

**2022 ISCEV Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 13:30 UTC**  
**University of Liverpool**



## **FINAL MINUTES**

### **1. Opening and President's Welcome**

Dr. Ruth Hamilton opened the meeting at 13:30 and welcomed all attendees. Ruth thanked the 2022 Liverpool Symposium team for their work on a very successful annual meeting and outlined progress made over the last year. Ruth also thanked the Board, especially Dr. Karen Holopigian, Prof Mathias Seeliger, and Prof Michael Bach, for their work for the Society.

### **2. Tasks of the Membership Meeting**

There is only one open election this year: Prof. Mineo Kondo has completed one term and is willing to stand for another. This election will be addressed later in the meeting.

### **3. Minutes of 2021 Membership Meeting**

The minutes of the 2021 membership meeting were accepted.

### **4. Report from the 2022 Symposium Host**

Richard Smith provided an update on behalf of the Liverpool team. Richard reviewed the strong support offered by the Liverpool team, the BrISCEV Board, the city of Liverpool, and the University of Liverpool. The University of Liverpool provided meeting space at no cost; the space is large, permitting social distancing. A conference App, which was created at no additional cost, has been widely used.

Registration for the annual meeting and course was strong, particularly in light of the ongoing restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-five individuals enrolled in the human course, 5 in the animal course, 118 for the meeting, and 11 accompanying persons attended. Five exhibitors were on site. ISCEV 2022 included 47 oral presentations, 32 poster presentations, and 2 manufacturer presentations. The Dawson lecture was delivered by Dr. Arvind Chandna; the Adachi lecture was delivered by Dr. Mitch Brigell.

A successful YSCEV meeting was held at the annual meeting; 27 YSCSEV members attended.

Richard Smith noted many challenges, particularly the inability of our Chinese and South Korean colleagues to travel to the meeting. The cost of travel has also increased significantly, and VISA processing has been slowed by ongoing international conflicts. At least two individuals were unable to attend the meeting due to failure to receive a VISA in time.

The board thanked Richard Smith and his team for the extraordinary amount of work and time that was devoted to ensuring a successful meeting.

### **5. ISCEV Officers' Reports**

**Secretary General:** Dr Karen Holopigian noted the hard work of the Liverpool organizers, which has resulted in a very successful meeting.

**Director of Education:** Dr Suresh Viswanathan noted the success of the annual meeting courses. Twenty-five individuals registered for the human subjects course and 5 registered for the animal course. A survey will be sent to the participants to receive feedback. Preparations for the Kyoto courses have begun. A survey will be conducted to identify which masterclass topics would be of greatest interest to the attendees.

**Editor-in-chief:** Prof. Daphne McCulloch: Abstracts for the 2022 meeting were published on July 27, 2022, but have not yet been collected into an online issue. Abstracts are now available from a link on the ISCEV website. The journal impact factor for 2021 was 1.854, which is above our median. Increasing the scope of *Documenta Ophthalmologica* was discussed at the Editorial Board meeting. There is general support for this, provided it is pursued in a measured way.

**Director of Standards:** Dr. Anthony Robson: A standard session was held and progress on the FST guideline was discussed. There are no other updates beyond those provided in the newsletter.

**Director of International Communications:** Professor Michael Bach noted that there are no updates beyond those provided in the newsletter.

**Regional Vice Presidents' Reports:**

**Americas:** Dr. Holopigian on behalf of Prof Laura Frishman noted the success of the 2022 ISCEV@ARVO event. There are no updates beyond those provided in the newsletter.

**Asia/Oceania:** Professor Mineo Kondo stated that there are no updates beyond those provided in the newsletter.

**Europa/Africa:** Dr. Dorothy Thompson: There are no updates beyond those provided in the newsletter

**6. Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting**

Dr. Hamilton welcomed three new members to the Board: Carl Arndt, Jason McAnany and Maja Šuštar Habjan. Daphne McCulloch has returned to the Board as the Editor of *Documenta Ophthalmologica*. Suresh Viswanathan is now the Director of Education and Dorothy Thompson will serve as Vice President for Europe/Africa.

Five travel awards were distributed for a total award amount of \$2,400. Recipients will be acknowledged at the Gala Dinner.

There were twenty-seven candidates for the Dodt award, which is very encouraging. The award provides €3,000 and a travel grant for a future meeting. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dodt award and the Board thanked Mrs. Dodt for her support. A book that lists all of the prior Dodt winners will be presented to Mrs. Dodt at the Gala Dinner.

The Board discussed the need for administrative support for the annual meetings. Administrative duties represent a major time commitment for the host teams and much of these duties could be streamlined and handled by a single point person. Comments from the membership were solicited:

Mary Johnson: A job description for what the administrator would handle would be helpful.

Daphne McCulloch responded with a short list of example duties that could be handled by an administrator. A more formal list can be assembled.

It was noted that other academic societies have combined efforts to share an administrator so that no one organization is entirely responsible for 12 months of salary.

John Grigg: Some conferences do have local organizers that are paid to help with these duties.

Michael Bach: Website matters may best be handled by ISCEV in-house to ensure real-time updates can be made.

Vern Odom: Certain aspects of the meeting may best handled by local organizing team.

Ruth Hamilton: Emphasized that we do not want to lose the local feel of the meeting. She noted that the Board is mindful of this. A handbook for the meeting exists, but this could be improved. As there are no objections, the Board will proceed to follow-up on administrative support.

There was a discussion regarding travel grants. Ruth emphasized that they are available and encouraged students to apply. Currently, an individual can only receive one award; there was a suggestion for students to be permitted to receive a travel award to more than one meeting.

A proposal for the Board to be exonerated was approved.

## **7. Elections**

The only open election is for the Vice President for Asia/Oceania. Prof. Mineo Kondo has completed one term and is willing and eligible to serve a second term. There were no additional candidates proposed from the floor, but the Asian attendance was quite minimal due to COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, additional candidates will be solicited by email. If no additional candidates are nominated, Prof Kondo's candidacy for an additional term will be put forth to be ratified with the vote for a future location.

## **8. Future Symposia**

Two meeting sites for the 2025 meeting were presented:

Budapest, Hungary. The meeting will be held in June and hosted by Semmelweis University. Projected costs and accommodations were reviewed. Potential concerns around the political environment in Hungary were not felt to be the responsibility of prospective hosts.

Utrecht, The Netherlands: The meeting will be held in June. Projected costs and accommodations were reviewed. The hosts noted several hotels were within a 10-15 min walk and that the proposed venue was not 'theater-style' seating.

2023: Kyoto, Japan Prof. Masayuki Horiguchi presented plans for the next annual meeting.

2024: Montebello, Canada Dr. Anna Polosa and team provided an update regarding the Canada meeting. The team noted that buses could be arranged to manage the transfer from Montreal airport. Accompanying persons plans were underway. The \$465 registration fee was noted to be high given that all meals are provided by the resort; it was only a projection and could be reduced.

## **9. Other Business**

The membership thank Dr. Ruth Hamilton for her exceptional work and also Richard Smith for organizing an excellent meeting. In response to a question about the development of reference datasets, Ruth noted the intention to create a task force to take the project forward.

No additional new business was brought to the floor

The meeting was closed at 15:05 local Liverpool time.

The membership notes were recorded by Dr Jason McAnany and reviewed by the ISCEV executive board.



Dr. Karen Holopigian  
Secretary General

