

Dear Colleagues,

June 10th, 2015

Your Executive Committee (ExCo) has been functioning since the 2014 International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology (ICCN) in Berlin in March 2014. Each ExCo operates between ICCNs that occur every four years; so this ExCo will be in place until the ICCN in Washington, DC in 2018. Prof. Paolo Rossini has moved to Past President. Prof. Reinhard Dengler continues in a second term as Treasurer. Prof. Kaz Ugawa is the new Secretary, and Profs. Liying Cui and Renato Verdugo are the members at large. Prof. David Burke, as Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Neurophysiology, rounds out ExCo. Professor Burke will finish his eight year term at the end of 2015, and Professor Ulf Ziemann has been selected to take over as Editor in Chief beginning January 2016. Clinical Neurophysiology will also go to On-line only beginning in 2016. Very few persons access the journal in paper and it did not seem fiscally sound to continue printing.

Prof. Rossini is the liaison to the European Chapter, Prof. Verdugo, liaison to the Latin American Chapter, Prof. Ugawa to the Asian-Oceanic Chapter, and myself to the North American Chapter.

We are pleased to announce that we will have a second journal beginning January 2016, Clinical Neurophysiology Practice. It will emphasize clinical issues in our field and will include interesting cases, normative data on new techniques and reviews. This journal will be all open access as well as on-line only. The search for the Editor in Chief is currently on-going.

In terms of providing information about the IFCN, the best source of information has been the website, and we now have a Facebook page as well. The Facebook page will emphasize news and people as well as announcements. We already have many "likes" – sign up to the Facebook page and keep up to date. AND, of course, feel free to submit posts to the page.

Education is a major goal of ExCo. We will be thinking about ways that we can help the member societies improve the quality of clinical neurophysiology in all areas. ExCo supports Chapter and Society meetings with our presence, and we have several travelling fellowship programs. Please be in touch with us if you have ideas.

Another goal is the facilitation of research and establishment of guidelines for good practice. We do not have funds for research grants, but we can help support meetings which create new syntheses of information and advance the field in that way.

As you know, the IFCN is a Society of Societies. A country's clinical neurophysiological society can join IFCN when they reach a membership of 10 members. If you are in a country where there are fewer than 10 members or, for some reason, you are ineligible for membership in your country's society (but are interested in clinical neurophysiology), you may join the ICNS, the International Clinical Neurophysiology Society. Information about all these features is on the website.

We will be happy to hear from you about any ideas or concerns.
Best wishes.



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