology category; 9 out of 14 for Neuroimaging category; it has been added to Psychiatry and Psychology in 2015.

Acceptance rates: 2012 = 35.5%, 2013 = 57.3%, 2014 = 44.3%, YTD 2015 = 28.3%

Aim to reduce > 1 year publication lag to 6 months by the end of 2016.

Plan for invited reviews and meta-analyses for the January issues (to increase the number of citations and thus the IF). Strategies to increase journal visibility will include: Highlighting applications in Psychiatry; Increasing BCI presence; Increasing participation of Journal Board members; encourage members as authors; although SAGE is in favor of Open Access, from the discussion a more conservative position emerged, with most of the attendants not in favor of the open access. Special Issues will not be published until the backlog adding up to 1 year publication lag is reduced.

The contract with SAGE expires in 2017. New contract with SAGE and other publishers will be explored in 2016.

ECNS Board Meeting

Old business:

The minutes of the 2014 meeting in Halifax were approved unanimously.

New Business

DS- Society status

The Society remains stable, although we are still down in membership from 2012. Financially, we are on good standing, and membership is growing slowly. The conference is popular, and we are managing costs such that we make a profit or break even. The Journal IF was down slightly but we expect it to increase in 2015 due to the greater online exposure.

NA-Treasurer report

The society has a positive balance of \$22,000 from congresses and membership fees from 79 paying members. The report will be circulated with details but there was no change as to types or amounts of expenses with respect to the last year.

AM- Secretary report

A total of 4 positions as Councilors-at-large are available for nominations and election (see below). Petr Bob and Thomas Koenig ended their first term. Petr Bob did never show up at Board meetings and ECNS conferences, and according to our Bylaws he should not be re-elected within the Board. Lukasz Konopka ended his second term and cannot be re-elected. One position is vacant.

Officers:

- Dean Salisbury: President, 2nd term 2014-2016
- Newton Agrawal: Treasurer, 1st term 2014-2016
- Armida Mucci: Secretary and Pres. Elect, 1st term 2014-2016
- Silvana Galderisi: Immediate Past President (until 2016, when Dean will become Past Pres.)

Councilors at large:

- Oliver Pogarell: newly elected 2014, 1st term 2014-2017 (2nd year 2015-16), **ongoing**
- Petr Bob: first elected 2012, 1st term 2012-2015, (3rd year 2014-15), **END of 1st term**
- Gerda Saletu-Zyhlarz: first elected 2014, 1st term 2014-2017, (2nd year 2015-16), **ongoing**
- Kemal Arikan: re-elected 2013, 2nd term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), **ongoing**
- Thomas Koenig: first elected 2012, 1st term 2012-2015, (3rd year 2014-2015), **END of 1st term**
- Ivan Bodis-Wollner: newly elected 2013, 1st first term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), **ongoing**
- Giorgio di Lorenzo: first elected 2013, 1st first term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), **ongoing**
- Derek Fisher: first elected 2013, 1st first term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), **ongoing**
- Lukasz Konopka: re-elected 2012, 2nd term 2012-2015, (3rd year 2014-2015), **END of 2nd term, cannot be re-elected**
- Elizabeth Zimmerman: first elected 2013, 1st term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), **ongoing**
- Nevzat Tarhan: re-elected 2013, 2nd term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), **ongoing**
- Vacant

The following proposals were discussed and voted. PB was not re-elected. TK was re-elected for a 2nd term. BS, SG and TS were elected for their 1st term.

Thus the Councilors-at-large are: Kemal Arikan, MD, PhD; Ivan Bodis-Wollner, MD, DSc; Giorgio Di Lorenzo, MD; Derek Fisher, PhD; Selahattin Gültekin, PhD; Thomas Koenig, PhD; Oliver Pogarell, MD; Bernd Saletu, MD; Gerda M. Saletu-Zyhlarz, MD; Tomiki Sumiyoshi, MD, PhD; Nevzat Tarhan, MD and Elizabeth M. Zimmerman, PsyD. No vacant seat is available.

Norman Moore has decided to resign from the Award committee. The Secretary proposed that a senior member be appointed member of this committee. Kemal proposed AM, who accepted and was approved by all present members.

In the light of the hope to get more membership applications through the website (e.g, through social networks like Facebook), the rule of having a vote of the two thirds of the Council to approve the membership was changed in the By-laws (with a quorum of n: >50% of present officers and councilors in the General Assembly). DS proposed that the Membership Committee approves and then the General Assembly majority is needed for ratification.

Proposed changes in the By-laws: Article II, Section 3. Election of Members. Application for Full and Active Membership and for Junior Membership shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Membership Committee. ~~Admission to membership shall be by a two thirds majority vote of the~~

~~Council~~-Admission to membership shall be made provisionally by the Membership Committee, subject to ratification by a majority of the General Assembly.

The proposed change was approved and was set for ratification by the General Assembly.

The Board conducted a discussion and a ballot on a guideline/position paper developed by AAN on QEEG clinical application for ADHD. The discussion was quite complex and there was a balanced vote with as many “No” as “Yes” for ECNS endorsement of that specific guideline.

Many Board members expressed the wish to have more discussion within our Society and to elaborate our own position papers and guidelines for evidence-based applications of electrophysiology to the clinical settings in Psychiatry. AM proposed an ad-hoc committee on guidelines that was discussed and approved. AM proposed OP to be the Chair of the ad-hoc committee and he accepted. He clarified that he will give the impulse to the ad-hoc committee asking our AEs, Bern and Lukasz, to collaborate on that and then he will eventually step down.

For the next year in Istanbul the dates are: 7th – 11th September 2016. The proposal of having a joint conference under the BACI umbrella was discussed. Since the ECNS conferences have a strong clinical research bias while BACI is more biased toward technical achievements and basic research, two separate conferences (as for 2015) might be a good choice. However, for the next meeting our availability was expressed (2017) and TK proposed the dates of 29th August-2nd September 2017 in Bern. However, there is a discussion ongoing within the different Societies involved in BACI planning, so where the 2017 BACI conference will take place and in which dates is still not clear. For 2018 the proposal from DS to organize the conference in Pittsburgh was confirmed.

DF- Membership committee

There are 79 paying members, a little less than expected. DF has been very active in sending reminders to members and it was proposed and discussed to send out a letter to all of them to summarize the advantages of being a member. The privilege to post Ads for positions should be reserved to paying members. Clinical providers may have an Ad in our website but need to be paying members. Derek will send a mail on that to all members. There was a proposal to have a link sent for the newsletter to the members instead of the PDF. To have back the members who are essentially clinicians it is deemed very important to develop an ECNS board certification and Nash Boutros will be contacted during the congress on this. However, it is also deemed important to have a certification/training for qEEG, for both clinicians and PhDs, and LK and OP will work on that.

EZ- Website committee

As usual, updating the website was not very linear: the correct Bylaws file was first posted, with version date and numbered pages. Then we needed to change the Treasurer and Society address with Newton’s address (replacing Eric’s one). When the address change was sent for the website update the wrong file was used. The problem is an old one and should be solved. Dean proposed to have a cross-link between FB and the website.

OP- 2015 Congress

There are 175 participants from all Continents, more than 145 presentations with symposia and oral sessions each day. Several Social events are planned. The congress seems to be a successful one.

SG- 2016 Istanbul Congress

A presentation of the venue was given by SG. The dates will be 7th – 11th September 2016.

KA- Awards

During the Munich Conference the following award will be appointed:

Career Contribution Award to Silvana Galderisi

Roy John Award to Salvatore Campanella

Presidential Award to Nevzat Tarhan

Young Investigator Awards to Derek Fisher and Gokben Hizli Sayar.