

**International Neuropsychological Society  
Annual Business Meeting  
Portland, Oregon  
February 9, 2007**

**1. Introduction**

Dr. Wilson, the President of the Society, called the meeting or order at 12:45 pm.

**2. Secretary's Report**

The reading of the minutes from the last business meeting of the Society held in July 28, 2006 in Zurich, Switzerland was waived.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Erin Bigler, Treasurer of INS, reviewed the current finances of the Society, which are strong. As of December 31, 2006, the Society held \$1,078,185, topping the \$1M mark for the first time. Dr. Bigler stated that all indications are that the current meeting in Portland would be another successful meeting from a financial perspective. A detailed publication from the Office of the Treasurer will appear in a future JINS publication.

**4. Executive Secretary's Report**

Bob Bornstein, Executive Secretary of INS, reported that the current membership of INS is approaching 5,000 members, and that the number of members from outside of North America is growing faster than that from within North America.

There has been some transition in staff within the central INS office. Dr. Bornstein thanked Susan Wheatley, who handles the accounting work in Dr. Bigler's office, as well as Polly Tasset, Tiffany Tasset, Susan O'Brien, and Ave Sofranko, for their able assistance throughout the year and for their work on helping the annual conferences run so smoothly.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Program Committee - Portland**

President Wilson thanked Bob Butler, who served as the Chair of the Portland Program Committee, for his work and that of his committee members on behalf of the Society for their hard work in developing an excellent program. There are currently 1,785 registrants for the conference, making it the second highest INS meeting in attendance in the history of the Society (after Boston, and slightly ahead of Baltimore).

### **Program Committee – Bilbao**

Mariana Cherner is Chair of the Program Committee for the Bilbao, Spain meeting which will be held July 4-7, 2007. Dr. Cherner reported that over 500 abstracts had been received prior to the January 31, 2007 deadline, suggesting considerable interest in the meeting and the likelihood of strong attendance. She indicated that the committee will be reviewing abstracts and constructing the program over the next several weeks. The INS reception will be held in Bilbao's famous Guggenheim Museum.

### **B. Continuing Education**

Jennifer Manley, CE Director, reported a strong attendance at the CE offerings in Portland. She invited feedback from the membership on the CE program and suggestions for future CE topics and speakers.

### **C. International Liaison Committee**

Bernice Marcopulos, Chair of the International Liaison Committee, indicated that she was pleased to hear about membership growth outside of North America, and asked the Executive Director about specific areas of international growth. Dr. Bornstein indicated that he did not have the information at hand, but would get back to her with more information.

Dr. Marcopulos announced that a new program had recently been piloted. The program will use the Charles Matthews Fund to collaborate with regional neuropsychological societies to support teleconferences and regional conferences. The first of these teleconferences was recently held with a group of neuropsychologists in Cordoba, Argentina and was very successful. Dr. Marcopulos expressed that this approach is consistent with and responsive to input gathered from a survey of international members which indicated that what they hoped to get from their involvement with the

Society was more opportunities for scientific exchange and training. With current teleconferencing technology, this can be accomplished in a very cost effective way. Dr. Marcopulos indicated that she would continue to work with the INS BOG to develop these initiatives.

#### **D. Publications Committee**

Sureyya Dikmen, Chair of the Publications Committee, indicated that JINS is doing very well under the able editorship of Dr. Kathy Holland. Turnaround times are very impressive, with an average of only 5 weeks between submission and the first response, 2 weeks for reviews to be completed, and only a 4 month delay between acceptance of manuscripts for publication and actual publication. JINS continues to enjoy very good impact ratings among psychology, neuropsychology and neurology journals.

The abstracts for the Portland meeting were posted on the INS website on January 17, 2007, almost 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Two books published by the Society, one on frontal lobe function and the other on neurogenetic disorders of development have been completed. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Dictionary is currently being worked by David Loring.

#### **E. Awards Committee**

Martha Denckla announced that Dr. Heather Conklin was the recipient of the 2007 Rita Rudel Award for her work on the sequelae of treatment for malignancy in children. Dr. Denckla requested some assistance from the membership is helping to make this award, an early career award for work in the area of neuropsychology and child development, better advertised in order to increase the pool of appropriate applications.

#### **F. Elections**

President Wilson thanked Bob Heaton, Past-President, and Eli Vakil, Morris Moscovitch, and Gerry Taylor, Members at Large, who will be rotating off the Board at the end of the Portland meeting for their contributions.

President Wilson then expressed congratulations to Dr. Michael Corballis, of New Zealand, who is the new President-Elect. He will serve after the terms of Igor Grant and Jack Fletcher. She also congratulated the newly elected Members at Large, David Loring, Meryl Butters, and Robin Morris.

## **G. Sites Committee**

Dr. Bornstein reviewed plans for future meeting sites, which are as follows: Bilbao, Spain, July 4-7, 2007; Waikoloa, Hawaii, February, 6-9, 2008; Buenos Aires, Argentina, July, 2008; and Atlanta, Georgia, February, 11-14, 2009. The current plan is for the mid-year 2009 meeting to be held in Helsinki, Finland (in conjunction with the Nordic Neuropsychological Societies). The Sites Committee has been asked to explore Acapulco, Mexico as a site for the February 2010 meeting. The July 2012 meetings are currently planned to be held in Oslo, Norway. Other potential meeting sites that are being explored include Hong Kong, Krakow, Edinburgh, Cape Town, and Sydney.

## **6. New Business**

No new business issues were raised by the membership in attendance.

## **7. Meeting Adjournment**

Dr. Wilson turned the meeting over to Dr. Igor Grant, incoming President of the Society. Dr. Grant thanked Dr. Wilson for her work as President and on the BOG. He acknowledged the growth in membership and the greater interest in rehabilitation enjoyed by the Society under her leadership, and thanked her for the wonderful presidential address that she delivered in Zurich. Dr. Grant presented Dr. Wilson with a gift to express the Society's appreciation and in honor of her Presidency.

There being no further business, President Grant adjourned the annual meeting at 1:05 pm.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Catherine Mateer, Secretary*