

**International Neuropsychological Society
Annual Business Meeting
Bilbao, Spain
Friday, July 6, 2007**

1. Introduction

Dr. Igor Grant, President of the Society, called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

2. Treasurer Report

The report of the Treasurer, Dr. Erin Bigler, was received and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Governors. The Society is currently in a strong financial position, with more than \$1 million in reserve. The implementation of a slight dues increase has been helpful in replenishing the Society's reserves and the meetings have continued to be successful from a financial as well as both scientific and clinical perspectives.

4. Executive Secretary Report

Bob Bornstein, the Executive Secretary, reported that the membership of INS is currently about 4600 after removal of some members for non-payment of dues. In the last 2 years, approximately 17% of total Society members have been from outside North America, while approximately 22% of new members are from outside North America, continuing the trend of greater membership growth among those outside North America.

Committee Reports

5. Program Committee - Bilbao

Dr. Mariana Cherner, Chair of the Program Committee for Bilbao indicated that there has been good feedback on both the program and the venue. There were 746 registrants, with a particularly strong representation of registrants from Spain (46%), the largest country represented at the meeting. Dr. Cherner thanked all of the members of the Program Committee, including Dr. Natalia Ojeda del Pozo and the other members of the Local Arrangements Committee, and Dr. Manley, the Director of the Continuing Education Program.

Dr. Ojeda del Pozo thanked all of the professional societies in Spain for advocating on behalf of the meeting and encouraging attendance. Forty other countries were represented including countries on every continent. She also recognized the hard work of the local authorities and others who worked on the local arrangements.

The President thanked Dr. Cherner and the entire Program Committee for an excellent meeting. He also thanked Dr. Ojeda del Pozo and the entire local steering committee for encouraging so many professionals and students in neuropsychology to take part in the meeting. He noted that the extent of local participation set a new standard and was consistent with the goals of the Society.

6. Continuing Education Committee

Dr. Jennifer Manley, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, thanked all of the members of the Continuing Education Committee. She reported that 6 CE sessions were held on Wednesday, and welcomed feedback on that format for the mid-year meeting. She indicated that the CE program for the Hawaii meeting was almost set, and that the Committee was welcoming suggestions and proposals for the mid-year meeting in Buenos Aires and the meeting in Atlanta. She also reported that members should expect a survey about CE later in the summer asking about some new ideas and formats, and the potential interest in setting up both basic and advanced level CE's.

The President thanked Dr. Manley and her committee for another successful CE program in Bilbao.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Dr. Bornstein provided information about the status of upcoming meeting venues.

In 2008, the winter meeting will be held in Waikoloa, Hawaii, from February, 6-9. Dr. Tom Marcotte is the Program Committee Chair and there is a strong slate of invited speakers and several new proposals for enlivening the program.

The 2008 mid-year meeting will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from July 2-5. In 2009, meetings are scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia, and Helsinki, Finland. In 2010, meetings are scheduled in Acapulco, Mexico, and being planned in either Thessaloniki, Greece, or Beijing, China. In 2011, meetings are scheduled in Boston, Massachusetts, and either Greece or China, depending on the 2010 meeting schedule. In 2012, a North American meeting site has not been set, but the mid-year meeting is currently planned to be held in Oslo, Norway.

8. Publications Committee

Dr. Sureyya Dikmen, Chair of the Publications Committee, announced that JINS is doing well, with an average of 27 submitted manuscripts per month. The time from submission to letter of decision is less than 5 weeks, and the time from acceptance to publication is approximately 5 months. The acceptance rate is approximately 50%.

Abstracts are now available on the website prior to the meetings. The contents of JINS will be archived through Portico, so that if for some reason Cambridge is unable to provide the information, the publications of the Society's journal will be archived for future use.

Dr. Haaland, Editor of JINS, thanked her Associate Editors, as well as Guest Editors for the wonderful job they are doing and particularly for the very quick and responsive turnarounds on manuscript reviews. She encouraged everyone to send their best work to JINS, and particularly encouraged critical reviews, which she would like to see expanded. She intends to continue to do one symposia issue per year, and ideas for topics are encouraged.

9. Nominations

The nominations slate for new officers and members-at-large is nearly complete and an election ballot will be sent out in the fall. Balloting ends in early January and election results will be complete January 10, 2008.

10. Award Winners

Dr. Cherner presented certificates to the winners of the Butters, Rennick and Cermak Awards.

Cristina Sole, of the University of Barcelona, received the Phillip M. Rennick Award, for the best submission by a graduate student for her talk entitled ‘Functional and Structural Correlates of Cognitive Reserve in Normal Aging, Mild Cognitive Impairment and Mild Alzheimer’s Disease.’

Markus Thimm, of the University Hospital RWTH Aachen, received the Nelson Butters Award for the best submission by a post-doctoral fellow for his talk entitled ‘Effects of a New Computerized Training on Neural Recovery from Spatial Neglect.’

Sandra Lehmann received the Laird S. Cermak Award for best submission in memory research for her paper entitled ‘Cortical Signature of Amnesia: a High Resolution Event-Related Potential Study.’ The award was accepted for her by Dr. Schnider.

The President sincerely congratulated all of the award recipients on their exceptional contributions.

11. New Business

None.

Before adjourning, the President, on behalf of the entire Board, again thanked Dr. Cherner, Dr. Ojeda del Pozo, and Dr. Manley, as well as their respective committees for a wonderful scientific program, excellent local arrangements, and strong CE program. He also thanked Ave Sovranko and Sue O’Brien of the INS office for their support before and throughout the meeting, and Dr. Bornstein for continuing to ensure the Society meetings run so smoothly and successfully.

12. Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

*Respectfully submitted
Catherine Mateer, Board Secretary*