

International Neuropsychological Society
Membership Business Meeting
Stockholm, Sweden
July 26, 2002

1. Introduction

President Gonzalez-Rothi called the meeting to order at 5:49 pm.

2. Treasurer's Report

Bornstein reported on behalf of Erin Bigler, Treasurer of the Society. A smooth transition has been made in the office of the Treasurer. Bigler is introducing new software to manage the Society's funds. The Society is in sound financial shape.

3. Presidential Report

Gonzalez-Rothi provided the membership with an overview of the state of the Society. She noted that the Society is in a time of transition. In the past, the Society had to focus upon fiscal conservation and strengthening of resources. Due to the efforts of Robert Bornstein, Robert Heaton and Igor Grant, the Society now finds itself in a very strong fiscal position and sound administration. The Society now will be shifting from conservation of resources towards expansion and programmatic building. The newly created Resource Utilization Committee will play a vital role in determining long-term planning in this direction. She also reported that the review of the Executive Secretary and INS office is underway and the board will decide in February 2003 whether to offer the current Executive Secretary an additional term or to seek a new Executive Secretary. The Society's finances were also audited and a report will be made to the membership in February 2003 about the audit and recommendations.

4. Executive Secretary's Report

Bornstein reported the Society's membership level has remained stable for several years, and currently there are 3,804 active members. The electronic submission of abstracts to the meetings has been arranged for Berlin through local arrangements. The INS office has continued to work with Cambridge University Press to identify an electronic submission system to be implemented in the near future.

Bornstein reported that the following sites have been selected for future meetings: Honolulu, Hawaii, February 5-8, 2003; Berlin, Germany, July 16-19, 2003 (a joint meeting with the German Neuropsychological Society); Baltimore, Maryland, February 4-7, 2004; Brisbane, Australia July 7-10, 2004. For 2005, Saint Louis, Missouri has been selected for the winter meeting while Dublin, Ireland has been selected for the mid-year meeting. Bornstein reported that a discount travel agency has been identified for assistance in making travel plans from North America to Hawaii for the 2003 meeting, and a comparable agency is being sought to assist with travel from non-North American locations.

4. Committee Reports

A. Local Arrangements Committee - Stockholm, Sweden

Hakan Nyman reported that the meeting was running smoothly. He asked that any members who wished to provide the committee with feedback to see him or other committee members during the meeting. After the business meeting, a dinner will be held at the Wasa Museum.

On behalf of the membership and in thanks for their efforts on behalf of the Society, President Gonzalez-Rothi thanked Nyman and all members of the Local Arrangements Committee.

B. Program Committee - Stockholm

Jarl Risberg, Program Committee Chair for Stockholm, presented the following report. The program includes six invited lectures and 3 invited symposia. A total of 161 submissions from 27 countries were received and 157 were accepted. The recipients of awards for presentations made at the meeting were recognized, and included the following: Jane Freeman from New Zealand received the Philip M. Rennick Award for her presentation entitled “The effect of adjuvant chemotherapy on neuropsychological functioning”; Torkel Klingberg from Sweden was the recipient of the Nelson Butters Awards for his paper entitled, “Training of working memory enhances prefrontal activity and decreases hyperactivity in ADHD”; and the Cermak Award was awarded to Kathryn Lockwood of the United States for her submission entitled, “Effects of working memory on higher-order neurocognition in late-life depression.”

On behalf of the membership and in thanks for their efforts on behalf of the Society, President Gonzalez-Rothi thanked Risberg and all members of the Program Committee.

C. Program Committee – Honolulu

Bornstein reported on behalf of Anastasia Raymer, Program Chair for the Honolulu meeting. 840 abstract submissions were received, in contrast to the 591 received for the previous Hawaii meeting. The Honolulu program will be scheduled differently than other meetings. Sessions will be scheduled for mornings ending in the early afternoon. The mid-afternoon time will not have programming. Plenary sessions and addresses will be held in the early evening hours.

D. Continuing Education

Neil Pliskin, Director of CE, thanked the five speakers who made CE presentations in Stockholm. The Honolulu CE Program will be somewhat smaller than past programs, and the Special Topics Seminars in Honolulu will be Diversity in Neuropsychology. A new feature to be introduced at the Honolulu meeting is an Investigator’s Workshop. The CE program for the

Berlin meeting is well underway. Pliskin encouraged members to submit ideas for future programming to the committee.

Gonzalez-Rothi reported to the membership that Pliskin has accepted the Board's offer to serve as the Society's CE Director for a second three-year term.

E. International Liaison Committee (ILC)

Bernice Marcopulos updated the membership on recent activities of the ILC. The ILC has been updating information listed on its web site (<http://www.ilc-ins.org>). Information available on the web page includes information about national and regional neuropsychological groups around the world, the current inventory of the book depository, host training and funding opportunities, information about the Vivian Smith Advanced Studies Institute of the INS, and a bulletin board to share requests. The ILCnet Newsletter has been published twice since Nancy Pachana took over as its Editor. The ILCnet Newsletter will aim to feature articles on neuropsychological research and practice in regions where the INS conferences will be held.

F. Ad hoc Committee on Increasing International Membership

This ad hoc committee was formed by the Board in February 2002 and was charged with exploring ways to increase international membership within the Society. Ann Watts, Chair of the ad hoc committee, reported that the committee has investigated why INS does not attract more non-North American members, and what the impediments to full participation may be. The committee will next explore ways of solving these impediments to membership.

G. Publications

Gonzalez-Rothi reported that Jack Fletcher, Chair of this committee, has been offered a second term as Chair. The committee is presently seeking a new Editor for *JINS*.

5. New Business

Frank LeFever raised concerns about difficulty he experienced obtaining detailed information about youth hostels in Stockholm, and questioned if such information would be made available for the Berlin meeting. He was referred to the Local Arrangements Committee for the Berlin meeting to discuss his concerns. LeFever also questioned if the Society was addressing the financial needs of Russian scientists to attend the meeting. Gonzalez-Rothi reported that such a Russian scientist had in fact received a scholarship to attend the current scientific meeting, and that information about INS Travel grants is available on the ILC web page.

7. Meeting Adjournment

President Gonzalez-Rothi adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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