

Clinical EEG & Neuroscience Editorial Board Meeting and ECNS Board Meeting, via Skype September 07, 2016, 2:30 to 4:30 pm (CET)

Attendees:

1) Officers and Councilors (C) - Dean Salisbury (DS, President), Armida Mucci (AM, Secretary and President Elect), Silvana Galderisi (SG, Immediate Past President), Newton Agrawal (Treasurer), Kemal Arikan (KA, C), Ivan Bodis-Wollner (IBW, C), Giorgio Di Lorenzo (GDL, C), Derek Fisher (DF, C), Thomas Koenig (TK, C), Oliver Pogarell (OP, C), Tomiki Sumiyoshi (TS, C), Nevzat Tarhan (C), Elizabeth Zimmerman (EZ, C).

2) Members (M) and observers (O): Giulia Maria Giordano (GMG, O), Lukasz Konopka (LK, M), Annarita Vignapiano (AV, M).

ECNS Board Meeting

Old business

The minutes of the 2015 meeting in Munich were approved unanimously.

New business. Officers' reports.

DS- Society status

The Society remains stable, with no substantial change in membership. Financially, the Society is on good standing. The 2016 annual conference was cancelled but ECNS will join BACI meeting in 2017 in Bern.

An ad hoc committee (OP, LK) for board certification in electrophysiology is actively involved in preparing materials.

AM asked for a draft of the certification procedure. OP clarified that board certification will be ready for the 2018 congress in Pittsburgh and both PhD and MD will be eligible for certification.

NA-Treasurer report

The society has a positive balance of \$25,378 without taxes from 81 paying members with gradual increase since 2014.

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.

The Board conducted a discussion on how to increase revenue and participation of young members. EZ expressed the wish to use the web to increase members.

Board members proposed a reduction in the fee for young members and awards for young investigators to improve their participation to next congress.

TK suggested awarding for submitted abstracts and for the posters in order to improve the attendance at congresses for young researchers. Budget for awards will be 3000\$

All present members approved the proposals.

AM- Secretary report

A total of 6 positions as Councilors-at-large are available for nominations and election (see below). Ivan Bodis-Wollner, Giorgio di Lorenzo, Derek Fisher and Elizabeth Zimmerman ended their first term. Kemal Arikan and Nevzat Tarhan ended their second term and cannot be re-elected.

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 (3rd year 2016-17), ongoing
- Gerda Saletu-Zyhlarz: first elected 2014, 1st term 2014-2017, (3rd year 2016-17), ongoing
- Kemal Arikan: re-elected 2013, 2nd term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), END of 2nd term, cannot be re-elected
- Thomas Koenig: re-elected 2015, 2nd term 2015-2018, (2nd year 2016-2017), ongoing
- Ivan Bodis-Wollner: newly elected 2013, 1st first term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016) END of 1st term
- Giorgio di Lorenzo: first elected 2013, 1st first term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), END of 1st term
- Derek Fisher: first elected 2013, 1st first term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), END of 1st term
- Elizabeth Zimmerman: first elected 2013, 1st term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016), END of 1st term
- Nevzat Tarhan: re-elected 2013, 2nd term 2013-2016, (3rd year 2015-2016) END of 2nd term, cannot be re-elected
- Bernd Saletu first elected 2015, 1st term 2015-2018, (2nd year 2016-2017), ongoing
- Selahattin Gültekin first elected 2015, 1st term 2015-2018, (2nd year 2016-2017), ongoing
- Tomiki Sumiyoshi first elected 2015, 1st term 2015-2018, (2nd year 2016-2017), ongoing

The following proposals were discussed and voted.

IBW, GDL, DF and EZ were re-elected for a 2nd term. LK was newly elected for his 1st term. IBW proposed SG as councilor at large, who did not accept.

Thus the Councilors-at-large are: Ivan Bodis-Wollner, MD, DSc; Giorgio Di Lorenzo, MD; Derek Fisher, PhD; Selahattin Gültekin, PhD; Thomas Koenig, PhD; Bernd Saletu, MD; Gerda M. Saletu-Zyhlarz, MD; Tomiki Sumiyoshi, MD, PhD; Lukasz Konopka, MD and Elizabeth M. Zimmerman, PsyD. Two vacant seats are available.

Thus the current officers are:

- Armida Mucci: President, 1st term 2016-2018
- Dean Salisbury: Immediate Past President 1st term 2016-2018
- Newton Agrawal: re-elected Treasurer, 2st term 2016-2018
- Oliver Pogarell: President Elect & Secretary 1st term 2016-2018

AM proposed a collaboration between DF and NA as Treasurers that was approved by all present members.

Clin EEG & Neuroscience Journal Board Meeting

DS presented a report on the Journal status. The new contract with SAGE is ratified.

Submission: 200 papers.

To increase the number of citations and thus the IF, AM suggested to publish in September 2017 a special issue about Electrophysiological findings of Negative symptoms with 7 different authors and to organize a workshop on this topic at BACI conference.

TK-BACI conference

For the next year in Bern, the dates are August 29th – September 2nd 2017. On 29th a practical course on Electroencephalography will be held. First announcement and website are in progress.

In the BACI organizing committee at least three members for each society are involved and TK booked a room for ECNS general Assembly.

TK proposed to organize the 2019 BACI conference in U.S.

For 2018, the ECNS conference in Pittsburgh is confirmed.

There was a discussion to organize ECNS 2020 in Istanbul; the proposal will be evaluate next year, taking into account the local safety situation.

DF- Membership committee

There are 75 paying members, a slight drop from 2015 particularly in junior members.

There was a proposal to introduce a special reduced rate of 50\$ for junior members.

Members proposed to organize two dedicated symposia at BACI conference with a reduced fee to attend in order to have back the junior members.

For improving number of regular members, AM suggested applying the reduction fees for subscription to ECNS and BACI congress for people who live in developing countries.

EZ- Website committee

Mission, By-Laws and Contacts are updated. Career Opportunities are revised.

Members listed in the Directory have to update information in the profile.

EZ suggested could be useful to engage a webmaster and establish a regular newsletter transmission.

No substantial changes in the By-laws are made.