



## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES: March 22, Berlin, Germany (1230-1440)**

Present: 87 Delegates from the National Societies and the IFCN ExCo. Approximately 30 ICCN 2014 registrants also attended.

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**Quorum:** This meeting reached the quorum required (1 delegate from at least 1/3 of the National Societies, plus the IFCN President and two ExCo members).

**Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

**President's Report:** The President of the IFCN ExCo, Dr. Paolo Rossini, reported on the successes of the current ExCo including support for educational activities, outreach to China and India, outreach to like minded Societies such as the ISIN and OSET, redesign of the IFCN website and its subsequent increased use, the success of CLINPH, the increased role of Chapters within the ExCo, and the success of the ICCN 2014.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary of the IFCN ExCo, Dr. Daniel Cibils, reported on the major tasks of the Secretary including organization of the IFCN ExCo meetings, maintaining contact with the member Societies, organization of the voting process for IFCN ExCo membership, preparation for the General Assembly meeting, organization of the inclusion of the latest Society to join the IFCN (Cyprus), redesign of the webpage, equipment donation to developing countries, and oversight of the scholarship award process.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer of the IFCN, Dr. Reinhard Dengler, noted that annual audited financial statements are posted on the IFCN website. Income and expenses for the last four years were reviewed. The provisional budget for the next four years was reviewed and a decision made not to intentionally increase assets.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the provisional budget.

Motion passed unanimously to continue with Loewen Kruse as the auditor for the IFCN.

Dr. Dengler informed the General Assembly of the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (CNCA). He presented a special resolution to be passed and asked the General Assembly to authorize and direct the directors of the IFCN to make an application under section 297 of the CNCA to the Director appointed under the CNCA for a Certificate of Continuance of the Federation.

Motion on the special resolution passed unanimously authorizing the IFCN directors to take all such actions and deliver all such documentations which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this resolution.

Dr. Dengler thanked all delegates for attending the ICCN 2014 and the Societies for continuing to pay their membership dues.

**Report of the Chair of the Rules Committee:** The Chair of the Rules Committee, Dr. Hiroshi Shibasaki reported on the major tasks for the Committee during the last ExCo: the 2010 amendments to the IFCN statutes, review of constitutions of prospective new member societies, and overview of the amendment of the ICNS statutes.

Motion to ratify the changes to the ICNS Statutes passed unanimously.

Dr. Shibasaki also reviewed the current amendments to the Statutes which will be voted on later in this General Assembly (a 2/3 majority is required for them to pass). A question from the floor: the requirement is that the GA and the ExCo approve the Chapter representative, therefore it is possible that one of these bodies could refuse approval. This is a requirement of the new Canadian Societies Act to do this, and in theory, the GA could refuse approval.

**Amendment of IFCN Statutes:** There being no further discussion, a motion was put on the floor to accept the amendments to the IFCN Statutes, and passed with unanimous approval.

**Proposal of Honorary Fellows:** Dr. David Burke proposed the election of Dr. Andrew Eisen as an honorary fellow of the IFCN. Dr. Eisen was responsible for consolidating and significantly improving the IFCN financial situation and has had a distinguished career, and continues to contribute to the profession of clinical neurophysiology greatly.

A motion to approve Dr. Eisen as an honorary fellow was passed unanimously.

**Selection of Place of the Next ICCN:** Melbourne (Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists), Sao Paulo (Brazilian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology) and Washington DC (American Clinical Neurology Society) presented their bids to the General Assembly.

Two votes were held. In the first vote, Sao Paulo received 26 votes, Melbourne 27, and Washington DC 32. Thus, Sao Paulo was dropped from the ballot. On the second vote, Melbourne received 40 votes and Washington DC received 44 votes. Washington DC was declared the location of the ICCN 2018.

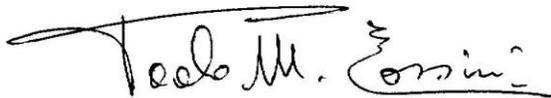
**Editor-in-Chief's Report:** Dr. David Burke, Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Neurophysiology, reported on the current membership of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors, the ranking of CLINPH (with a current Impact Factor of 3.144), and noted the increase in submissions to CLINPH and decrease in reviewing time. The rejection rate for the Journal is approximately 65%. On line publication of author accepted manuscripts (before typesetting) has been instituted.

**Report of the Elections Committee:** Dr. Hiroshi Shibasaki, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported on the latest round of elections. The ExCo officers for the next Fiscal Period will be Dr. Mark Hallett (President), Dr. Paolo Rossini (Past President), Dr. Yoshikazu Ugawa (Secretary), Dr. Reinhard Dengler (Treasurer), Dr. David Burke (Editor-in-Chief until the end of 2015), and Dr. Liying Cui and Dr. Renato Verdugo (Members-at-Large).

**Other Business:** The President of the IFCN ExCo, Dr. Paolo Rossini, thanked very much the outgoing members of the ExCo: Drs. Hiroshi Shibasaki, Mamede de Carvalho, Lawrence Phillips and Daniel Cibils. Each was presented with a plaque honouring their service to the IFCN.

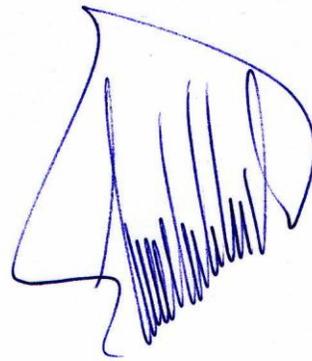
**Transfer to the New ExCo:** Dr. Paolo Rossini, outgoing President of the ExCo, presented a Presidential 'Nyoibo' to Dr. Mark Hallett, incoming President of the ExCo.

Meeting adjourned at 1440.



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Dr. Paolo Rossini, President, ExCo



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Dr. Daniel Cibils, Secretary, ExCo