

**International Neuropsychological Society
Mid-Year Business Meeting
July 3, 2008
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

1. Call to Order

President Jack Fletcher called the meeting or order at 7:25 pm.

2. Treasurer Report

Dr. Gordon Chelune, in his first meeting as Treasurer, reported that the transition of the Treasurer's office from Dr. Bigler's office is going extremely well, and he thanked the INS bookkeeper, Susan Wheatley, for her excellent service to the society. The meeting in Waikaloa was a tremendous success, though due to some larger than usual expenses related to the cost and shipping of the abstract book and additional travel support, the meeting ran a deficit. The treasury is doing very well, however, and the INS is in good financial shape.

3. Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Bob Bornstein, Executive Secretary, reported that the membership of INS is now just about 5000. The rate of growth of members from outside North America continues to be slightly higher than from within North America, with 25% of new members coming from outside North America. Payment of dues is on pace with last year.

Committee Reports

4. Program Committee

Buenos Aires July 2008: Drs. Marina Drake and Robin Morris, Co-chairs of the Buenos Aires Program Committee, reported that there were over 1000 registrations at the time of the Business Meeting. Over 600 abstracts were submitted to the meeting, and there was a 5% rejection rate. There was worldwide representation, but the response from South American was particularly strong with over 300 submissions from Argentina, over 200 from Brazil and over 100 from Uruguay. Submissions were also received from members in Chile and Columbia, and from as far as Japan and Greece.

President Fletcher thanked Drs. Drake and Morris on behalf of the society for their hard work in preparing a wonderful program and promoting the meeting within South America. He also thanked members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their hard work on the planning and logistics for the meeting. He also thanked SONEPSA and SLAN for their substantial contribution to the success of the meeting.

Atlanta, Georgia, February 2009: Dr. Fletcher reported for the Atlanta Program Chair, Dr. Paul Cirino. The Program Committee plans to increase the number of invited symposia and plenary speakers. The theme for the meeting is *Lifespan Neuropsychology: Transdisciplinary Issues and New Horizons*. Topical and special interests will include the role of white matter, communication disorders, and learning disabilities. The abstract submission site is open now on the INS website and will remain open until September 3rd, 2008.

5. Continuing Education

Dr. Jennifer Manly, CE Director, thanked those who attended CE offerings in Buenos Aires. She indicated that there had been a good response to the workshops, although one had to be cancelled due to a family emergency on the part of the presenter. All of the handouts for the workshops were provided to participants on CD and were translated into Spanish. Drs. Celiane Rey-Casserly, Mariana Cherner, Tedd Judd, Monica Rivera-Mindt, and Lenny Cedano on Dr. Manly's staff thanked for their work translating the materials.

There are 26-30 CE courses being planned for the Atlanta meeting, with workshops on genetics, statistics, aging and childhood disorders. The CE program for Helsinki has already been set up. Dr. Manly encouraged members to send her ideas for CE courses.

Dr. Manly announced that her committee will be looking into the provision of CE credit for reading articles in JINS. The American Psychological Association has provisions for that, and she will be looking into options and costs, and will be undertaking a survey of the membership to ascertain interest in such a program.

President Fletcher acknowledged the significant effort that goes into running the society's CE program and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Manly and her committee for their hard work. He also thanked those who translated the handouts for this meeting.

6. International Liaison Committee

Bernice Marcopulos, Chair of the International Liaison Committee, indicated that the ILC has focused on producing the INSNET newsletter, expanding on-line International Neuropsychological Conferences listings, expanding the Cross-cultural Referrals database, translating more web pages, and adding organizations to the Regional Societies database (six new societies have been added). Research and Editing Consultant Program is going very well, as is the Book and Journal Depository program.

The ILC has worked on developing guidelines for administering the Charles Matthews Support Fund and they are now accepting applications for conference support.

President Fletcher thanked Dr. Marcopulos and the ILC for their success in the growth of international relations. Dr. Marcopulos will be ending her second term as Chair of the Committee at the Atlanta meeting and the society will be seeking a new chair of the ILC. Dr. Helen Haanes will also be stepping down as INSNET Editor, and a new editor will need to be identified.

7. Awards Committee

Bob Heaton, Chair of the Awards Committee, thanked the Committee for their work in developing and making nominations for the Distinguished Service Award.

Three awards were presented at the Business Meeting: Kimberly Rogers, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine received the Phillip M. Rennick Award; Agustin Ibanez, post doctoral fellow at Heidelberg University, received the Nelson Butters Award, and Marianna Banassi-Werke, Universidad Federal de Sao Paulo, will receive the Laird S. Cermak Award.

8. Publications Committee

Sureyya Dikmen, Chair of the Publications Committee, indicated that JINS is doing well. The journal receives approximately 25 submissions per month. There is an excellent turnaround time from submission to first editorial decision (about 5 weeks) and from publication time (acceptance to print of about 5 months). A survey will be sent out by Dr. Kathy Haaland, JINS Editor, asking the membership about what new features they would like to see in the journal.

Dr. Skye McDonald, Professor at the University of South Wales in Australia, will serve as the new Associate Editor of JINS. She is replacing Dr. Eli Vakil, who is stepping down after three years of service. Dr. Vakil was thanked by the Committee for his contributions to JINS and to the society.

9. Nominations

Dr. Bornstein announced that the election ballot to go out in the fall is nearly complete.

10. Site Selection

In 2009, the winter meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, on February, 11-14. The Mid-year meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland (in conjunction with the Nordic Neuropsychological Society) at the Marina Conference Center, July 29-August 1.

The 2010 winter meeting will be held at the Fairmont Acapulco Princess in Acapulco, Mexico, from February 3-6, in partnership with the Association of Latin American Neuropsychologists. The 2010 Mid-year meeting will be held in Krakow, Poland at Jagiellonian University June 30-July 3.

In 2011, the winter meeting is scheduled to be held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Marriot Copley Square, February 1-5. Both Auckland, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia are being considered for the Mid-year meeting in 2011.

The mid-year meeting in 2012 will be held in Oslo, Norway. Montreal, Quebec, and Houston, Texas are being considered as possible venues for the winter meeting in 2012.

In 2013, meetings are scheduled in Waikaloa, Hawaii in February and Thessalonika, Greece in the summer.

11. New Business

The Board made a decision at the Board Meeting earlier in the week to discontinue printing the large abstract book for the meetings due to the increasing costs of printing and shipping and the ecological costs associated with this activity. To assist conference attendees in preparing for the meeting, all of the abstracts will be available as a down-loadable pdf from the INS website prior to the meeting. At the meeting, CDs containing the abstracts will be available at a nominal cost. After the meeting, JINS will publish an on-line supplement, which can be downloaded as a pdf and can also be referenced. A program listing the schedule and the names and titles of speakers and presentations will be provided in print at the meeting and distributed to all attendees. This new system will be in place for the Atlanta meeting. Members were encouraged to contact Dr. Bornstein if they have any concerns.

12. Adjournment

Dr. Fletcher again thanked Drs. Drake and Morris, SONEPSA, SLAN, members of the INS Executive Secretary office, and the many individuals locally who contributed to planning, organizing, and conducting the very successful meeting in Buenos Aires. He adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Mateer, Board Secretary