

2023 ISCEV Membership Meeting
Saturday, 18th March 2023, 13:50
Kyoto International Convention Center

1. Opening and President's Welcome

Dr. Ruth Hamilton opened the meeting at 13:50 and welcomed all attendees. She thanked the hosts for their work on a highly successful meeting and also thanking the Board, particularly Dr. Karen Holopigian, for their work.

2. Tasks of the Membership Meeting

Dr. Holopigian reminded the members of their tasks as per the by-laws.

3. Minutes of 2022 Membership Meeting

The minutes of the 2022 membership meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Report from the 2023 Symposium Host

Prof. Kondo noted 57 human course attendees, 22 animal course attendees, 303 scientific symposium delegates, 29 accompanying persons program registrants, and five exhibitors. There were 74 and 85 oral and poster presentations respectively, and 11 clinical cases. The Dawson lecture was delivered by Prof. Masayo Takahashi; the Adachi lecture was delivered by Prof. Pierre Lachapelle.

The membership thanked Profs. Horiguchi, Kondo and Fujinami for their efforts to host an exceptional meeting.

5. ISCEV Officers' Reports

Secretary General: Dr. Karen Holopigian emphasized the hard work of the Kyoto organizers, which has resulted in a highly successful and well-organized meeting. She also thanked the membership for timely payment of dues.

Director of Education: Dr. Suresh Viswanathan reminded the membership that an ISCEV educational course will be held at ARVO this year and that a technician's course will be offered in May, 2023.

Director of Standards: Dr. Anthony Robson noted that the guide for calibration is complete and soon will be published in *Documenta Ophthalmologica*.

Editor-in-chief: Prof. Daphne McCulloch: A well-attended Editorial Board Meeting was held earlier in the week. The new, expanded scope of *Documenta Ophthalmologica* is now described on the *Documenta* website. Manuscripts within the new scope and submissions of cover images for the journal are welcome.

Director of International Communications: Prof. Michael Bach (in absentia): no questions or comments were raised from the floor.

Treasurer's report: Prof. Jan Kremers noted the accounts had been audited by Drs. Sven Heinrich and Allison Dorfman; no concerns were raised. €10,000 in unused funds will be returned from the Liverpool organizers. The membership exonerated the Treasurer.

Regional Vice Presidents' Reports:

Americas: Prof. Laura Frishman encouraged hosts for the 2027 meeting.

Asia/Oceania: Prof. Mineo Kondo: as in the Newsletter.

Europa/Africa: Dr. Dorothy Thompson: as in the Newsletter.

6. Exoneration of the Board

The membership exonerated the Board.

7. Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting

Dr. Hamilton noted that there have been no changes to the Board composition since the 2022 meeting.

Fourteen travel grants were awarded and 13 of these members were able to attend the Kyoto meeting. Recipients will be acknowledged at the Gala Dinner. Forty-five candidates were evaluated for the Dodt award, which is likely a record. The winner will be announced at the Gala Dinner.

The by-laws were sent to the membership by email three months ago and must now be voted on for approval. Since the last official by-law registration in Bonn, several changes have been approved by the membership. Many recent changes, however, were not formally registered in Bonn, and the membership was asked to review both recent and historical changes. The changes were reviewed by Dr. Hamilton, which primarily consisted of updates to allow electronic voting and updated language and style. Dr. Hamilton solicited questions and comments from the membership.

Prof. Graham Holder: Do any of the recently approved changes contradict historical changes?

Dr. Hamilton confirmed that the document was reviewed for contradictions, and none were found.

The membership approved the revised by-laws unanimously.

Dr. Hamilton led a brief discussion of YSCEV. Dr. Maja Sustar is the Board liaison; Natalie Doran and Dr. Lucia Ambrosio are working to further develop YSCEV. In addition to the Liverpool in-person meeting, YSCEV has met once online. The group has asked for approximately \$100 to support the use of a paid online meeting service, which is intended to

facilitate a future meeting. The Board has approved a one-time trial to determine if the paid platform is superior to other services.

Dr. Hamilton also led a brief discussion of Non-Institutional Support (NIS) Grants. These funds are available for members who need travel support and have not received previous travel awards. A trial for the NIS grant program was performed this year; 5 applicants applied, and all were funded. This program will be continued for another year and the Board will work to establish clear guidelines for how future funds will be distributed, if repeat applications are eligible, etc.

8. Elections

Vice-President for the Americas: Prof. Frishman has completed two terms. No candidates were nominated prior to the membership meeting and no nominations were received from the floor. Prof. Frishman agreed to serve for one additional year while replacement candidates are identified. There was unanimous agreement for a one-year extension of Prof. Frishman's term.

President: Dr. Hamilton is willing and eligible to stand for four more years. No additional nominations were received in advance and no new nominations were received from the floor. Dr. Dorothy Thompson spoke on behalf of Ruth's many merits, specifically highlighting her impactful and well-planned leadership. Dr. Thompson endorsed Dr. Hamilton for another term, which was unanimously agreed upon by the membership.

9. Future Symposia

2024: Estérel, Québec, Canada: Dr. Allison Dorfman and Anna Polosa (Canadian team) described updates for the 2024 meeting that will be held September 14 – 20, 2024. Dr. Mitch Brigell will serve as coordinator. The meeting and courses will be held at the Estérel Resort. Meeting costs (\$500 USD for members), transportation details (\$100 for a 60-minute Uber to/from the Montreal airport), and lodgings costs (\$160-\$260/night) were discussed. It was noted that a meeting organizer will not be used to personalize the meeting and constrain costs.

2025: Utrecht, Netherlands by Prof. M. van Genderen and team. A June meeting date is under consideration. Utrecht is a small, but highly accessible city. Many sites can be reached by foot, but bicycles, buses, and trains are readily available. Amsterdam Airport is well-served from regions throughout the world. The meeting will likely be held in the city center; possible welcome dinner and Gala event spaces have been identified. Excursions and accompanying persons visits to Amsterdam are being planned. Lodging costs range from 90 to 225 euro per night. Meeting registration will be approximately 650 euro.

2026: Candidate hosts from Asia/Australasia

Dr. Elisa Cornish proposed Sydney, Australia for the 2026 meeting. Possible dates in mid- to late July are being considered. Registration costs will be approximately \$750 and lodging that ranges from student housing (\$25/day) to four-star hotels is available near the University of Sydney, which will host the meeting. Trains, buses, and taxis are all available to/from the airport.

Dr. Bo Lei proposed Zhengzhou, China for the 2026 meeting. Zhengzhou is centrally located in China. Registration costs will be approximately \$500. Lodging costs that range from \$40 to \$180 per night are available near the Zhengzhou International Conference Center, which will host the meeting. There is an international airport 35 minutes from the meeting site (\$15 taxi), as well as an airport shuttle.

10. Other Business


The Board has awarded Honorary Membership to two members: Profs. Patricia Tormene and John Robson. Prof. Pierre Lachapelle spoke on behalf of Prof. Patricia Tormene and Prof. Laura Frishman spoke on behalf of Prof. Robson. The Board thanked Profs. Tormene and Robson for their many years of contributions to ISCEV.

Prof. Kremers thanked Drs. Hamilton and Holopigian for their exceptional efforts in leading ISCEV.

No additional new business was brought to the floor

Dr. Hamilton closed the meeting at 15:30 local Kyoto time.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Holopigian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Karen Holopigian
Secretary General