

2018 ISCEV Membership Meeting
Saturday, 23rd June 2018, 3:50 PM Open
The Congress Centre
Reims, France



1. Opening and President's Welcome

Patrizia Tormene, President, opened the 2018 ISCEV symposium. She thanked the hosts for organizing the meeting and for their hospitality. She reminded the attendees that only ISCEV members are allowed to vote.

2. Tasks of the Membership Meeting

Karen Holopigian reminded the attendees that according to the By-Laws (Article XV), the main tasks of the meeting are:

- To hear the reports of the board members, take questions, and accept these reports
- To exonerate the board
- To elect officers

3. Minutes of 2017 Membership Meeting

Karen Holopigian thanked Anne Moskowitz for taking minutes, a task transferred from Secretary General Karen Holopigian with approval from the Board of Directors. Karen Holopigian asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the 2017 Membership Meeting, a draft of which was included in the 2018 Newsletter. There were none, and the minutes were accepted as an accurate representation of the 2017 Membership Meeting.

4. Report from the 2018 Symposium Director

Carl Arndt reported that 113 abstracts were submitted, of which one was merged with another abstract by the same author and two were moved to the Clinical Case session, resulting in 110 presentations; 57 were oral papers and 53 were poster presentations. There were 212 symposium registrants, 20 accompanying persons, and 27 participants from 12 sponsors (one gold). The Dawson lecture was given by Isabelle Meunier and the Adachi lecture by Erich Sutter. The Champagne-themed Olympics events were organized by Martine Crochet. Photographs of the Symposium taken by Carl's wife and daughter are posted on Facebook (<<ophtalmo champagne>>).

5. ISCEV Officers' Reports

Secretary-General: Karen Holopigian referred the attendees to her report in the 2018 Newsletter. She added that Springer has again granted free access to the ISCEV abstracts for a period of 1 month.

Editor-in-Chief *Documenta Ophthalmologica*: Pierre Lachapelle added to his report in the Newsletter that the impact factor is not known yet but that the managing editor estimated that it will be approximately 2.3. He encouraged members to publish in *Documenta* and to submit suggestions for topics.

Director of Education: Dorothy Thompson thanked Carl Arndt for obtaining permits for the animal demonstrations. She announced that Suresh will be working with her on formalizing future course content. She referred the attendees to her report in the Newsletter.

Director of Standards: Anthony Robson announced that Springer has noted that there will be open access to the ISCEV Standards and that the Board approved open access for Extended Protocols. He referred the attendees to his report in the Newsletter.

Director of International Communications: Michael Bach had nothing to add to his report in the Newsletter.

Regional Vice Presidents' Reports

Vice President for the Americas: Laura Frishman reported that there will be a full-day ISCEV electrophysiology course at ARVO, to be managed by Mitch Brigell.

Vice President for Europe/Africa: Richard Smith reported that it was a busy year in Europe and that ISCEV has made inroads into the Middle East.

Vice President for Asia/Oceania: Shuichi Yamamoto was not able to be at the membership meeting. Shuichi will be the Symposium Coordinator for the 2019 Symposium in Seoul, Korea.

The reports were accepted and the membership exonerated the Board by a show of hands.

Treasurer's report

Mathias Seeliger displayed a spreadsheet with the Treasurer's report. He announced that there is now a separate Dawson Award account. Some of the funds from this account will be used for travel grants for the next Symposium (2019). He also said that there is enough money in the ISCEV treasury to pay for open access of the Standards and Extended Protocols.

The report was accepted and the membership exonerated the Treasurer by a show of hands.

6. Tribute to Professor Geoffrey Arden

Colin Barber presented a tribute, pointing out that Geoffrey Arden can be considered the grandfather of all of electrophysiology in Britain. During his time at Moorfields and the Institute of Ophthalmology he enthused many young ophthalmologists and scientists in the subject and, in due course they enthused others, etc. and so on and on . . ." An obituary written by Nick Galloway appears in the Newsletter. Chris Hogg is compiling a biography.

7. Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting

Karen Holopigian summarized the highlights of the Board meeting:

Fifteen travel grants were awarded; some were funded with extra monies from the Dawson award, donated by Judyth Dawson.

Fourteen candidates were evaluated for the Dodt Award; convener of the evaluation committee was Enid Chelva.

Mike Marmor, Richard Smith, and Mineo Kondo evaluated all presentations for the initial Marmor Award and the convener was Mary Johnson.

The winner of the Dodt award and any winners of the Marmor award would be announced at the final banquet.

The cost of the Symposium registration versus the benefits (many meals and social events) and the need to hold costs down for the younger members was discussed. It was acknowledged that the amenities are a large part of the ISCEV symposium, imparting a special flavor to the meeting. It was pointed out that ISCEV tries to help out younger members via travel grants and shared accommodations.

The President's term will be ending in 2019 and a nominating committee will be convened by the President.

The Director of Education (DoE), Dorothy Thompson, has appointed Suresh Viswanathan as Animal Course Convener (ACC) for future symposia. This will involve communicating and liaising with local hosts and the DoE at agreed key times to organise the course timetable, work towards compiling learning outcomes and animal course curriculum content.

Michael Bach was selected by the Board for Honorary Member status. Daphne McCulloch extolled his merits, including outstanding service to ISCEV; 22 year Board membership in various positions, including president; creation and maintenance of the ISCEV website; and winner of the Adachi Award in 2015. The membership voted to approve Michael's honorary status and Karen Holopigian presented an award certificate to Michael Bach.

8. Elections

Karen Holopigian reviewed the election procedure, illustrated by a flow chart.

Member-at-large: Suresh Viswanathan has nearly completed one term and is eligible and willing to stand for a second term. There was a call for nominations but there were no further nominations from the floor. The membership unanimously approved Suresh's re-election for a second term.

Vice President for Asia/Oceania: Shuichi Yamamoto has nearly completed his second term. He nominated Mineo Kondo for Vice President for Asia/Oceania. Since Shuichi was not present, Colin Barber spoke for him, pointing out that Mineo was instrumental in organizing the 2003 Nagoya meeting in Japan and even seemed to be able to get the beautiful cherry blossoms to bloom just in time for the Symposium. In addition, Mineo remains very active and enthusiastic within the society. There was a call for nominations but there were no further nominations from the floor. The membership unanimously approved Mineo's election to Vice President for Asia/Oceania.

9. Future Symposia

2019: Seoul, South Korea

The host will be Young-Hoon Ohn and his team; the Symposium Coordinator will be Shuichi Yamamoto. The courses will take place on 05–06 October at the Biomedical Research Institute and the Symposium on 07-10 October at the Grand Ambassador Seoul hotel. Access from Incheon International Airport is available by bus, train, taxi, and subway. A range of accommodations will be available. Estimated early registration fees are \$550 for symposium participants and \$300 for accompanying persons.

2020: Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec, Canada

The host will be Pierre Lachapelle and his team; the Symposium Coordinator will be Ruth Hamilton. The meeting will take place in late September. Access involves flying to Montreal followed either by a long drive and a ferry ride or by additional flights. (If enough people are interested, it might be possible to arrange a direct charter flight.) The projected registration fee of \$550 will include everything.

2021: Liverpool, England

There was only one invitation for a meeting in Europe/Africa for 2021, although the Vice President for Europe/Africa did make every effort to solicit additional bids from members. Therefore, there was no vote to select a venue but the membership did vote to approve Tony Fisher's invitation to Liverpool for 2021. The dates have not yet been determined. The nearest airport is Manchester International Airport; an alternative route is to fly to London and take a high-speed train. There will be a maritime theme.

10. Other Business

The Secretary-General was not notified of any other business. Therefore, the meeting was closed at 5:03 PM.