

## **Minutes of the General Assembly, Berlin, Germany, July 12, 2017**

### **Future of ISFP/congress**

It was unanimously agreed to continue the joint organization of the ISFP congress and PA workshop. To avoid competition with the Gordon Research Conference on Plasminogen, our congress will be moved from 2020 to 2021. It was also decided that the non-profit status of the ISFP should be preserved. The Belgian legislation requires the presence of at least one Belgian member on the Council. Furthermore, all tax declarations and publications in “Belgisch Staatsblad” must be made in Dutch. There was a proposal to identify a new Executive Director to manage the Society after 2018 (see also 2, council) and to pay somebody in Belgium to Submit the official documents. The new Secretary-Treasurer would also have to take over the management of the bank accounts and the collection of new membership dues. This proposal will be further developed in the next months. However, all official documents must be signed by the Executive Director or by the Belgian Council member. The Executive Director will examine all eventual legal problems and complications.

### **Composition of the council**

M. Colucci will be Chairman until 2018, and N. Mutch becomes Chairman after the 2018 congress in Edinburgh. A new Chairman-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director have to be appointed at the latest at the 2018 congress.

Candidates are invited for Council members' Class 2024, to be elected by mail in the spring of 2018. The mandate of the ex-officio members T. Lisman (Associate Editor, Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis), P. Kim (Chairman SSC/ISTH Fibrinolysis) and M. De Maat (Liaison with the International Fibrinogen Research Society) are prolonged until 2018.

The ex-officio mandate of P. Declerck (previous Chairman) is prolonged until 2018. Thus, one Belgian member remains on the Council, as requested by our non-profit status.

### **Membership**

Five new regular and 4 new junior members were accepted by the General Assembly; 63 full memberships were paid in 2017; 26 junior members, 13 honorary members, and 5 complimentary members (prolonged until 2018) are registered. A proposal to invite C. Kluft and W.D. Schleuning for honorary membership was accepted by the General Assembly.

### **Financial situation**

The income statement and balance 2016 and the proposed budget for 2017 were approved by the General Assembly. The membership fee for 2018 will be kept at 60€ or 100€ for 2018-2019. No ISFP travel grants were awarded in 2016. The General Assembly agreed, as proposed by the Council, to continue the D. Collen Young Investigator Awards (1 x 2500€ and 4 x 1000€), and the ISFP prize (10,000\$) at the 2018 Edinburgh congress (see below). In addition travel grants will be available for young investigators with the highest rated abstracts. A total of 20,000€ will be made available by ISFP. These travel grants can be combined with a Young Investigator Award.

The General Assembly agreed to provide 25,000\$ in seed money to the organization of the Edinburgh congress; this will be refunded to the ISFP if the congress budget allows.

### **Report from the Journal of Thrombosis and Hemostasis (by Ton Lisman, Associate Editor)**

The journal is doing well, with essentially no changes in number of manuscripts submitted, acceptance rates, and time from submission to first decision in the last 5 years. The number of basic science manuscripts submitted remains to be much lower than the number of clinical manuscripts, and I encourage you all to submit your best basic science to JTH. The impact factor of the journal is also stable, currently at 5,287. The editorial team has slightly changed in 2017, with Johan Heemskerk, Christian Gachet and Françoise Dignat-George leaving as associate editors, and Pierre Toulon, Andreas Greinacher, and Wolfgang Bergmeier joining the team. Also in 2017, the sister journal Research and Practice in Thrombosis and Hemostasis was launched, which is an open access journal. Papers that are rejected by JTH but are scientifically sound may be transferred to RPTH for publication consideration, which is an option that is offered in the rejection letter. Also, authors can submit directly to RPTH. I thank the members of the ISFP for their active involvement as reviewers for the journal. The most active reviewers are invited to join the editorial board, and I am very happy to see members of the ISFP in the board.

### **Report on the Shizuoka (2016) congress**

T. Urano reported that the Shizuoka congress had 150 participants, of which 60 from Japan, supporting the rationale to have a congress in Japan. The total congress budget amounted to 200,000 \$ approximately and did show a break-even. The scientific program consisted of 2 plenary and 6 state-of-the-art lectures, 57 oral contributions, 28 posters and 2 sponsored seminars.

The General Assembly again congratulated Dr. Urano for organizing a superb meeting and running it within budget.

### **Invitation to the Edinburgh (2018) congress**

N. Mutch reported on the 2018 joint meeting of ISFP and PA workshop, to be organized in Edinburgh (September 3-7, 2018), at the Royal College of Surgeons. A preliminary program with identification of topics and a provisional budget were proposed. Recommendations were made to consult the Council members for additional suggestions of topics and speakers, and to limit the congress to 4 days. An attractive social program will be organized.

### **Future ISFP meetings**

The Council decided that no congress will be held in 2020, but it will be shifted to 2021. Applications to host the 2021 congress (letter of intent) should be made to the Executive Director before April 1, 2018.

Applicants will be asked to present their bid to the Council meeting in Edinburgh (September 2018). The Council will select the proposal that best matches the interests of ISFP and PA workshop. A future joint organization with IFRS also remains an option.

## **Varia**

Nominations for the ISFP Prize 2018 (10,000 \$) can be made to the Executive Director until December 31, 2017. The Prize winner will be selected by an international jury, chaired by J. Meijers, and will present an honorary plenary lecture at the 2018 Edinburg congress.

Nominations for Council members (Class 2024) can be made to the Executive Director until April 1, 2018.

Candidates for the position of Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairman-Elect should contact the Executive Director.

J. Meijers  
Secretary-Treasurer

M. Colucci  
Chairman

R. Lijnen  
Executive Director