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# ISN Annual General Business Meeting

General Business Meeting of ISN 2002  
Ponce, Breaker's Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida  
Monday, June 24, 7:00-8:10 p.m.

## Agenda

- 1) Opening of the Meeting
- 2) Treasurer's Report 2001 - Attachment 1
- 3) Secretary's Report 2001 - Attachment 2
- 4) Report on the activities of ISN Committees - Attachments 3-9
- 5) Matters arising from the ISN Council Meeting
- 6) Status of the Hong Kong Meeting 2003
  - a. Program Committee
  - b. Local Organizing Committee
- 7) Meeting 2005 Innsbruck
- 8) Membership dues
- 9) Change of bylaws concerning membership categories and procedures (Council decision at BA Meeting to simplify procedures for obtaining membership of ISN). Material has been mailed to all Ordinary Members.
- 10) Any other business

Approximately 30 ISN members attended the Meeting.

### **Ad 1 Opening of the Meeting**

The Business Meeting was opened by P. Dunkley at 7:00 p.m. The Agenda was accepted.

### **Ad 2 Treasurer's Report 2001 (attachment 1).**

Since this detailed report was not available at the time of the GBM it will be required that the membership accepts the report by voting. A form for this purpose is provided as part of the attachment. Please send this form back to the Secretary before September 15.)

RB explained the accounting for 2001 and made a comparison with previous years. Particular emphasis was put on journal royalties which have increased since the change of publisher. This preliminary report was unanimously accepted.

The continued use of Deloitte & Touche as auditors was approved.

### **Ad 3 Secretary's report 2002 (attachment 2)**

The Secretary (A. Schousboe) reported on the activities of the Secretary's office in 2001 as detailed in his written report which is attached.

The major tasks had been the production of the minutes from the Council and Business Meetings in Buenos Aires and Neurochemistry News. Efforts to strengthen the relationship with the Sister Societies had been continued.

It was noted that due to the timing of the General Business and Council Meetings and the Meeting of the Program Committee for the Hong Kong Meeting 2003, the June Newsletter will not be available until the end of August. The deadline for submission of material for the December 2002 Newsletter will remain as usual November 1.

#### **Ad 4 Report on the activities of ISN Committees (attachments 3-9)**

The written reports (see attachments) from the different committees were accepted without further comments. In case of the Publication Committee report the activities were briefly explained and summarized by the chairperson of this committee (J. Clark).

#### **Ad 5 Matters arising from the ISN Council Meeting**

P. Dunkley summarized the main results of the discussions at the Council Meeting. The Task Forces were now dismantled and the different subcommittees were thanked for their efforts. One of the main outcomes of the Task Forces is the decision to have smaller Focused Meetings in even years. These meetings will be rotated among the geographical regions as follows: 2004 Europe, 2006 The Americas and 2008 The Asian Pacific.

It had been decided that the theme of the first Focused Meeting in 2004 will be 'Changes in Neuronal Gene Expression and CNS Drug Responses'. The meeting will be organized by Dr. Jacques Mallet from Paris (CNRS UMR7091, Hôpital de la Pitié-Salpêtrière). The exact time of the meeting and the venue will be decided pending a discussion with Dr. Mallet. However, the meeting will be held preferentially in the late spring and the venue will be either somewhere in France or at Hotel Capsis, Heraklion, Crete. In this context the President thanked B. Hamprecht for his valuable input into this matter.

In order to establish a closer interrelationship between the Publication Committee and the Council, the Council had decided to appoint the Chairperson of the Publication Committee (J. Clark) as an 'Officer appointed by Council'.

It was mentioned that the activities of the CAEN Committee seemed to have increased since the GBM in Buenos Aires. This is reflected in an increased number of applications for funding as well as higher quality of the applications.

Due to the difficult financial situation in Argentina it seems uncertain that a small surplus generated by the Biennial Meeting could be recovered. For the time being this money is frozen in an Argentinean Bank. Should it be released it will be made available for the Argentinean Neurochemistry Society. To partly compensate for this problem it had been decided to make available through the ASN a special funding

of 7500 USD to allow Argentinean neurochemists to attend the ASN Meeting in Palm Beach. The Presidents of the ASN (Dr. Robert Yu) and the Argentinean Neuroscience Society (Dr. Marta Hallak) expressed their appreciation for this gesture of the ISN.

In relation to the issue of an academic boycott against Israeli scientists Herman Bachelard had formulated a letter in which the ISN strongly opposes such an activity and stresses the policy of the Society to support all neurochemistry in all parts of the world regardless of political issues. The Council had unanimously approved this action and Herman Bachelard briefly explained this issue. (For further information see minutes of the Council Meeting).

It had been decided in Council that in order to further strengthen Neurochemistry in Africa a small committee having Roger Butterworth as the chairperson should work out a plan for a future neurochemistry conference in Africa and report on this activity at the Council Meeting in Hong Kong in 2003.

As a result of the closer association between ISN and its Sister Societies regarding the Biennial Meetings it had been decided to invite the ASN Officers (or individuals appointed in their place) to participate in the Second Council Meeting in Hong Kong where a decision will be taken as to the venue of the Biennial Meeting in 2007 to be held in collaboration with ASN. The ISN Officers had participated in a meeting with representatives of the ASN Council to have an informal preliminary discussion about possible venues.

## **Ad 6 Status of the Hong Kong Meeting 2003**

### *a. Program Committee*

In the absence of the Chairperson of the Program Committee, Dr. Mark Smith, the President reported that Council had given the Program Committee a mandate to make use of the many Symposia proposals to compensate for the lack of candidates for Young Investigator Colloquia speakers. Judged from the material available, it should be possible to produce an excellent scientific program for the Meeting.

### *b. Local Organizing Committee*

Alfreda Stadlin showed a diagram of the Convention Center explaining how Posters would be centrally placed to facilitate viewing. Posters will be presented during prolonged lunch breaks where lunch will be provided as included in the registration fee. She also explained the location of hotels (two adjoined to the Conference Center) and low-cost student accommodation (14 USD per night). The registration fees will be:

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Members of ISN/APSN:  | 385 USD |
| Non-members:          | 450 USD |
| Students:             | 135 USD |
| Accompanying persons: | 150 USD |

### **Ad 7 Meeting 2005 Innsbruck**

The Chairperson of the LOC, Dr. Alois Saria summarized the current status of the planning of the 2005 ISN/ESN Meeting in Innsbruck (see separate notice). Registration fees will be low and also hotel costs are likely to be affordable. Everything points towards a well-planned and well-organized Meeting.

### **Ad 8 Membership dues**

Membership dues will be maintained at the current level (45 USD or 15 USD for young members (< 4 years membership)). This includes access to the on-line version of J. Neurochem.

### **Ad 9 Change of bylaws concerning membership categories and procedures**

The President briefly explained the changes in the by-laws necessary to initiate the simplified procedure for membership application and having only one membership category. Proxies and amendments had been mailed to all ordinary members prior to the GBM. The Secretary was in possession of 129 proxies allowing him to vote 128 in favor of accepting the changes in bylaws and 1 against. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the members who attended the GBM. The changes in bylaws were thus accepted.

### **Ad 10 Any other business**

There was no other business and the Meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:10 p.m.

## **Attachment 1**

### **ISN Treasurer's report for the calendar year 2001**

#### **Introduction:**

The Treasurer's Report for 2000 as well as projections of ISN income and expenditures for 2001 and 2002 were presented to Council at the ISN Business Meeting in Buenos Aires in August 2001. Council found the report to be in order and it was approved by the membership.

The present report covers the calendar year 2001 together with projected budgets for 2002 and 2003.

Financial records for 2001 held in the Treasurer's Office in Sydney were audited by Deloitte and Touche (Sydney) who reported their findings to Deloitte and Touche, Birmingham, UK, the Society Accountants. All relevant records were sent to the UK and the annual financial statements were received in Montreal today (May 30, 2002).

#### **Income for 2001**

Total Income for 2001 was \$707,933, some \$32,520 higher than in 2000. This increase

was evenly spread across all categories of income (journal royalties, membership dues, bank interest, investment interest).

### **Expenditures for 2001**

Expenses for 2001, at \$872,303 were substantially greater than 2000 (\$602,354) due mainly to costs incurred in relation to the meeting in Buenos Aires. The LOC for the Buenos Aires meeting still owes the Society \$21,409 from the original advance of \$40,000 sent to them for the meeting. The money is frozen in banks in Argentina (as with all assets in that country). The President of ISN (who was the Treasurer at the time of the meeting) has written an official letter from ISN to try to recuperate these funds. Expenditures by the CAEN committee increased in 2001 to \$48,862 consistent with the broader mandate of this committee as approved by Council. Administrative costs in 2001 were slightly higher than in 2000.

### **Investments in 2001**

Investment income rose 19% from \$85,656 in 2000 to \$102,046 in 2001. This was due to more of our assets being invested rather than better investment yields per se.

### **Total Assets at the End of 2001**

Total assets of ISN in 2001 were \$1,695,536, a decrease of \$164,773 from 2000 due mainly to increased expenses in Buenos Aires. The financial status of the society, therefore, remains sound.

### **Projected Income and Expenditures in 2002 and 2003**

The income of the society is projected to increase from \$707,933 in 2001 to \$928,000 in 2002 and \$976,000 in 2003. These increases are due in major part to increases in journal royalties as a result of the contract with Blackwell Scientific.

Expenditure is expected to fall to \$629,631 in 2002 since this is an « off-meeting» year. These expenses are in line with those of the previous «off-year» (2000). It is projected that income from investments will be modest in 2002/2003 due to the uncertain state of financial markets.

Total assets of ISN in 2002/2003 are expected to increase slightly to \$1,750,000.

### **Projection of ISN Expenditures for 2003 Biennial Meeting**

This projection is put together for informational purposes only and is not, in any way, contractual. The budget for the 2003 Meeting in Hong Kong is expected to be modestly (5%) increased over that for Buenos Aires. The figures presented below do not include income or expenditures to the LOC.

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Travel Grants          | \$ 151,000 |
| Symposia               | \$ 100,000 |
| Colloquia              | \$ 66,000  |
| Plenary Lecturers      | \$ 20,000  |
| Workshops/Tech. Forums | \$ 5,000   |

|                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Registration Waivers/General Funding | \$ 32,000             |
| Young Investigator Awards            | \$ 8,000              |
| Advanced School of Neurochemistry    | \$ 60,000             |
| Program Committee HK                 | \$ 28,000             |
| Satellite Meetings                   | <u>\$ 30,000</u>      |
| <br>Total:                           | <br><u>\$ 500,000</u> |

It is likely that the relative distribution of the accounts above will change as the program is finalized. Comments and suggestions from the membership will be most welcome.

**Proposal**

The Treasurer proposes that the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche in Birmingham, UK be re-appointed as the official Society (“company”) auditor for 2002.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Deloitte & Touche report on the accounts as presented**

The \$USD accounts as presented on the following pages are only a summary of information contained in the pound sterling accounts. They do not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the results and state of affairs of the company. For further information, the full annual accounts in pounds sterling, the Trustee's report and Auditor's report on those accounts should be consulted.

The receipt of the \$ accounts does not remove the right of members under section 239 of the Companies Act 1985, to receive a copy of the company's full sterling accounts, Trustee's report and Auditor's report on those accounts. Any person who wishes to receive a full set of these UK statutory accounts should apply to the Company Secretary in the United Kingdom.

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|  | 2001           | 2000           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | \$             | \$             |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>  |                |                |
| <b>Activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects</b>          |                |                |
| Membership dues received   | 47,343         | 45,818         |
| Journal publications   |                |                |
| Paid in advance  | -              | 225,000        |
| Balance of Journal profits for the year                            | -              | 159,842        |
| Royalties  | <u>536,347</u> | <u>-</u>       |
|  | 536,347        | 384,842        |
| Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins editorial contribution              | <u>-</u>       | <u>87,863</u>  |
|  | 536,347        | 472,705        |
| International meetings:  |                |                |
| Berlin 1999  | -              | 71,234         |
| Buenos Aires meeting   | 22,197         | -              |
| <b>Activities for generating funds</b>                             |                |                |
| Investment income  | <u>102,046</u> | <u>85,656</u>  |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                                    | <u>707,933</u> | <u>675,413</u> |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>  |                |                |
| <b>Costs of activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects</b> |                |                |
| Cost of membership dues collection                                 | 3,010          | 2,434          |
| Editorial office and Website expenses                              | 104,096        | 206,370        |
| Publication Committee  | 13,122         | 26,901         |
| Abstracts (ASN, ESN & APSN)  | -              | 9,155          |
| Historian's expenses   | -              | 674            |
| Committee for Aid in Neurochemistry                                |                |                |
| Conference/seed grants   | 48,862         | 24,871         |
| Travel awards  | <u>-</u>       | <u>3,000</u>   |
|  | 48,862         | 27,871         |
| Small conference and education committee                           | <u>47,000</u>  | <u>69,200</u>  |
| <b>Total carried forward</b>                                       | 216,090        | 342,605        |

|  | 2001           | 2000           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | \$             | \$             |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>  |                |                |
| <b>Costs of activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects</b> |                |                |
| <b>Total brought forward</b>                                       | 216,090        | 342,605        |
| International Meetings   |                |                |
| Hong Kong 2003   | 4,206          | -              |
| Berlin 1999  | -              | 7,500          |
| Program committee  | 5,915          | 10,590         |
| Plenary lecturers  | 12,201         | -              |
| Young Investigator Awards  | 7,550          | -              |
| Symposia   | 93,540         | -              |
| Technology   | 3,198          | -              |
| Workshops  | 10,110         | -              |
| Colloquia  | 58,960         | -              |
| Travel awards  | 147,835        | -              |
| Advanced school of neurochemistry                                  | 48,031         | 8,335          |
| Satellite meetings   | 25,132         | 8,000          |
| General funding  | <u>27,935</u>  | <u>36,312</u>  |
|  | 444,613        | 70,737         |
| <b>Costs of generating funds</b>                                   |                |                |
| Investment management fees   | 6,944          | 5,332          |
| <b>Management administration</b>                                   |                |                |
| President's expenses   | 1,121          | 14,731         |
| Treasurer's expenses   | 24,423         | 20,958         |
| Secretary's expenses   | 48,506         | 19,272         |
| ISN Newsletters and directory                                      | 59,629         | 59,609         |
| Council travel   | 56,408         | 40,530         |
| Bank charges   | 1,782          | 1,383          |
| Audit fees   | 3,200          | 2,987          |
| Accountancy fees   | 9,188          | 8,528          |
| Professional fees  | 52             | 14,221         |
| Sundry   | 347            | 23             |
| New equipment purchases  | <u>-</u>       | <u>1,438</u>   |
|  | <u>204,656</u> | <u>183,680</u> |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                                    | <u>872,303</u> | <u>602,354</u> |

|   | 2001             | 2000           |
|---|------------------|----------------|
|   | \$               | \$             |
| <b>NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR</b> |                  |                |
|   | (164,370)        | 73,059         |
| <b>Other recognised gains and losses:</b>         |                  |                |
| Investment gains                                  | 6,130            | 43,833         |
| Movement on currency exchange                     | <u>(6,533)</u>   | <u>382</u>     |
| <b>Resources (used)/retained in year</b>          | <u>(164,773)</u> | <u>117,274</u> |

|  | 2001   | 2000            | 2001      | 2000            |
|--|--------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|  |        |                 | \$        | \$              |
| <b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>             |        |                 |           |                 |
| Investments at market value              |        |                 | 1,091,39  | 1,288,515       |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |        |                 |           |                 |
| Debtors – prepayments and accrued income |        |                 | 896,004   | 276,287         |
| Bank balances and cash in hand:          |        |                 |           |                 |
| United Kingdom                           |        |                 |           |                 |
| National Westminster                     |        |                 |           |                 |
| Bank Plc                                 | STG    | 355             | STG       | 73              |
|  |        |                 |           | 516             |
| First Direct                             | STG    | 13,871          | STG       | –               |
|  |        |                 |           | 20,188          |
| United States of America                 |        |                 |           |                 |
| Bank of America                          |        |                 | 126,669   | 121,891         |
| Wells Fargo Bank                         |        |                 | 2,977     | 733,852         |
| Other banks                              |        |                 | 2         | 15,868          |
| Reed Comer & Birdwell Inc                |        |                 | 355,717   | 61,405          |
| Canada                                   |        |                 |           |                 |
| Royal Bank                               | CANS\$ | 83,227          | CANS\$    | –               |
|  |        |                 |           | 78,859          |
| Other countries                          |        |                 |           |                 |
| Commonwealth Bank                        |        |                 |           |                 |
| of Australia                             | AUSS   | 94,100          | AUSS      | 30,455          |
|  |        |                 |           | 48,169          |
| Univ. of Newcastle                       | AUSS   | 94,441          | AUSS      | 32,258          |
|  |        |                 |           | 48,343          |
| Commerzbank                              | DM     | 589             | DM        | 6,213           |
|  |        |                 |           | 268             |
| Denmark                                  | DKK    | <u>(96,221)</u> | DKK       | <u>21,846</u>   |
|  |        |                 |           | <u>(11,523)</u> |
|  |        |                 | 2,657,582 | 2,538,503       |

| <b>2001</b>                                    | <b>2000</b> | <b>2001</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>\$</b>        | <b>\$</b>        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| <hr/>  |             |             |             |                  |                  |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                     |             |             |             |                  |                  |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year |             |             |             | <u>(962,046)</u> | <u>(678,194)</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |             |             |             | <u>1,695,536</u> | <u>1,860,309</u> |
| <br>   |             |             |             |                  |                  |
| <b>ACCUMULATED UNRESTRICTED FUND</b>           |             |             |             |                  |                  |
| Total funds at 1 January 2001                  |             |             |             | 1,860,309        | 1,743,035        |
| Resources retained/(used) in year              |             |             |             | <u>(164,773)</u> | <u>117,274</u>   |
| <b>Total funds at 31 December 2001</b>         |             |             |             | <u>1,695,53</u>  | <u>1,860,309</u> |



# Acceptance of treasurer's report

I accept

I do not accept

*Please return before September 15, 2002 to:*

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## **Attachment 2**

### **Report from ISN Secretary for the period August 2001 - May 2002**

The following activities have been carried out in the Office of the Secretary since the previous Council Meeting at the ISN/ASN Meeting in Buenos Aires, August 2001.

#### **1) Minutes of the Council Meetings and the Business Meeting in Buenos Aires**

The minutes of these meetings were prepared and sent to the Officers for approval. After approval by the Officers, the minutes were distributed to the Council members, the Company Secretary and the Historian. Subsequently the minutes were published in the December 2001 Newsletter.

#### **2) Neurochemistry News**

Production of the December 2001 issue of Neurochemistry News was unfortunately somewhat delayed mainly due to the fact that important information about activities of the ESN was not available until the beginning of December.

#### **3) New Members**

According to the Council decision in Buenos Aires the intensive but not very rewarding membership campaign has been discontinued. A new membership application form has been prepared (in collaboration with the Treasurer, Dr. Roger Butterworth), printed and distributed. New members have been welcomed to the Society.

#### **4) Involvement in preparations for the ISN/APSN Meeting in Hong Kong 2003**

A short visit in Hong Kong with Dr. Alfreda Stadlin and representatives for the PCO in charge of the 2003 ISN/APSN Meeting in Hong Kong took place in January. The facilities for the Meeting are outstanding and the preparations are progressing well.

#### **5) Meeting with the President concerning ISN matters**

A short visit with Dr. Peter Dunkley in Newcastle took place in January in order to discuss current matters concerning ISN activities, such as the organization of focussed meetings starting with that of 2004. Moreover, the amendment of the bylaws associated with the modified procedure for membership application and the simplification of the membership categories were discussed.

#### **6) Preparations of the Council and Business Meetings to take place in Palm Beach, FL. 2002**

Preparations regarding the Council and General Business Meetings to be held in Palm Beach, FL., such as collection of committee reports have been taken care of. The membership has been informed by mail about the proposed changes of the bylaws, re. Membership and proxy forms have been sent to ordinary members in order to have a vote on this matter at the GBM in Palm Beach.

Letters of invitation to Council members and the Officers plus other persons involved were sent out and if needed hotel reservations were handled. The different activities were scheduled and organized in close collaboration with the President, Dr. Peter Dunkley, and the ASN Business Office run by Linda Garcia.

**7) Meetings with Officers of the ESN to discuss future collaboration**

Participation in a Meeting in Berlin in December organized by the President of ESN in order to discuss aspects of collaboration between ESN and ISN. The Secretary met for a full day with the Officers of ESN and with the Program Chair as well as the Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee of the next ESN Meeting to be held in Warsaw, June 2003.

**8) Involvement in preparations for the ISN/ESN Meeting in Innsbruck 2005**

In accordance with the Council decision in Buenos Aires, the Secretary informed the proposers for Bergen and Prague that in spite of excellent proposals it had been decided not to hold the 2005 Meeting in any of these places. Moreover, the proposers for Rhodes and Innsbruck were asked to supply additional information to facilitate a final decision. Later during 2001 the Secretary informed the proposers from Innsbruck that this venue had been selected and the organizing committee proposing Rhodes was informed that although their proposal was considered excellent, the Society had decided not to have its Meeting in 2005 on Rhodes.

## **Attachment 3**

The CAEN has had an active year to date.

1. Guidelines were written and reviewed through several drafts. The final version was placed on the web page via David Shine. These are designed to clarify eligibility and ranges of available support.
2. Fourteen applicants from twelve countries have been funded for a total of \$41,179. The range of successful grants was from \$875 - \$6,000 (a carry over from the previous year). All offered grants were accepted by the applicants. One successful applicant from Thailand requested a \$3,000 supplement for a workshop jointly sponsored by CAEN/ISN and APN, bringing the total to \$8,000; this supplement was granted only after Treasurer Butterworth met with the organizer (W. Thangnipon) in Thailand. Three applicants were not funded, primarily because they were not within the mandate of the Committee.
3. Two regular applications are pending, although one is for support of the Olser Library at McGill (T. L. Sourkes); another is from Russia (Meilenov) with whom

communication has been difficult. There is currently a curious lull in new applications.

Nearly all Committee work has been accomplished by e-mail, and with the exception of poor communication on occasion to Africa and Russia, has worked well. For the most part members have been very responsive, and all available input has been extremely valuable.

## **Attachment 4**

### **CC REPORT**

Following decisions made by the Council at the ISN meeting in Buenos Aires in August 2001 the ISN-CC now supports:

- Small Conferences. The main part of the grant is used to support participation of young researchers and advanced students.
- Symposia in meetings of other scientific societies. The grant is used to cover travel and accommodation expenses of speakers.

To fulfill this task the ISN-CC budget was increased by \$US 15.000 per year, thus amounting now to a total of \$US 75.000 per year.

Since the ISN meeting in Buenos Aires one application deadline for ISN support for conferences has occurred on October 31, 2001. As previously, the criteria used to rank the various applications as objectively as possible by the CC members included meritocracy of the proposal, interest for ISN, internationality of the attendance, benefit for young researchers, etc.

For the October 31st session, eight submissions were examined, six for small conferences and two for ISN Symposia in meetings of other societies. All submissions were granted except one Small Conference that was considered more appropriate for consideration by the CAEN committee. The name of the successful applicants and the amount allocated are summarized on a separate page.

**RESULTS OF THE APPLICATIONS**  
**October 31, 2001 DEADLINE**

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Location</b>                     | <b>Meeting Location</b>      | <b>Date</b>           | <b>Funds \$ U.S.</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Small Conference</b> |                                     |                              |                       |                      |
| Josef Krieglstein       | Marburg, Germany                    | Marburg, Germany             | 21-24 July 2002       | 7,500                |
| Alois Saria             | Innsbruck, Austria                  | Sölden, Tirol, Austria       | 6-11 April 2002       | 5,500                |
| Nadezda Lukáčová        | Kosice, Slovak Republic             | Stará Lesná, Slovak Republic | 22-26 Sept. 2002      | 5,500                |
| Kim B. Seroogy          | Kentucky, USA                       | Marco Island, Florida, USA   | June 29- July 3, 2002 | 2,250                |
| Giacinto Bagetta        | Arcavacata di Rende Calabria, Italy | Parghelia, Calabria, Italy   | 25-29 May, 2002       | 5,500                |
| <b>ISN Symposia</b>     |                                     |                              |                       |                      |
| Ian A Hendry            | Canberra, Australia                 | Sydney, Australia            | Jan. 31-Feb. 4, 2002  | 7,000                |
| Yasuyuki Nomura         | Sapporo, Japan                      | Sapporo, Japan               | 17 ~ 19 July, 2002    | 4,500                |

## Attachment 5

### Report of the Chairperson of the ISN

#### Standing Rules Committee

##### *B. Hamprecht*

At the Second Council Meeting of the joint ISN / ASN Meeting in Buenos Aires, on September 1, 2001, the new Ex-President was appointed Chairperson of the Standing Rules Committee. The main task of the Committee Chairperson is to update the Standing Rules. This was done last fall in close collaboration with our Company Secretary, Herman Bachelard, who was kind enough to scrutinize the draft of the new version of the Standing Rules. Also the constructive input of the Chairperson of the Committee for Aid and Education in Neurochemistry (CAEN), Steven Pfeiffer, is gratefully acknowledged. The draft of the Standing Rules was sent to the three Officers for comment. Since no further changes were suggested by them, the draft was considered final and sent as the new Standing Rules to all chairpersons of Committees and to all Councillors on January 13, 2002.

The ISN Officers also asked me to create a Neurochemistry Directory to be used for finding on the World Neurochemistry Portal addresses of neurochemists in the world. The request was based on the fact that we had already set up similar data bases as address files for the shipments of the Second Circular of the Buenos Aires Meeting and of the Neurochemistry News. The latter data base was generated by the fusion of the Membership Directories of ISN, ASN and ESN. In this processes all redundancies were eliminated. Unfortunately no such data base exists for APSN due to different structure of that regional sister society. Therefore addresses of neurochemists of the Asian Pacific hemisphere will only be included in the new database if these persons are also members of at least one of the 3 other societies mentioned. In the future the situation could be improved considerably if the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry would translate their membership list from Japanese into Latin characters, and membership lists of some of the other constituent societies of APSN (e.g., Australian Society for Neuroscience, Korean Society for Neurochemistry) could be obtained. The address files of ISN, ASN and ESN are all in different format. The files of ISN and ASN were written in Excel. Much more useful for such data bases is Access, since it allows easy rearrangement of address elements. Thus we decided to create an Access database for the neurochemist search facility at the World Neurochemistry Portal. This meant that the Excel files of ISN and ASN had to be transformed into a common Access data base. A special problem was the ESN list which only existed as a Word file with almost every single address being in a different format. Thus we first retyped all ESN addresses into an Access file. All addresses entered were marked with their origin ISN, ASN and/or ESN. This allows to easily extract all addresses contributed by one of the societies and replace them by an updated file of that society. In addition, an updating date attached to each address entry will allow to judge which of the addresses of multiple

memberships is the most recent one. In such cases the address can be automatically updated in the files of those societies that still contain the outdated information and can be e-mailed as part of an updated society membership list to that society. We expect to finish the establishment of the new World Neurochemists' Directory by end of July this year. The file will then be forwarded to David Shine who will install it on the World Neurochemistry Portal. We will also be providing to him a recommendation for the procedures of updating the files. This recommendation will include the proposal that the membership databases of all neurochemical societies contributing to the common database should be maintained as Access files.

Following the request of Council voiced at the Second Council Meeting in Buenos Aires, I have prepared – with invaluable advice from Peter Gruss in Goettingen – a proposal for the first topically focussed meeting of ISN in 2004. The meeting topic proposed is: “Molecular Mechanisms of Neural Development and Regeneration”. The proposal e-mailed to the ISN President on May 19th consists of 3 parts: A. Structure of the Meeting; B. Day to day Program with potentially invited speakers. C. List of addresses of potentially invited speakers. The meeting is planned for 4 whole days with no parallel sessions. It would accommodate 36 invited speakers, and 8 communications selected from poster abstracts, speaking in 12 sessions, i.e., 3 sessions a day. There would be poster viewing time each day. It appears desirable to engage a professional conference organizing company for taking care of all technical aspects of the meeting such that the scientists would only have to care about the program and evaluate the abstracts.

## **Attachment 6**

### **Report of the ISN Internet Committee**

*David Shine (USA, Chairperson)*

Since August, 2001 ISN's web page and internet communication system has continued to improve despite a rather troublesome setback in the unanticipated change in our internet provider. A summary of the committee's activity is as follows:

- On January 8, 2002 an online version of “*25 Years of the International Society for Neurochemistry*” by Herman Bachelard was posted on ISN's web site.
- On January 10, 2002 we were notified that ISN's web page was chosen by ISI for inclusion in Current Web Contents. The evaluative criteria for inclusion included reviews of the following factors: Authority Accuracy, Applicability & Content, Navigation and Design, Scope, Audience Level, and Quality of Writing. More information may be obtained at:  
<http://www.isinet.com/isi/hot/essays/selectionofmaterialforcoverage/23.html>

- On January 25, 2002 we received a notice that Interland, Inc. had acquired AT&T's Small Business Hosting Services and that our account would be transferred to Interland's computer. To date, the ISN web page has not experience any problems with this transfer though our sister society ASN has had many.
- On February 14, 2002 Rolf Gruetter established a listserv system to send mass email announcements to the membership. It has been used twice to announce deadlines for program suggestions for the Hong Kong meeting. We are trying to use the listserv sparingly to avoid loosing impact from too many emails. Also, we feel that the Secretary must approve before the membership is emailed.

The web site is updated on a weekly basis and the membership directory is updated on a monthly basis. We are assisting the organizers of the Hong Kong meeting by posting initial online information.

The total web page cost since August 2001 to date is \$232.74.

The committee welcomes suggestions to improve ISN's presence on the internet.

## **Attachment 7**

### **Report from Company Secretary (Dr. Herman Bachelard) 2002**

1. My routine duties have been payment of Company fees through our accountant, and to ensure the preparation and forwarding of the Auditors' Reports to our Treasurer.
2. Forwarded to Companies House in London the forms for appointment / resignation of Directors (i.e. incoming and outgoing Council members) after the Buenos Aires meeting
3. Liaising between ISN Officers and our solicitors on amendments to the Constitution and to the Guidelines.

## **Attachment 8**

### **Historian's report**

1. Volumes of J. Neurochem., from 73 to 79 including Supplements, have been bound at a reasonable cost of US \$235. The Archive has a complete set of the Journal.
2. Materials from ex-Presidents (Frode Fonnum, Bernie Agranoff and Bernd

Hamprecht) have been catalogued, with deletion of many duplicated papers.

3. New sections of the Archives are now devoted to sister Societies: ASN, ESN, APSN.

4. There does not seem to be much use in having an Archive unless the information stored therein is accessible to the membership – David Shine has agreed to place the Archives catalogue on the ISN Portal, which I hope to organise over the next few weeks.

5. Historical Sessions

From 1981 to 1997 every ISN biennial Meeting (with the exception of the 11th. meeting in 1987) included an historical session, usually in the form of a main Symposium.

However this was discontinued for the meeting in Berlin – comments from the Programme committee passed on to Gerald Curzon, the then historian, included : “as science grows much faster than history, an historical session every 10 years would be sufficient” and “historical sessions.... never attract as much as science”

Gerald rebutted these rather philistine comments, pointing out that -

- a) “The more knowledge accumulates, the more history there is to discuss – as the production of knowledge accelerates, its disappearance from our consciousness also accelerates if history is neglected. In the absence of historical perspective, work done even as recently as 20 years ago is forgotten”
- b) “In the past the historical sessions have generated attendance at least as large as many scientific ones”

My own feeling is that an historical session can put an interesting or controversial development in our science into perspective while it is still active in our collective memory?

It seems a real pity that these sessions appear to have fallen off the agenda!

6. Original equipment and chemicals

The Science Museum in London has an extensive section devoted to Biochemistry, which includes a substantial amount of material of interest to neurochemists. For example, Rapport’s three original crystallised serotonin samples published with structural analysis in 1948/9, and McIlwain’s original prototype chopper made from war surplus materials. I have made contact with personnel in the Museum with the aim of obtaining a catalogue of their materials of interest to ISN members.

Thudichum’s original lipids (choline platinochloride, lecithin cadmium chloride, phrenosine and kerasine) are currently held in a cupboard in the Dean’s office at Guy’s Hospital in London and I am hoping to arrange for them to be stored in the Science museum.

## **Attachment 9**

### **Report to Publication Committee & Membership**

At the Buenos Aires meeting [August 2001] Alan Boulton stepped down as Chair of the Publications Committee after 6 years loyal service to ISN in this role, including the negotiations for the transfer from Lippincott Williams & Wilkins to our current publishers Blackwell Publishing. The ISN owes much to Alan for all his efforts in this and other roles. John Clark was appointed to replace him as Chair and there were several changes in Membership of the Publications Committee. In an effort to improve communication between the Journal Editorial Board members and the Committee, PM Beart, S Murphy & IJ Reynolds were invited to join, and together with HD Shine, H Soreq, the Chief Editors and the ISN Officers make up the present committee.

As reported by the previous Chair, the transfer of publishers has gone and continues to go smoothly. Indeed our working relationships with Blackwells and their team led by Amanda McLean-Ingليس and Simon Rollison are excellent.

### **Electronic Submission**

The major achievement this reporting year has been the introduction of the electronic submission/reviewing system Scholar One. There were some initial glitches relating to the customising of the system to J. Neurochem and more recently a serious server crash [May 02]. However, through the sterling efforts of our 2 offices [East – Tony Turner & Natalia Nalivaeva : West – Brian Collier & Militsa Krivokapich] these problems have been overcome with the minimal disruption and now some ~60% of submissions are handled by this route. Submissions in total for 2001 were 1340 regular, 119 rapids [589/57 West – 751/62 East] and for the 1st quarter of 2002 over the 2 offices are holding up well. The 2001 total represented a 9% fall in submissions as compared to the previous year with acceptances being the same for both offices [38% regular – ~20% rapids]. Our thanks are due to all concerned. The Electronic Editorial Office has now been embodied in a formal agreement between ISN and the publishers.

### **Subscriptions**

In the event only 820 Institutional subscriptions were handed over by the previous publisher rather than the 913 assumed on negotiation [see previous report 6/01]. Rather than invoke a financial reassessment, Blackwells requested a 2 year extension of the original 5 year agreement which was ratified by Council at Buenos Aires. However, the putative financial loss has been taken up for the most part by the negotiation of new personal on-line and consortia subscriptions. Clearly the ‘unbundling’ of paper/online subscriptions has been a good strategy for the journal resulting in overall revenues being only 9% down on the original budget.

## **2002 Subscription prices are:**

|                     |          |             |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| <b>Institutions</b> | Paper    | - 2301 US\$ |
|                     | Online   | - 2071      |
|                     | Combined | - 2531      |
| <b>Individual</b>   | Paper    | - 598       |
|                     | Online   | - 539       |
|                     | Combined | - 658       |
| <b>Members</b>      | Paper    | - 179       |

Recommendations on the 2003 subscription rates and page nos will be available after the meeting with the publishers (21/6/02 – Palm Beach).

## **Archives**

An agreement to establish an online archive of papers in J Neurochem from 1994 [Vol 62] – 1998 [Vol 71] has been made with the publishers which will mean, when complete, that an online archive from 1994 will be available on 'Synergy' (Blackwell Sciences).

## **Supplements**

These have been prepared for the ASN meeting in Palm Beach (June 02) and plans are in hand to publish supplements for the ESN meeting in Warsaw [June 1-4, 2003] and the ISN/ASPN meeting in Hong Kong [Aug 3-8, 2003].

## **Citations**

The journal continues to maintain its place as the premier neurochemical journal with an impact factor of 4.9 and ranking 23/203 [Neurosciences] and 56/310 [Biochemistry & Molecular Biology] [ISI 2000].

# **Report from Council ISN Council Meeting, Palm Beach, Fl.**

**June 22, 2002**

## **Present:**

Officers: P. Dunkley, President (PD), A. Schousboe, Secretary (AS), R. Butterworth, Treasurer (RB), B. Hamprecht, former President (BH), H. Bachelard, Company Secretary (HB), J. Clark, Chairman for Publication Committee (JC)

Councillors: A. Garcia (AG), F. Garcia de Mello (FGM), F. Hucho (FH), P. Nwoha (PN), S. Pfeiffer (SP), H. Soreq (HS), P. Roberts (PR).

Not present: V. Adam-Vizi, A. Arutjunyan, N. Banik, K. Mikoshiba, B. Zalc

Temporarily present: A. Saria (chairperson LOC 2005 Meeting in Innsbruck, item 9a, b) and A. Stadlin (chairperson LOC 2003 Meeting in Hong Kong, item 7a, b)

## **Agenda:**

1. Opening of the Meeting. Apologies and acceptance of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the Business Meeting and Council Meetings in Buenos Aires
  - ISN Membership-Standing rules, organization and use of web
  - Company Secretary
  - Neurochemistry News – online only
  - 2004 Council and Business Meeting
3. President's Report (attachment 1)
  - BA meeting outcomes
  - Ingenta
  - J. Neurochem. online for ASN members
4. Secretary's Report
  - Intersociety relations
  - Updating of membership lists for Sister Societies
  - Common listing of Neurochemistry Society members
5. Treasurer's Report (see General Business Meeting)
  - 2001 account
  - Budget Projections 2002
  - Hong Kong Meeting Budget
  - Establishment of the office

6. Committee Reports
  - a. Committee for Aid and Education in Neurochemistry (CAEN)
  - b. Committee for Conferences (CC)
  - c. Standing Rules Committee
  - d. Internet Committee
  - e. Company Secretary
  - f. Historian
  - g. Publication Committee
7. Report on 2003 Meeting in Hong Kong
  - a. Program Committee
  - b. Local Organizing Committee
8. Report on Focussed Meeting 2004
  - a. Program
  - b. Venue
9. Report on 2005 Meeting in Innsbruck
  - a. Local Organizing Committee
  - b. Appointment of Chair Program Committee
10. Revision of the procedure for selection of venue for the Biennial Meetings. Involvement of the collaborating Sister Society in the decision process.
11. ISN policy concerning scientists in politically complicated situations. (Attachment 11)
12. Any other business

**Ad 1 Opening of the Meeting. Apologies and acceptance of the agenda.**

Agenda accepted with minor changes regarding sequence of items.

**Ad 2 Matters arising from the Business Meeting and Council Meetings in Buenos Aires**

One of the main issues concerned the change in procedures to be followed when new members are considered. This had resulted in a revision of the bylaws and this had been circulated among Ordinary Members prior to the GBM in order to allow a vote to be taken. This vote will take place at the GBM (please see the minutes from the GBM). This action may require changes in the Standing Rules and the chairperson of the Standing Rules committee (BH) will take care of that. New membership forms will be prepared and will be available in printed form as well as on the web. A procedure for notification of new members will be worked out by the Treasurer and the Secretary.

It was decided in Buenos Aires that a new Company Secretary should be appointed at the Hong Kong Meeting. It was proposed that John Clark be appointed to replace Herman Bachelard when he retires from this function in 2003. This proposal was unanimously accepted by the Council.

The question of a continuation of Neurochem. News in two versions – a printed and an on-line – was briefly debated. HB pointed out as the Historian that it was of considerable importance for the sake of the archives to maintain a printed version. It was decided to continue with the production of the printed version of Neurochem. News until the next Council Meeting in Hong Kong in 2003.

The question of having Council and General Business Meetings in even years (no biennial ISN Meeting) rotating between the different geographical regions had been debated among Council Members prior to the Council Meeting. The scheme shown in the table below had been proposed as a possible solution taking into consideration that these meetings should not only be held in Europe and the Americas but also in the Pacific region. This scheme was unanimously accepted and as can be seen, the first Council Meeting and GBM will be that taking place in 2004 in the Pacific region. The exact venue will be decided later taking into consideration that it should be associated with a meeting in this region with a high probability of a high attendance. This would secure a quorum of an acceptable size.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Biennial</b> | <b>Council</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2001        | Buenos Aires    |                |
| 2002        |                 | Palm Beach     |
| 2003        | Hong Kong       |                |
| 2004        |                 | Asian Pacific  |
| 2005        | Innsbruck       |                |
| 2006        |                 | Europe         |
| 2007        | America's       |                |
| 2008        |                 | America's      |

### **Ad 3 President's Report (attachment 1)**

At the meeting in Buenos Aires the Task Force Committees had finished their work and it was reaffirmed what the Society needs to do in the immediate future in order to function better. One of the decisions was to get a closer relationship between the Society and the Journal and thus to have the chairperson (J. Clark) present at the

Council Meetings. The Company Secretary (HB) pointed out that it would be legally OK and thus this proposal was unanimously accepted.

At the Meeting in Buenos Aires it was decided to increase the funding of CAEN and this extra funding has been well spent supporting projects of high quality.

The surplus from the Buenos Aires Meeting should if released from the Bank remain in Argentina: this was accepted.

The extra funding (USD 7500) via ASN to young Argentinean neurochemists to travel to the ASN Meeting in Palm Beach was accepted.

In relation to the offer that members of ASN can get access to the on-line version of J. Neurochem. it was debated how the collection of the 15 USD fee could best be organized. This will be handled by the Treasurer and either the ASN will be responsible for collective payment directly to the Treasurer's Office or indirectly to Blackwell Publishing.

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In relation to the efforts to strengthen the CAEN activities it was decided that in order to further support Neurochemistry in Africa a small committee having Roger Butterworth as the chairperson should work out a plan for a future neurochemistry conference in Africa and report on this activity at the Council Meeting in Hong Kong in 2003.

#### **Ad 4 Secretary's Report**

##### *Report from ISN Secretary for the period August 2001 – May 2002*

The following activities have been carried out in the Office of the Secretary since the previous Council Meeting at the ISN/ASN Meeting in Buenos Aires, August 2001.

- 1) Minutes of the Council Meetings and the Business Meeting in Buenos Aires  
The minutes of these meetings were prepared and sent to the Officers for approval. After approval by the Officers, the minutes were distributed to the Council members, the Company Secretary and the Historian. Subsequently the minutes were published in the December 2001 Newsletter.
- 2) Neurochemistry News  
Production of the December 2001 issue of Neurochemistry News was unfortunately somewhat delayed mainly due to the fact that important

information about activities of the ESN was not available until the beginning of December.

3) New Members

According to the Council decision in Buenos Aires the intensive but not very rewarding membership campaign has been discontinued. A new membership application form has been prepared (in collaboration with the Treasurer, Dr. Roger Butterworth), printed and distributed. New members have been welcomed to the Society.

4) Involvement in preparations for the ISN/APSN Meeting in Hong Kong 2003

A short visit in Hong Kong with Dr. Alfreda Stadlin and representatives for the PCO in charge of the 2003 ISN/APSN Meeting in Hong Kong took place in January. The facilities for the Meeting are outstanding and the preparations are progressing well.

5) Meeting with the President concerning ISN matters

A short visit with Dr. Peter Dunkley in Newcastle took place in January in order to discuss current matters concerning ISN activities, such as the organization of focussed meetings starting with that of 2004. Moreover, the amendment of the bylaws associated with the modified procedure for membership application and the simplification of the membership categories were discussed.

6) Preparations of the Council and Business Meetings to take place in Palm Beach, FL. 2002

Preparations regarding the Council and General Business Meetings to be held in Palm Beach, FL., such as collection of committee reports have been taken care of. The membership has been informed by mail about the proposed changes of the bylaws, re. Membership and proxy forms have been sent to ordinary members in order to have a vote on this matter at the GBM in Palm Beach.

Letters of invitation to Council members and the Officers plus other persons involved were sent out and if needed hotel reservations were handled. The different activities were scheduled and organized in close collaboration with the President, Dr. Peter Dunkley, and the ASN Business Office run by Linda Garcia.

7) Meetings with Officers of the ESN to discuss future collaboration

Participation in a Meeting in Berlin in December organized by the President of ESN in order to discuss aspects of collaboration between ESN and ISN. The Secretary met for a full day with the Officers of ESN and with the Program Chair as well as the Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee of the next ESN Meeting to be held in Warsaw, June 2003.

9. Involvement in preparations for the ISN/ESN Meeting in Innsbruck 2005

In accordance with the Council decision in Buenos Aires, the Secretary informed the proposers for Bergen and Prague that in spite of excellent proposals it had

been decided not to hold the 2005 Meeting in any of these places. Moreover, the proposers for Rhodes and Innsbruck were asked to supply additional information to facilitate a final decision. Later during 2001 the Secretary informed the proposers from Innsbruck that this venue had been selected and the organizing committee proposing Rhodes was informed that although their proposal was considered excellent, the Society had decided not to have its Meeting in 2005 on Rhodes.

In relation to the issue of intersociety relations it was pointed out that an updated Membership Directory for ESN is needed. BH is in the process of combining the current ISN/ASN/ESN list and it was decided that the Secretary will provide BH with a list of ESN member addresses which apparently are no longer functioning, since Newsletters mailed to these addresses are being returned to the Secretary's Office. Once a joint membership list is prepared it will be maintained in a collaborative effort between the Treasurer and the chairperson of the Internet Committee (David Shine).

### **Ad 5 Treasurer's Report**

It had been somewhat difficult to get the material from the auditors for the Council meeting. The report was unanimously accepted. (The full report can be found as an attachment to the minutes of the GBM).

RB went through the budget projections for 2002 and noted that there will be an increase in the Journal royalties compared to 2001.

In relation to the budget for the 2003 Biennial Meeting in Hong Kong it was decided by Council that the budget could not be exceeded and it was underlined that the allocated sums for travel grants (151,000 USD) and for the Advanced School of Neurochemistry (60,000 USD) could not be changed. On the other hand, the distribution of funding for Symposia, Colloquia etc. might have to be revised in accordance with the construction the final scientific program (see item 7a).

RB raised the question of establishing a permanent Treasurer or Business Office. This was based on the notion that this particular function is rather complicated and therefore it is difficult to maintain this function when the Treasurer is changed every four year. It was pointed out by HB that this suggestion should be seriously considered.

### **Ad 6 Committee Reports**

Reports from all committees can be found as attachments for the minutes of the GBM.

#### *a. Committee for Aid and Education in Neurochemistry (CAEN)*

The CAEN has had an active year to date. (For further details see attachment 3 GBM)

*b. Committee for Conferences REPORT (AG)*

Following decisions made by the Council at the ISN meeting in Buenos Aires in August 2001 the ISN-CC now supports:

- Small Conferences. The main part of the grant is used to support participation of young researchers and advanced students.
- Symposia in meetings of other scientific societies. The grant is used to cover travel and accommodation expenses of speakers.

To fulfill this task the ISN-CC budget was increased by \$US 15.000 per year, thus amounting now to a total of \$US 75.000 per year.

Since the ISN meeting in Buenos Aires one application deadline for ISN support for conferences has occurred on October 31, 2001. As previously, the criteria used to rank the various applications as objectively as possible by the CC members included meritocracy of the proposal, interest for ISN, internationality of the attendance, benefit for young researchers, etc.

For the October 31st session, eight submissions were examined, six for small conferences and two for ISN Symposia in meetings of other societies. All submissions were granted except one Small Conference that was considered more appropriate for consideration by the CAEN committee. The name of the successful applicants and the amount allocated are summarized in attachment 4 of the Minutes of the GBM.

AG asked for minor changes of the guidelines for applications for the Conference Committee. She wanted that applications be submitted 4 months prior the activities for which funding was applied and that this activity should be held within a year after the application was submitted. It was agreed upon and BH will change the guidelines in accordance with this proposal.

*c. Standing Rules Committee Report (BH)*

(See attachment 5 of GBM).

BH will update the guidelines and Standing Rules. Updating of the joint membership list (ISN/ASN/ESN) will be finalized by the end of August.

*d. Internet Committee Report (David Shine, USA, chairperson)*

Since August, 2001 ISN's web page and internet communication system has continued to improve despite a rather troublesome setback in the unanticipated change in our internet provider. A summary of the committee's activity can be found as attachment 6 of GBM:

*e. Company Secretary Report (HB)*

(See attachment 7 of GBM)

f. *Historian's Report (HB)*  
(See attachment 8 of GBM)

HB pointed out that one should consider to have a session at a future Biennial Meeting on the history of the Society. Although this is not a strict scientific topic the Council had sympathy for this notion.

g. *Publication Committee Report (JC)*  
(See attachment 9 of GBM)

JC added that the review section of the Journal will be strengthened by addition of new members of the Editorial Board who will be particularly dedicated to this activity.

Electronic submission of the Journal was discussed and some of the disadvantages pointed out. In this regard the recent problems with Scholar One were mentioned. PR expressed some concern that the impact factor of the Journal was not high enough to attract manuscripts of very high quality. Such manuscripts would in all likelihood be submitted to journals such as J. Neuroscience and J. Biol. Chem.

All Committee reports were accepted.

### **Ad 7 Report on 2003 Meeting in Hong Kong**

a. *Program Committee*

The Chairperson of the Program Committee, Dr. Mark Smith, unfortunately could not attend the Meeting. In his absence, the President requested permission from Council to allow the Program Committee to restructure the scientific program in the light of the fact that only some 25 proposals for Young Investigator Colloquia Speakers had been received. Council authorized the Program Committee to make the best possible use of the many Symposia proposals to compensate for this lack of candidates for YIC speakers. Judged from the material available, it should be possible to produce an excellent scientific program for the Meeting.

b. *Local Organizing Committee*

Alfreda Stadlin showed a diagram of the Convention Center explaining how Posters would be centrally placed to facilitate viewing. Posters will be presented during prolonged lunch breaks where lunch will be provided as included in the registration fee. She also explained the location of hotels (two adjoined to the Conference Center) and low-cost student accommodation (14 USD per night). The registration fees will be:

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## **Ad 8 Report on Focussed Meeting 2004**

### *Report on the Special Neurochemistry Conference 2004*

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It was debated as to whether or not the venue for the meetings necessarily had to be identical to the geographical location of the chairperson appointed to be in charge of the scientific program. The Council was divided in this question and several Council Members expressed that one might be able to decide upon the topic/ chairperson and the venue separately. As for the 2004 Meeting to be held in Europe it was decided to either have the meeting at the location of the chairperson or at the

Capsis Hotel in Heraklion, Crete as this latter venue was one of those seriously considered for the 2005 Biennial meeting. The topics suggested for the 2004 Meeting were debated at length. The main interest being focused on a) new technological developments, b) on changes in neuronal gene expression having Jacques Mallet as the Program chair or c) molecular mechanisms of neuronal development as suggested by B. Hamprecht. At a final voting it was decided to appoint Dr. Jacques Mallet from Paris to organize a meeting on 'Changes in Neuronal Gene Expression and CNS Drug Responses'. HS agreed to contact Jacques Mallet and he subsequently agreed to undertake this task. A budget of 150,000 USD for the 2004 meeting was accepted by Council. The meeting should not exceed 300 participants who will be selected on a first come first serve basis.

A detailed procedure for planning of the future focused meetings will be worked out prior to the Council Meeting to take place in Hong Kong 2003.

### **Ad 9 Report on 2005 Meeting in Innsbruck**

#### *a. Local Organizing Committee*

The Chairperson of the LOC, Dr. Alois Saria summarized the current status of the planning of the 2005 ISN/ESN Meeting in Innsbruck. Registration fees will be low and also hotel costs are likely to be affordable. Everything points towards a well-planned and well-organized Meeting.

Promotional material will be prepared prior to the Biennial Meeting in Hong Kong.

#### *b. Appointment of Chair, Program Committee*

Council unanimously appointed Dr. Phil Beart, Monash Univ., Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, as Program Chair for the joint ISN/ESN Meeting.

### **Ad 10 Revision of the procedure for selection of venue for the Biennial Meetings. Involvement of the collaborating Sister Society in the decision process**

It was decided that the ASN officers should be invited to take part in the decision process at the Biennial Meeting in Hong Kong to determine the venue for the 2007 joint ISN/ASN Meeting. Thus, the ASN Officers or individuals appointed in their place will be invited to take part in the Second Council Meeting in Hong Kong.

### **Ad 11 ISN policy concerning scientists in politically complicated situations**

As a consequence of a petition in 'The Guardian' to exclude Israeli scientists from scientific collaboration, HB and the Officers had agreed prior to the Council Meeting to produce a statement opposing such a petition. HB had finalized the text as follows:

The Council of the International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) objects strongly to the call by a group of European academics (The Guardian, London, April 6, 2002; Liberation, Paris, April 15, 2002) for a moratorium, based on political grounds, on all academic and cultural links with Israel and on European research support for Israeli institutions. The main objective of ISN is the advancement of research and education in the science of neurochemistry throughout the world; no-one is excluded from membership of the Society or from attendance at its meetings on grounds of race, religion or nationality. Academic activities should be quite separate from politics. ISN regards any demand for a breaking of links with colleagues from any country, who as independent academics naturally hold diverse political views, as a denial of the freedom of thought and exchange of ideas which must characterise all scholarship. We therefore confirm our determination to ensure that all our activities will remain open to the full participation of scholars of all backgrounds and nationalities.

Peter Dunkley, Brisbane (Chairman)  
Arne Schousboe, Copenhagen (Secretary)  
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Herman Bachelard, Nottingham (Company Secretary)

The council unanimously supported this initiative and accepted the text with small amendments, namely that the sentences: 'Even during the cold war academics from Eastern bloc countries hosted and attended our international conferences. There was no boycott of scientific exchange.' be deleted. HB will send this note to 'The Guardian'.

## **Ad 12 Any other business**

As there was no other business the President concluded the Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

# **Attachment 1**

## **3.1 BA Meeting Outcomes.**

The major issues that arose from the 2001 meeting in Buenos Aires relate to the ISN Task Forces. It is timely to summarize some of the successes of the Task Forces which include the following:

- The reaffirmation of the aims of the society.
- The decision to alter the membership of the society that has been discussed and will be presented to the Business Meeting
- The decision to support neurochemists in the three regions not just the members of the society. This has led to the agreement to rotate the biennial meeting through

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- The decision to have a Special Neurochemistry Meeting in 2004 (to be discussed later). This has also led to further proposals that I will report on later in my report.
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- A number of new initiatives in CAEN have begun and these will be reported later.

A second issue to arise is the fact that the situation in Argentina has degenerated substantially. This has meant that the funds due to be returned to the ISN have been frozen in the banks. I would like to propose that if the funds are ever released that we should leave them to the Argentinian Society for Neurochemistry. In addition the ASN set up a fund to support Argentinians to attend the ASN meeting and I put up \$7,500 to assist 5 individuals to attend. This was done as a special one off and did not come from the CAEN budget. The individuals chosen were determined by an ASN process.

### **3.2 Ingenta**

At the last meeting Bernd Hamprecht reported on the situation with our contract with Ingenta. Subsequently I spoke with the director of Ingenta and had discussions with the officers. I would like to propose that no further action be taken.

### **3.3 J Neurochem online for the ASN**

Our publishers Blackwell were anxious to get more neurochemists involved in the use of the journal. We have now begun to trial an offer of J Neurochem on line for members of the ASN. Our intention is to complete this by also making similar offers to ESN and to the APSN. I will visit Japan soon to discuss this and other items.

There are also a couple of extra items not listed on the Agenda

### **3.4 Chair of the 2005 Program Committee**

I would like the Council to consider Professor P Beart as the program chair for the 2005 meeting.

### **3.5 Council needs to decide on whether it will support a booth at the Neuroscience Meetings and if so who will organize it and man it?**

### **3.6 ISN will provide CAEN with a special budget to support meetings in underdeveloped regions.**

The ISN wishes to support Neurochemistry in underdeveloped countries and regions. It has decided to have Special Neurochemistry Conferences and these will be chosen by a competitive process involving submissions to Council. We have found that underdeveloped regions often cannot compete under these circumstances. We will therefore initiate a program of supporting meetings in underdeveloped regions. The first of these meetings could be run in Africa. Subsequent meetings will be run in other regions of the world that are also underdeveloped. CAEN is asked to make a formal submission to the council meeting in Hong Kong for funding for this new meeting program for underdeveloped countries, including the aims of the program and the criteria that will be used to make decisions about future meetings.

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3. Ca signaling at the synapse
4. Regulation of neuroprogenitor cells in brain
5. Cell transplants and gene therapy: insights in neural repair
6. Aquaporins in the central nervous system – structure, regulation and functions
7. Neuroimmunology
8. Telomerase: From birth to death
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14. Signaling through proteolysis
15. Synaptogenesis and synaptic plasticity

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19. Astrocytes
20. Stroke

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4. Informatics for neurochemists
5. Stem cells
6. Therapeutic strategies for neurodegeneration

## **Satellite Meetings**

### ***Premeeting Satellites***

#### **Frontiers of Myelin Biology and Demyelinating Diseases**

Rashmi Bansal (USA) and Steven Pfeiffer (USA)

Exact dates and location to be decided

#### **Neurobiology of Glycolipids and Glycoproteins**

Robert K. Yu (USA)

July 30 to August 1, Taipei, Taiwan

#### **Environmental Factors in Aging and Neurodegenerative Disorders**

Albert Y Sun (USA)

July 30 to August 2, Taipei, Taiwan

#### **Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Drug Abuse**

Syed F. Ali (USA)

July 30 to August 1, Nagoya/Kyoto, Japan

### ***Postmeeting Satellites***

#### **Metal-induced Neurodegeneration: from Global Exposure to Individual Susceptibility**

Michael Aschner (USA), Wei Zheng (USA) and Julian Chen (China)

August 9-10, Xi'an, China

#### **Sixth International Meeting on Brain Energy Metabolism**

Albert Yu (China)

August 10-12, Beijing, China

#### **Mechanisms of Oxidative Stress in Neurodegenerative Disorders**

Bill Piu Chan (China)

August 10-13, Beijing, China

# **2003 ISN/APSN Travel Award Application**

The ISN/APSN proposes to offer travel awards to young investigators in order to allow them to attend the 19th Biennial Meeting, to be held in Hong Kong from August 3-8, 2003, as a joint meeting of the ISN/APSN.

Investigators who plan to submit abstracts as the first author are eligible to compete for awards for partial support to attend the meeting. The actual amount awarded to any individual will depend on projected travel costs and is not expected to cover the full expenses of the recipient. In addition, awardees will be reimbursed at the meeting for the registration fee they have paid. Preference will be given to younger investigators. This is to be interpreted as less than eight (8) years from award of first doctoral degree. Priority will be given to persons who have not received support previously and who do not hold a permanent senior position.

**Applications should be sent to the Chair of the Travel Award Committee: Professor Vera Adam-Vizi, Dept. of Biochemistry, Semmelweis University of Medicine, Puskin St 9, P.O. Box 262, H-1444 Budapest  
E-mail: av@puskin.sote.hu or Fax: +36 1 267 0031.**

Applications should preferably be sent by E-mail [an attachment from a standard Microsoft (Windows or Macintosh), or WordPerfect program can probably be handled – you will be informed if there is a problem]. A plain text file in ASCII format with lines of less than 80 characters is the safest option. Application may also be sent by fax or postal mail.

**Deadline for receipt: January 31, 2003**

Receipt will be confirmed only if an E-mail address is included.



## 2003 ISN/APS Travel Award Application

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Forenames: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral degree(s) or highest degree, date(s) obtained, from what institution(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

- Cost of travel      US\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Accommodation      US\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Subsistence      US\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total requested      US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have previously received travel support from the Society to attend an ISN meeting

Please write yes or no: \_\_\_\_\_

Include a half-to-one page description of the project which will be submitted as an abstract for the meeting (if already submitted, a copy of the abstract is adequate).

Also list up to 5 publications in neurochemistry (authors, title and reference, including in press).





# **6th Biennial Advanced School of Neurochemistry of the ISN**

**July 30 – August 3, 2003**

## **Responses to Trauma in the CNS: Genes to Ethics**

**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

The International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) is sponsoring an educational program focused on the application of molecular and cellular techniques to understanding the signaling cascades that determine outcomes after chronic or acute trauma to the nervous system. Young investigators are invited to apply for the The Sixth Advanced School of Neurochemistry to be held at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in the outskirts of Hong Kong, China, immediately prior to the '03 ISN/APS Meeting in Hong Kong to be held in August, 2003. We expect that the tradition of international camaraderie and joyful learning in a relaxed environment surrounded by a spectacular setting of the ISN School will make this a memorable event for all involved. At the '01 "School" in Argentina there were faculty and young scientists from 30 countries.

Faculty (all • have accepted): Drs. Regino Perez-Polo, Director (USA), Eckart Gundelfinger (Germany), Polycarp Nwoha (Nigeria), Peter Roberts (UK), Alfreda Stadlin (Hong Kong), Jean DeVellis (USA) – will coordinate the course. Some invited Faculty are Ping Wu• (USA) ~ Hermona Soreq• (Israel) ~ Steffen Rossner• (Germany) ~ David Shine• (USA) ~ John Steeves• (Canada) ~ Ronald Carson• (USA) ~ Freda Miller (Canada) ~ Moses Chao (USA) ~ Luis Parada (USA) ~ Alain Privat (France) ~ Perry Bartlett (Australia) ~ Hideyuki Okano (Japan). Through a series of lectures and informal discussions with an expert faculty the course will acquaint participants with our present understanding as to the role of inflammatory and cell death promoting signal cascades in the nervous system in various experimental paradigms, with an emphasis on basic and clinical applications. Participants will also have the opportunity to present and discuss with faculty their work in poster form. All faculty and young scientists will share meals and accommodations during the 4-5 days of the "School". Postgraduates (up to 5 years after Ph.D. or equivalent) and graduate students are encouraged to apply for fellowships, which will include registration, room and board and travel assistance. All attendees will be issued complimentary registration at the ISN/APS Meeting that follows. To apply kindly submit a curriculum vitae (two page maximum), a letter of intent stating why you wish to

attend, list of publications (if appropriate) and two letters of recommendation from faculty at an academic institution or research institute, or biotechnology company. Only electronic submissions will be considered. In order to maintain an atmosphere of informal exchanges the number of participants will be restricted.

Applications must be received via email by January 15, 2003 to be considered. Because of the obvious risk involved in receiving attachments from unknown sources, kindly paste the information to the email submission. All materials are to be sent to:

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## **Preliminary Program & Plan**

# **ISN Advanced Neurochemistry School Responses to Trauma in the CNS**

**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

### **Committee:**

Eckart Gundelfinger (Germany) – Synaptic Plasticity  
Polycarp Nwoha (Nigeria)  
Regino Perez-Polo, (USA) Chair – Genomics  
Peter Roberts (UK)  
Alfreda Stadlin (Hong Kong) – Addiction Responses  
Jean DeVellis (USA) – Neuron-glia Interactions

### **Faculty:**

Ping Wu\* (USA) – Stem Cell Transplants  
Hermona Soreq\* (Israel) – Antisense Strategies  
Steffen Rossner\* (Germany) – Transgenic Models  
David Shine\* (USA) – Viral Transfections  
John Steeves\* (Canada)  
Ronald Carson\* (USA) – Bioethics  
Jackie Bresnahan (USA) – Inflammation in Trauma  
Freda Miller (Canada) – Signaling Cascades  
Moses Chao (USA) – Signaling Cascades  
Luis Parada (USA) – Transgenic Models  
Alain Privat (France) – Gene Therapy  
Perry Bartlett (Australia) – Stem Cells  
Hideyuki Okano (Japan)

### **Tentative Schedule:**

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>July 30th</b> | Arrivals and welcome in afternoon |
| 18:00-20:00      | Reception and dinner              |
| 20:00-21:00      | Evening Lecture ~ 1 hour          |

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>July 31st</b> |                                 |
| 8:45- 9:00       | Welcome                         |
| 9:00-12:00       | 5 Talks ~ 4 hours               |
| 12:00-14:00      | Lunch                           |
| 14:00-16:00      | Student Presentations ~ 2 hours |

16:00-17:00 Discussion  
17:00-19:00 Free time  
19:00-21:00 Dinner  
21:00-22:00 1 Talk ~ 1 hour

### **August 1st**

9:00-13:00 5 Talks ~ 4 hours  
13:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-16:00 Student Presentations ~ 2 hours  
16:00-21:00 Excursion  
21:00-22:00 Evening Discussion ~ 1 hour

### **August 2nd**

9:00-13:00 5 Talks ~ 4 hours  
13:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-18:00 Discussions & Summaries ~ 4 hours\* \*  
18:00-20:00 Dinner  
20:00-22:00 Evening Discussions & Farewells ~ 2 hours

**August 3rd** Departure in morning for ISN meeting

\* Have accepted

\*\* During discussions we will break out into smaller groups of students and faculty to get better representation of views. There will be 4 groups. At the end each group will elect a representative to propose views and and conclusions and even further questions to be considered.

We expect about 40-50 students

Students and faculty receive free room and board.

Accompanying members must pay their way.

Some students will receive travel funds.

All students will be required to apply for funding from ISN.

All students and faculty receive registration waivers at the ISN meeting

Some faculty will receive partial travel funds if they are not covered by ISN

Faculty are encouraged to stay for the whole school

Students are encouraged to submit an abstract to be presented as a poster, which may be the same as the one being presented at the meeting.

All faculty must send a 1-2 page plan lesson or outline early enough to assemble in Program Book.

In every talk we will emphasize approaches and methodology and use our own research for an example.

Evening sessions will end when all are ready for bed, they may go beyond allotted times.

We will strive for geographical diversity and gender balance

Faculty and students eat all meals together

Hong Kong University has separate male and female sleeping quarters. We have 15 rooms for 30 females and 15 rooms for 30 males. We have 10 single and 4 twin rooms for faculty. We will need a few more rooms for faculty.

**19th Biennial Meeting of The International Society For Neurochemistry  
Joint meeting with the Asian Pacific Society for Neurochemistry  
Hong Kong, China, August 3-8, 2003.**

## **ISN Young Scientist Lectureship Awards**

These ISN awards are to recognize research achievements of promising young scientists involved in neurochemistry research. Up to two young scientists, 38 years of age or younger at the time of proposal, may be given the ISN award consisting of a paid trip to the joint ISN/APSN Meeting in Hong Kong, China, where they will present a 30 minute lecture.

Candidates can be proposed either by the head of a department or a senior scientist. Nominating letters should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and a short description (with references) of the research accomplishments of the candidate. Proposals should be sent to the Chairman of the ISN Conference Committee.

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**Deadline for receipt of Young Scientist Lectureship Award nomination  
December 20, 2002**

# Reports from CC Sponsored Meetings

## **Creatine Kinase and Brain Energy Metabolism: Function and Disease**

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NATO Advanced Research Workshop titled "Creatine Kinase and Brain Energy Metabolism: Function and Disease" was held in Tbilisi, Georgia between June 14-18, 2001. Tbilisi State University hosted the ARW. The meeting was co-sponsored by an International Society for Neurochemistry and Soros Science Education Fund. The co-directors of the ARW were Dr. David Holtzman, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, MA, USA and Dr. Tea Kekelidze, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, MA, USA and Tbilisi State University, Georgia. The principal members of the organizing committee were Prof. David Mikeladze, Tbilisi Institute of Physiology, Georgia, Prof. Herman Bachelard, School of Physics & Astronomy, University of Nottingham, UK and Prof. Be Wieringa, University of Nijmegen, Netherlands.

The major objectives of the ARW, were to bridge the gap between fundamental Neuroscience and clinical Neurology in the field of brain energy metabolism, and to initiate the research contacts between the NATO and NATO Partner countries in Eastern Europe. Over 50 scientists from 13 different NATO and Partner countries participated in oral and poster presentations and in lively discussion sessions. Additionally, over 30 students and professors from Georgia attended the ARW. The participants included both international experts in the field and the younger generation of research and clinical scientists.

The ARW provided an opportunity for the crosstalk between the scientists and the physicians working in the area of metabolic disorders. The meeting summarized the recent advances in the field of brain energy metabolism focusing on the role of creatine kinase (CK). The biochemical, genetic, behavioral, physiological and clinical aspects of the CK in health and in brain disorders were covered. The molecular mechanisms underlying the protective effect(s) of creatine in metabolic disorders and brain disease involving the novel biochemical pathways were discussed. The mechanisms of regulation and adaptation of brain during metabolic stress and critical clinical conditions at the level of the CK were addressed. Overall, the meeting summed up an existing basic science and clinical research data on the CK and brain energy regulation, identified the new questions and defined the future directions for research in this area of neuroscience.

Number of new scientific contacts and collaborations were established between the western scientists and their counterparts from former Soviet Union. A considerable personal experience of the ARW participants gained from the close interaction with each other at both scientific and cultural levels, gives us a strong hope that the projects conceived at the ARW will be successfully carried out in the future.

An information about the workshop is available at the ARW web site:

<http://spl.bwh.harvard.edu:8000/conferences/ARW01/>

We would once again like to thank NATO Science Program, International Society for Neurochemistry, Soros Science Education Fund and Avicena Inc. for their kind support, without which this remarkable meeting would not have been possible to hold.

**Giulio Levi**

Organizer and Chairman of the Meeting



## **V European Meeting on Glial Cell Function in Health and Disease**

The Meeting took place in Rome from May 21, 2002 (afternoon) through May 25 (lunch time), in the main Auditorium (Aula Magna) and surrounding premises of the Rector's building of the University of Rome I "La Sapienza". The Meeting consisted of 5 daily key-note lectures, 10 two-hour Workshops and 3 poster sessions of two and half hours each. The titles of lectures and the topics of Workshops are listed below, together with the name and country of lecturers and Workshop organizers. The 365 posters were subdivided into thematic sessions, as reported below. The abstracts of all presentations were published in an ad hoc Supplement of the Journal GLIA, that was distributed to all participants and also sent by the publisher to all subscribers. The lecturers were selected by the international Scientific Committee appointed by the Organizer. The Scientific Committee also selected the 10 Workshops to be included in the program from 36 proposals received.

### **Key-note lectures:**

1. Regional patterning and oligodendroglial specification in stem cells of the adult central nervous system (*A.L. Vescovi, Italy*)
2. Development and function of Drosophila glial cells: what can we learn for higher systems? (*C. Klämbt, Germany*)
3. Cellular junctions of myelinated nerves (*E. Peles, Israel*)
4. Neuronal ligand-myeloid cell inhibitory receptor interactions in maintenance of microglial cell homeostasis (*J. Sedgwick, USA*)
5. Importance of glia to prion disease (*D.R. Brown, UK*)

### **Workshops:**

1. Origins and potential of CNS and PNS glia (*organised by K.R. Jessen, UK*)
2. Astrocytes as suppliers of substrates for neuronal metabolism (*organised by R. Dringen & J.W. Deitmer, Germany*)
3. Steroid hormones in regeneration, plasticity and protection (*organised by L. M. Garcia-Segura, Spain*)
4. GAP junctions (*organised by K. Unsicker, Germany*)
5. Generation and regeneration of oligodendrocytes (*organised by J.-L. Thomas, France*)
6. Basement membrane in glial development and function (*organised by P.J. Brophy, UK*)
7. Axonal and synaptic neuron-glia interactions (*organised by R. Robitaille, Canada*)
8. Roles of ERM proteins in astrocytes: Normal function and disease (*organised by A. Derouiche, Germany*)
9. Excitotoxicity in disorders of CNS white matter (*organised by M.P. Goldberg, USA*)
10. Gliomas: Molecular insight and novel therapeutic targets (*organised by G. Finocchiaro, Italy*)

**Poster sessions:**

- Development (P1-P22)
- Growth and Death (P23-P39)
- Neurodegeneration and Ageing (P40-P66)
- Prion and Other Infectious Diseases (P67-P79)
- Tumours (P80-P90)
- Cell Interactions (P91-P116)
- Neurotransmitter/Neuropeptide Receptors (P117-P126a)
- Adhesion Molecules and Gap Junctions (P127-P135)
- Extracellular Matrix, Structural and Functional Proteins (P136-P147)
- Signal Transduction Mechanisms (P148-P165)
- Injury (P166-P190)
- Ions and Channels (P191-P202)
- Transporters and Ion Buffering (P203-P216)
- Inflammation (P217-P234)
- Ischemia, Anoxia and Hypoglycemia (P235-P248)
- Myelin (P249-P265)
- Differentiation (P266-P276)
- Specialised and Peripheral Glia (P277-P284)
- Interactions with Endocrine and Immune Systems (P285-P298)
- Oxidative Stress (P299-P308)
- Epilepsy and Mental Disorders (P309-P316)
- Inflammatory Demyelinating Diseases (P317-P337)
- Stem Cells and Glial Cell Lineage (P338-P346)
- Repair Processes (P347-P365)

As shown by this synthetic outline of the program, the Meeting covered many aspects of glial cell development and function in health and disease. Most of the data presented both from the platform and in posters were related to experimental studies in model in vitro and in vivo systems. However, some flavor of clinical studies was provided in lectures concerning the use of glutamic acid receptor antagonists in the treatment of cerebral ischemia, and aspects of the genetics, pathogenesis and therapy of brain tumors.

The Meeting was attended by 541 registered participants from all over the world (41 countries). The largest number of participants came from Italy (110), France (68), Germany (64), Spain (55), USA (50) and United Kingdom (41). The number of young participants was impressively high (as a rough estimate, I would say that more than 80% were below 40) and the number of scientists from economically less privileged European, South American and Asian countries (59) was also remarkable.

The policy of the Congress was to facilitate the participation of young investigators and scientists from less privileged countries by an ample program of fellowships and other financial aids. All the money received from the ISN was used to provide 19 fellowships (see list below). In addition, 10 fellowships were awarded through a grant from IBRO, 10 were paid by the publisher of the journal *GLIA* (with one

renunciation) and 8 by the Italian Society of Neuroscience. Fellowships were awarded by an *ad hoc* Committee nominated by the Organizer. In addition over 20 people who were not awarded a fellowship were offered free accommodation by the Congress organizers. Altogether, almost 70 people received one form or the other of financial aid, and this was greatly appreciated by the recipients as well as by the scientific community in general. I should add that the living expenses were minimized for all participants who did not have to pay for lunches, coffee breaks, welcome cocktail and social dinner.

In addition to the welcome cocktail and dinner, the social events included a concert of Italian baroque music in a beautiful church downtown Rome in which the participants could also admire beautifully lighted Renaissance painting and frescos and a statue of Christ by Michelangelo. These events helped facilitating interactions and fraternization among scientists of different origin and age.

The major sources of financial support for the Meeting were, in the order, the European Commission, my own Institute (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome) and the University of Rome "La Sapienza". The generous help of these and other sponsors allowed the organization of a Meeting that was greatly appreciated by the participants for its scientific content, smooth running and friendly atmosphere.

## **International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) fellowships**

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| AHBOUCHA, S.             | Morocco          |
| AKASSOGLU, K.            | USA              |
| BALTRONS, A.             | Spain            |
| BREIDERT, T.             | France           |
| BRITZ, F.C.              | Germany          |
| COLOMAR, A.              | France           |
| DRØIDAHL, N.             | Denmark          |
| GARCIA-OVEJERO, D.       | Spain            |
| LAVDAS, A.A.             | Greece           |
| LEVAVASSEUR, E.          | France           |
| NGUYEN, M.D.             | Canada           |
| POULLETIER DE GANNES, F. | France           |
| REPOVIC, P.              | USA              |
| RITZ, M.-F               | Switzerland      |
| ROMERO-ALEMÁN, M.M.      | Canary Is, Spain |
| ROUSSE, I.               | Canada           |
| SIMON, B.M.              | UK               |
| TRAKA, M.                | Greece           |
| VARGOVA, L.              | Czech Rep.       |

## International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) fellowships: sums awarded

| Name                         | Country          | Euro          |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. AHBOUCHA, S.              | Morocco          | 540           |
| 2. AKASSOGLOU, K.            | USA              | 530           |
| 3. BALTRONS, A.              | Spain            | 520           |
| 4. BREIDERT, T.              | France           | 520           |
| 5. BRITZ, F.C.               | Germany          | 520           |
| 6. COLOMAR, A.               | France           | 520           |
| 7. DRØIDAHN, N.              | Denmark          | 520           |
| 8. GARCIA-OVEJERO, D.        | Spain            | 520           |
| 9. LAVDAS, A.A.              | Greece           | 530           |
| 10. LEVAVASSEUR, E.          | France           | 520           |
| 11. NGUYEN, M.D.             | Canada           | 630           |
| 12. POULLETIER DE GANNES, F. | France           | 520           |
| 13. REPOVIC, P.              | USA              | 620           |
| 14. RITZ, M.-F.              | Switzerland      | 480           |
| 15. ROMERO-ALEMÁN, M.M.      | Canary Is, Spain | 530           |
| 16. ROUSSE, I.               | Canada           | 630           |
| 17. SIMON, B.M.              | UK               | 520           |
| 18. TRAKA, M.                | Greece           | 530           |
| 19. VARGOVA, L.              | Czech Rep.       | 520           |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                  | <b>10,220</b> |

### Notes:

1. The total corresponds to US\$ 9,000 at the exchange rate of:1 Euro = 0.8806 US\$
2. The sums allotted took into some consideration the distance of the country of origin, with the exception of Dr. Akassoglou, who was by error considered as Greek, although she is presently working in the US. When I noticed, it was too late to correct.

# 20th Biennial ISN Meeting



ISN

**August 21-26, 2005, Innsbruck, Austria**

## **Destination**

The 20th Biennial Meeting of the ISN will be held in conjunction with the ESN in Innsbruck, Austria. Innsbruck is a charming city, located at the very heart of Europe. At the time of this meeting, it offers a wide variety of cultural, sports and recreational activities. Pre- and post-conference-tours may include visits to renowned cultural sights in Austria, Germany and Italy, such as Vienna, Venice or Neuschwanstein Castle.

## **Local Organising Committee**

As an old university town Innsbruck has a long-standing tradition in hosting international conferences. The Local Organising Committee represents the large neuroscience community of the Universities of Innsbruck and Vienna:

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| C. Bandtlow           | Innsbruck           |
| R. Fischer-Colbrie    | Innsbruck           |
| W.W. Fleischhacker    | Innsbruck           |
| B. Grubeck-Lobenstein | Innsbruck           |
| L. Klimaschewski      | Innsbruck           |
| A. Laslop             | Innsbruck           |
| W. Poewe              | Innsbruck           |
| A. Saria              | Chairman, Innsbruck |
| W. Sieghart           | Vienna              |
| E. Singer             | Vienna              |
| N. Singewald          | Innsbruck           |
| G. Sperk              | Innsbruck           |
| H. Winkler            | Innsbruck           |
| G. Zernig             | Innsbruck           |

## **Venue**

Congress Innsbruck  
Rennweg 3  
A-6020 Innsbruck, Austria  
[www.congress-innsbruck.at](http://www.congress-innsbruck.at)

Congress Innsbruck, „Best congress centre 2001” – AIPC Apex Award Winner, is located next to the Old Town with its numerous restaurants, cafés and bars.

## **Registration Fees**

To enable as many scientists as possible to attend the meeting, the LOC will keep the registration fees at a low level, i.e. at approximately € 200.- for members. Furthermore, there will be substantial reductions for students.

**Accommodation**

Innsbruck offers a range of accommodation which is well balanced both in terms of price and quality, from 5-star hotels to cosy guest houses. Prices are between € 44.- to € 140.- for the single room including breakfast, service and all taxes. Most hotels are within easy walking distance to the conference centre, situated right at the centre of Innsbruck. In August, Innsbruck also offers rooms in student dormitories at bargain prices.

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# **The ISN Committee for Aid and Education in Neurochemistry**

The Committee for Aid for Neurochemistry (CAEN) of the International Society of Neurochemistry (ISN) has been formed with the aim of supporting neurochemical research in economically deprived countries. CAEN provides small travel and research grants as well as grants to support educational workshops. Moreover, applications for obtaining free subscriptions to the Journal of Neurochemistry will be considered.

Inquiries and requests for application should be directed to:

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## **International Society for Neurochemistry Program for Conferences**

As in previous years, the International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) supports and announces programs intended to promote conferences in the science of neurochemistry throughout the world in accordance with the Society's Articles of Association.

ISN is prepared to support conference organizers up to US\$ 15,000, provided that conferences are related to neurochemistry subjects. The financial support is meant to be used for Young Neurochemists Conference Fellowships and for the Organizers. Grants will be given on the competitive basis, favouring program with international speakers and audiences. Additionally, the ISN Council decided at its Meeting in Buenos Aires 2001 that it may also be possible to sponsor activities related to the scientific program of meetings of other societies, again provided that the topics are related to neurochemistry. Applications will be examined twice a year (30 April and 31 October)

Please note that applications must be submitted at least 4 months prior to the meeting to be sponsored and that the meeting, if sponsored, should be held no later than 1 year after the application has been handled.

Inquiries and requests for application forms should be directed to :

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**Application deadlines  
April 30 and October 31,**

for 2002 and the following years, unless otherwise stated.

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Ajibade, Aadeshina  
Akabugwo, Emmanuel I.  
Akuru, Temitope  
Almaguer-Melian, William  
Aniagu, Stanley  
Ayoka, Abiodune  
Bashkatova, Valentina  
Carroll, Fiona  
Chinco, Ben Ahmed  
Ebuehi, OsarettinAlbert T.  
Egwu, Michael Ogbonnia  
El-Hajj Moussa, Charbel  
Enaibe, Bernard U.  
Errami, Mohammed  
Esom, Emmanuel  
Galeffi, Francesca  
Giri, Shailendra  
Ibegbu, Augustine  
Ibeh, Joseph  
Ibeneme, Sam  
Imaga, Felix Ume

Izobo, Stanley  
Javadekar-Subhedar, Vaishali  
Kalfin, Reni  
Kalipatnapu, Shanti  
Kekelidze, Tea  
Lawan, Ahmed  
Litt, Lawrence  
Maharaj, Deepa  
Mudashiru, Liadi Kolapo  
Nakagawasai, Osamu  
Obi, Felix Chukwudi  
Ohiomokhare, Samuel  
Okangba, Blessing  
Okoro, Iheanyi  
Omotoso, Emmanuel Oluwole  
Owoeye, Olatunde  
Oze, Gabriel  
Pucadyil, Thomas  
Rattray, Marcus A.  
Ren, Yi  
Satoh, Nobunori  
Shallie, Philemon  
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## New Membership Directory

Members will receive later in the year the new Membership Directory (issue 2002). It is intended to produce a joint membership list for members for the ISN, ASN and ESN. Members are kindly asked to immediately check the current directory (2000) and inform the Treasurer's Office on any errors in or omissions from postal and telecommunication addresses that they find. In addition, all changes in addresses that have occurred in the meantime should be communicated to the Treasurer's office. It would be appreciated if such information could be provided on the accompanying sheet 'Change of addresses' that can be cut out from this issue of the ISN News. In particular, it is important to inform the Treasurer of the e-mail address as in the future all correspondence of the membership will be carried out using e-mail.

# Web-addresses

**Journal of Neurochemistry:**

[www.blacksci.co.uk/jnc](http://www.blacksci.co.uk/jnc)

**ISN Portal:**

[www.neurochem.org](http://www.neurochem.org)

*(this page gives access to ASN, APSN and ESN)*

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# The 14th ESN Meeting

## 1-4 June 2003, Warsaw, Poland

### A Conference on “Advances in Molecular Mechanisms of Neurological Disorders”

The conference will be focused on Parkinson's disease, neurodegeneration and pain.

The meeting will start at the afternoon June 1<sup>st</sup>, with an opening lecture by Prof. **Peter Jenner** (London) “*Molecular Advances in the Molecular Pathophysiology of Parkinson's Disease – Therapeutic Implications*”.

On three consecutive days the morning sessions will be devoted to the following symposia:

1. *Intercellular communication in brain in health and disease*  
Organised by Prof. Joan Abbott (London) and Prof. K.A. Nalecz (Warsaw)
2. *Oxidative Stress*  
Organised by Prof. Vera Adam-Vizi (Budapest)
3. *Molecular Aspects of Pain*  
Organised by Prof. Ferdinand Hucho (Berlin) and Prof. Barbara Przewlocka (Cracow)

The following workshops will be organized in the afternoons:

- New techniques in Parkinson's research;
- Apoptosis;
- Stem cells – potential therapeutic use;
- Diabetic neuropathy;
- Lipid mediators in brain function/dysfunction;
- Defects in protein degradation in familial Parkinson's disease;
- Neurone/astrocyte interaction;
- Mitochondrial disease;
- Drug delivery and blood-brain barrier;
- Neurochemical basis of chronic pain therapy.

#### Programme Committee:

John B. CLARK (London, UK) *Chairman*, Ferdinand HUCHO (Berlin, Germany) – *ESN President*, Vera ADAM-VIZI (Budapest, Hungary) – *ESN Secretary*, Gianfrancesco GORACCI (Perugia, Italy) – *ESN Treasurer*, Katarzyna A. NALECZ (Warsaw, Poland) – *local organizer*, Carlos B. DUARTE (Coimbra, Portugal), Bernd HAMPRECHT (Tübingen, Germany), Jakob KORF (Groningen, The Netherlands), Olle LINDVAL (Lund, Sweden), Pierluigi NICOTERA (Leicester, UK), Andreas PLAITAKIS (Crete, Greece), Barbara Przewlocka (Cracow, Poland)

**Local Organizer:** Katarzyna A. Nalecz, Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, 3 Pasteur Street, 02-093 Warszawa, Poland

**Scientific Secretariat:** esn@nencki.gov.pl

Like for the previous ESN focussed meeting in Perugia (2001) two lectureships will be awarded to young scientists (Young Investigator Lecturship) by the ESN Council. For proposals please contact Katarzyna Nalecz, organizer of the Warsaw Meeting.

More up-to date information at:  
<http://www.nencki.gov.pl/esn>





**Application for (check one)**

- Ordinary Membership  
 Corresponding Membership (outside Europe)  
 Affiliate Membership (young researchers ?)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*All applicants must enclose a current Curriculum Vitae and a list of recent publications.*

**I share the aims of the European Society for Neurochemistry.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be signed by one Ordinary Member of the Society.  
*(I do not remeber what we decided)*

Supporting Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (typed or printed) \_\_\_\_\_



# **American Society for Neurochemistry**



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# Message from the President

I am pleased to report that the 33rd Annual Meeting at the Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida, was a huge success. It is my sincere hope that you have benefited significantly from the scientific sessions, which were uniformly outstanding. I also hope that you enjoyed the friendly and supportive atmosphere that permeated throughout the social gatherings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers and councilors, particularly David Shine, Lynn Hudson, Doug Anderson and Scott Brady, for their diligence, which made all this possible. All the speakers and session chairs were responsible for the tremendous success in the scientific programs, for which I am truly grateful. Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Linda Garcia for providing the most professional and efficient logistic support, which made this meeting such a smooth and memorable event.

At this meeting, I outlined my vision for ASN during my tenure as the President of ASN. I resolve to carry out the challenge to revitalize ASN as a productive and forward-looking Society.

- We must actively recruit young, talented and vibrant neurochemists and to expand our membership base. For this, I have initiated a major membership drive. All members are encouraged to take an active role in sponsoring new members, especially young investigators and colleagues. I urge each of you to please nominate at least a new member every year. This should allow us to double our membership the first year.
- We must provide meaningful professional and educational services to our members. To examine the needs of our members and to improve services, a membership opinion survey is underway under the chairmanship of Dr. George deVries. This year the Society was also able to raise special funds through the donations from the International Society of Neurochemistry and the Basic Neurochemistry Funds to support many long-standing members to attend the meeting who, due to adverse economic situations in their country, would not otherwise have been able to attend. I am also most pleased that through special NIH grant support, an unprecedented number of young investigators (32) were able to receive substantial travel awards to attend the meeting. This kind of support is not seen in any other professional societies.
- To remain engaged in all fronts of neurological sciences, we must communicate and build strong bonds with other professional societies in our discipline. The Task Force for the Future of ASN, chaired by Dr. Jean deVellis, has provided me with a number of innovative suggestions that will be considered for implementation. Discussion is underway to strengthen our relationship with the International Society of Neurochemistry through co-listing membership directories, as well as providing web access for the Journal of Neurochemistry.
- To preserve the fiscal strength of our Society, we must continue strong management and prudent resource allocation, and improve its administrative efficiency in serving

the membership. We have initiated a new Fundraising Committee to coordinate our fundraising efforts.

- To push the cutting edge of scientific inquiries, we need to pay particular attention to new areas of research, such as functional genomics and gene expression, proteomics and bioinformatics. Other areas of emphasis include the search of the molecular and chemical basis of nerve cell development, neural stem cell research, molecular signaling networks, and supramolecular structure and function. The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Greg Sutcliffe, has already worked very effectively in establishing a very strong scientific program for the 2003 Newport Beach meeting.

Finally, I am very pleased that the Council has re-affirmed our status as a professional Society that supports scientific research based on the merit of the research itself and not upon political, national, racial, religious or gender criteria. This statement is in this newsletter and posted on our web page.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the 34th Annual Meeting in Newport Beach, California in May 2003.

*Dr. Robert Yu, President*

## Secretary's Report

The biannual newsletter was published in December, 2001 on the web in html and pdf format. The html form is edited as new information is added. The paper form was delayed somewhat due to production problems.

In November the membership was asked to read and vote on five amendments to the bylaws. The amendments would a) decrease the number for a quorum at the business meeting, b) streamline the process for initiating action on amendments to the bylaws, c) simplify membership categories, d) clarify the rights of members, e) clarify the process for filling council and officer vacancies, and f) change the way meeting sites are chosen. Unfortunately, the ASN business office has not received a sufficient number of ballots to make the vote valid since our current bylaws state that ratification "shall require approval by mail of a majority of the ordinary members of the Society." To correct this deficiency I plan personally contacting those members who have not sent back their ballots to ask them to vote. The Bylaw amendments and ballot can be found on the web at <http://www.asneurochem.org/library/structure.htm>.

*Dr. David Shine, Secretary*

# Treasure's Report

ASN is fiscally sound. At the end of the 2001 fiscal year, the total funds available were \$418,954, which represents a gain of \$35,777 over a two and a half year period. The most growth occurred in the restricted funds, thanks to Dr. Nicolas Bazan's creation and support for two new funds, the Young ASN Scholars from Latin America fund and the Haber Award Lectureship. The restricted funds include the Folch-Pi (\$31,872), Kies (\$20,403), Young Investigators (\$2,459), Young ASN Scholars from Latin America (\$24,000), and Haber Award Lectureship (\$5,000). Dr. Bazan has promised an additional \$15,000 and \$5,000, respectively, for the latter two funds. Another approach to increasing the relatively small reserves of these individual restricted funds is to allocate any excess money raised from corporate sponsors for ASN symposia/colloquia/workshops. Drs. Jean Merrill and Karen Chandross used such a mechanism at their Palm Beach ASN symposium to donate approximately \$10,000 from Aventis to the Folch-Pi and Kies funds. To further ASN's mission of mentoring students/fellows, "best poster" awards will be presented at future ASN meetings, with Dr. Jean de Vellis providing the financial backing for these awards.

The annual meetings continue to represent ASN's largest financial outlay as well as our greatest financial risk. The NIH grant that Dr. Scott Brady managed to obtain for the Palm Beach ASN meeting added at least \$20,000 to our support, and in the future session chairs are also encouraged to request meeting support from their individual NIH grants. Other strategies for increasing support and revenue of ASN and ASN/ISN meetings, including partnering with a publishing company on an ASN-associated journal, are being explored.

*Dr. Lynn Hudson, Treasurer*

# Financial Report

| <b>Support &amp; Revenue</b>                      | <b>1/1/01 – 12/31/01</b> | <b>1/1/00 – 12/31/00</b> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Support:  |                          |                          |
| Sustaining Donations                              |                          | 23,500.00                |
| Annual Meeting Donations (Chicago)                |                          | 46,214.00                |
| Basic Neurochem Royalties                         | 6,347.98                 | 19,009.99                |
| Buenos Aires Session Donations                    | 34,458.00                |                          |
| Revenue   |                          |                          |
| Folch Pi  | 585.00                   | 250.00                   |
| Kies  | 560.00                   | 415.00                   |
| Young Investigator                                | 390.00                   | 142.50                   |
| General   | 260.00                   |                          |
| Haber Fund  | 5,000.00                 |                          |
| Young Latin American                              | 15,000.00                |                          |
| Donation for Directory                            | 15,000.00                |                          |
| 98/99 Dues  |                          | 930.00                   |
| 99/00 Dues  | 1,207.50                 | 15,493.65                |
| 2001 Dues   | 39,163.75                | 3,675.00                 |
| 2002 Dues   | 2,190.00                 |                          |
| Total Revenue                                     | 120,162.23               | 109,630.14               |
| Expenses:   |                          |                          |
| Chicago Annual Meeting                            | 805.40                   | 141,078.76               |
| Buenos Aires Expenses                             | 46,223.57                |                          |
| Palm Beach Annual Mtg. (inc. Deposit)             | 5,683.77                 |                          |
| General & Mgmt. (inc. Directory, exhibit & other) | 40,177.87                | 21,644.64                |
| 1999 Accounting                                   |                          | 10,835.00                |
| 2000 Accounting                                   |                          | 3,200.00                 |
| 2001 Accounting                                   | 3,100.00                 |                          |
| 1999 & 2000 Intersociety                          |                          | 4,896.04                 |
| 2001 Intersociety                                 | 2,170.10                 |                          |
| Folch Pi  | 1,000.00                 | 1,021.70                 |
| Kies  | 1,000.00                 | 1,000.00                 |
| Basic Neurochem.                                  | 13,989.16                | 3,084.43                 |
| Chicago Young Investigator (Bas. Neurochem.)      |                          | 11,000.00                |
| Buenos Aires Young Invest. (Bas. Neurochem.)      | 2,000.00                 |                          |
| Young Investigator                                | 25,500.00                |                          |
| Expenses  | 141,649.87               | 197,760.57               |
| (Gain) Loss on period                             | (21,487.64)              | (\$88,130.43)            |

Information above does NOT  
include interest from \$110,000 certificate of deposit

# Historian's Report

Don Tower published an article more than 15 years ago about the founding of the ASN. Much subsequent history went unrecorded or was lost. Then talks at an ASN Workshop in 2000 were designed to fill some of these gaps. The edited transcripts of these talks, together with many of the photographs shown at the workshop, have now been published electronically on the ASN website for all to share.

Future plans are to add additional chapters to this publication and also to publish it in the conventional way.

I want to thank all those of you who were responsible for sending snapshots of the meeting in Buenos Aires last year. Such pictures enrich the ASN archives, but are of use only if the names of the individuals shown on the photograph are appended to, or written on the back of each photograph.

The ASN Historian is dependent upon those responsible for events, to report newsworthy items about them to the historian. Of course, if those responsible feel that the program, the abstract booklet, or the Neurochemistry News provides adequate coverage of the event for posterity, then no additional report is needed. However that's seldom the case, especially for committee reports, special public policy events and workshops, where the flavor and noteworthy occurrences are missing, when title or abstract are written before the meeting or reports in Neurochemistry News are presented (by necessity) in a severely truncated form.

The ASN Archives are presently housed at the UCLA Medical Library. Anyone requiring information from those archives is encouraged to write to me, and it will be my responsibility to help them to the best of my ability.

Finally, a personal note: I have now held the position of ASN Historian for a number of years.

I have promised the incoming President, George DeVries to continue for his term of office, but beyond that I hope that another suitable and willing replacement will be found. It is important that that replacement and I can work together so that a real continuity can be established. Thank you.

*Dr. Claude Baxter, Historian*

# Intersociety Liaison's Report

Since assumption to the position of Liaison Officer of the ASN, I have focused on two issues:

Co-ordination of emergency funding for Argentinean scientists attending the ASN Meeting at the Breakers. Working in close co-operation with the various officers of the ISN and ASN, I played a role in securing funding support from the ISN to support the ASN effort to provide emergency travel support for both young and established Argentinean scientists.

Establishing long term plans for the next ISN-ASN joint meeting. Due to the operating mechanisms used by the ISN it was necessary to obtain a longer term determination of the site for the ISN-ASN Meeting in 2007. Working with Linda Garcia we will be able to present several options to the ASN-ISN leadership at the Breakers for consideration.

Future plans for Liaison efforts will include a dialogue with ISN officials as to how best implement further joint efforts in the area of support from ISN for annual meetings of the ASN that are not joint ISN-ASN meetings.

Also, plans for joint meetings with other societies that may share membership and or interests with ASN. For example, a one-day overlap in a meeting with a Neurology or Neurotrauma Society.

*Dr. Regino Perez-Polo, Intersociety Liaison*

# Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee roster was approved by Dr. Robert Yu on Dec 6, 2001. Between Dec 2001 and April 2002, the Committee recommended to the Secretary 34 applications for approval. There were 19 Ordinary, 14 Affiliate, and 1 Corresponding Memberships. In addition, the Membership Committee is evaluating 4 applications, as of May 10, 2002.

The Membership Committee recommends:

- (1) that the Society continues to encourage the membership to recruit new members.
- (2) that the Society takes steps to recognize and retain new members.
- (3) that the Society continues to streamline the process of application

*Dr. Alex Chiu, Chair*

# Standing Rules Committee Report

Members of the committee and the chairs of all ASN committees were contacted and asked whether there were discrepancies between what was written in the Standing Rules and what was actually done. So far three committee chairs have responded that no changes were needed. Karen Chandross, chair of the Marian Kies Committee indicated that her committee may suggest some additions to the Standing Rules re that committee. Lynn Hudson indicated that the following deletions should be made in the Standing Rules for the Office of the Treasurer: delete: “forwarding dues collected from members to the ASN Office” and “designing dues collection sheets.” These activities are currently done by Linda Garcia in the ASN Office.

I have some questions regarding the standing rules for the standing rules committee that I will discuss with the committee.

When I have heard from everyone, I will make a complete list of the suggestions, send them to the members of the Standing Rules Committee for their input, and then bring them to Council for their consideration.

*Dr. Cara-Lynn Schengrund, Chair*

# Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award Committee Report

This years committee consisted of Drs. Regina Armstrong (chair), Grace Sun, Gary Gibson, Joe Eichberg, and Jeffrey Yao. Announcements were distributed via the ASN website and program announcements, email distribution lists to colleagues requesting nominees, and the ASN email distribution list. Seven applications were received for the March 15, 2002 deadline. The committee judged this to be an extremely well qualified group of nominees, with multiple applicants being deserving of the award. The final winner was selected (by majority vote) to be Dr. Sandra Hewett, who is a newly promoted Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Dr. Hewett's scientific efforts have focused on determining the contribution of the inflammatory enzymes inducible nitric oxide synthase and cyclooxygenase to the evolution of brain damage following cerebral ischemia, or stroke. Dr. Hewett is looking forward to organizing a symposium for the 2003 ASN program.

*Dr. Regina Armstrong, Chair*

# Marian Kies Award Committee Report

Committee Members consist of Drs. Karen Chandross, Mary Pacheco, Cara-Lynne Schengrund, Rick Cohen, and Patrizia Casaccia-Bonneli.

Applications were solicited by advertising in the ASN mailings and by encouraging colleagues to nominate their most creative and competitive students. The committee received 6 outstanding applications this year. The nominees were: Kirk E. Dineley, Heather S. Duffy, Joseph A. Nielsen, Jaewon Lee, Poonlarp Cheepsunthorn, and Naser Muja.

Candidates were evaluated based on the following criteria: 1) Innovative and creative approaches utilized in graduate work, 2) importance and impact of graduate work on entire field, 3) quality of publications, 4) strength of nomination letter 5) quality of ASN abstract, 6) participation at scientific meetings, 7) extracurricular and service activities, and 8) honors and awards.

On May 8th Dr. Chandross notified Kirk Dineley that he was the 2002 recipient. Kirk Dineley is a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of

Pharmacology in the laboratory of Dr. Ian Reynolds and is expected to defend his thesis within the next two months. Kirk has done outstanding work in the area of fluorescence-sensitive dyes for calcium and zinc measurements and has examined the role of zinc homeostasis in neuronal physiology and neurotoxic events. He also determined how ion-sensitive fluorophores could be used to accurately measure zinc in living cells and demonstrated problems with conventional approaches. His conclusions are novel and should have a global impact on the field of neuroscience. This taken together with his strong letters of recommendation, high quality of publications, and active involvement in the scientific community and extracurricular activities gave him high scores in all categories evaluated.

The 2002 recipient was announced by Dr. Chandross following the plenary speaker on Monday, June 24 at 9:15 – 9:30 a.m in the Ponce de Leon Ballroom IV of the Breakers. His thesis advisor, Dr. Reynolds, said a few words.

Summary of proposed Marian Kies Committee changes:

Evaluation forms: define a subset of the approved categories in which equal weight should be placed and use the additional categories to help decide between close contenders. The committee recommends that the most weight should be given to the following categories: 1) innovative and creative approaches utilized in graduate work, 2) importance of graduate work on entire field, 3) strength of nomination letter, 4) quality of publications 5) quality of ASN abstract, and. Less weight should be given to 1) honors and awards as they relate to their thesis research, 2) extracurricular and service activities and 3) participation at meetings, since there may be factors outside of the student's control that dictate the extent of their involvement.

Final scores should be sent to all committee members in an anonymous format for their final review to ensure the opportunity to properly evaluate and/or challenge close or controversial decisions.

Inform applicants as to whether or not they have won at least one month prior to the meeting so that they can make appropriate arrangements.

Increase the award amount to \$1500.

Money raised and left over from symposiums should be put into an "awards" account to be used for expenses and increases in the award amount (Aventis giving extra money to award funds).

Results of ASN Committee Meeting June 2002:

Counsel approved raising award amount to \$1500.

Counsel supports proposed changes to standing rules (e.g., Summary issues 1-4)

*Dr. Karen Chandross, Chair*

# Nominating Committee Report

The chair was appointed by the ASN President, Robert Yu, in September, 2001 to select a committee to nominate candidates for President-Elect for the term 2003-2005 and for Council for the term 2003-2007. Nominations will not be needed for Secretary or Treasurer if the current officers elect to run again.

Nominations and elections will be held in early 2003, prior to the May, 2003 ASN meeting in Newport CA. In preparation, the committee will meet once during the annual ASN meeting in June, 2002 in Palm Beach, Florida. Topics will be (1) reviewing the schedule and procedure for nominating and electing officers and council, in keeping with the current or revised by-laws and standing rules, whichever are in effect after the 2002 meeting, (2) establishing the process for identifying qualified candidates for each position, and (3) discussing and recommending to Council any needed changes in by-laws and standing rules as related to nominations and elections in ASN. The committee is in communication by e-mail to discuss possible changes in standing rules guiding the election and nomination process. During the last half of 2002, the committee will work by e-mail to identify potential candidates for each position.

*Dr. Joyce Benjamins, Chair*

# Young Investigator Education Enhancement Committee Report

The Committee consisted of four members:

Thomas N. Seyfried, Chair, of Boston College, Andrej Wieraszko, of CUNY Staten Island, Charissa A. Dyer of U. Pennsylvania and Daniel Kirschner of Boston College.

The Committee dispersed \$27,000 to a total of 32 applicants.

The applicants were from 9 countries including:

USA (16)

Argentina (5)

Chile (3)

Puerto Rico (3)

Brazil, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, and Switzerland (1 each).

Plans for the next year and budget information are uncertain at this time.

*Thomas N. Seyfried, Chair*

# Young Latin American Scholars Committee Report

The Young Latin American Scholars Committee was created on October 2001 under the initiative of ASN President Dr. Robert Yu. One of the major goals of the committee is to provide support for Latin American investigators at early stages of their scientific careers to work in US laboratories. The committee will convene for the first time at the upcoming ASN meeting in Palm Beach, FL. The agenda that will guide the discussions includes: (1) to define the short-term objectives and long-term goals of this committee; (2) to appoint at least two additional committee members, preferably from Latin American countries; (3) to develop criteria for selecting successful candidates; (4) to define the size and duration of the awards; and (5) to discuss ways of informing prospective scholars of the existence of this award mechanism. Immediately after the ASN meeting, the committee will provide the ASN Secretary with a summary of the deliberations and a list of the steps that will be taken in the next few months.

*Dr. Oscar Bizzozero, Chair*

# Electronic Communication Committee Report

Since August, 2001 ASN's web page and internet communication system has continued to improve despite a rather troublesome setback in the unanticipated change in our internet provider. A summary of the committee's activity is as follows:

- On January 10, 2002 we were notified that ASN's web page was chosen by ISI for inclusion in Current Web Contents. The evaluative criteria for inclusion included reviews of the following factors: Authority Accuracy, Applicability & Content, Navigation and Design, Scope, Audience Level, and Quality of Writing. More information may be obtained at:  
<http://www.isinet.com/isi/hot/essays/selectionofmaterialforcoverage/23.html>
- On January 25, 2002 we received a notice that Interland, Inc. had acquired AT&T's Small Business Hosting Services and that our account would be transferred to Interland's computer. Initially, we experienced significant problems with the account but, hopefully, they were transparent to the membership. We fear that the level of support and dependability of this provider will be less than the previous.
- On January 30, 2002 an online version of "An Informal Oral History of the American

Society for Neurochemistry”, organized and edited by Claude F. Baxter, ASN Historian was posted on ASN’s web site.

- On February 14, 2002 Rolf Gruetter established a listserv system to send mass email announcements to the membership. We are trying to use the listserv sparingly to avoid losing impact from too many emails. Also, we feel that the Secretary must approve before the membership is emailed.
- At the annual meeting the chair proposed that he step down and be replaced by Dr. Rolf Gruetter. This was approved.
- We assisted the annual meeting organizers by:
  - establishing and maintaining a meeting web site
  - establishing and supporting online abstract submission
  - establishing an online meeting registration form
  - We assisted the membership committee by establishing an online membership application service.

The web site is updated almost daily and the membership directory is updated as needed. The total web page cost since August 2001 to date is \$232.74. The committee welcomes suggestions to improve ASN’s presence on the internet.

*Dr. David Shine, Chair*

## Basic Neurochemistry Text Committee Report

1. Sales of the Basic Neurochemistry text are 8,867 texts, 2,319 CD-ROM sets, and 17 slide sets. Of the above sales, 1654 copies of the book and CD-ROM were sold together as a discounted package at a price ranging from \$99 to \$125.

2. \$10,000 one-time grant was made from Basic Neurochemistry book funds to enable investigators from Latin American nations to attend the American Society for Neurochemistry meeting this year and present posters or papers.

3. Copies of Basic Neurochemistry (5) were provided to the meeting planners in Buenos Aires last year to be distributed as prizes for best research posters.

4. An on-line survey was conducted last year of the ASN membership to obtain their comments and suggestions for future editions of Basic Neurochemistry. Thirty people responded and their comments are useful. However, 30 respondents are far too few and we shall send out this survey again and we encourage the members to send in their comments, however brief or ample you may like.

*Dr. George J. Siegel, Chair*

# Inter-American Cooperation Committee Report

Please note that the report for the First Basic Neurochemistry School was submitted shortly after the Joint ASN-ISN meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Besides the organisation of the First Basic Neurochemistry School with an enormous success and demand, this Committee continued to ship current scientific journals (at no cost to the ASN) to two Universities in Argentina and one in Chile.

The second aspect we have been working on is on the identification of possible venues for the second Basic Neurochemistry School. This seems to be a simple task yet it is rather complicated when the idea is to have student participants from several countries in Latin America as well as, faculty from various countries. There is no doubt that the first Basic School of Neurochemistry was extremely successful and one of the key points was the venue that fostered scientific discussions in an informal environment. For the second school professors from two countries manifested interest in hosting it, Mexico and Puerto Rico. At the present time the committee is considering the proposed venues that would most suitably fit our needs and budget. Since, we are still unsure about obtaining any budget for the school from the ASN this decision is rather complicated.

Perhaps some members of the Council are not familiar with the “school” or the source of funds, yet it is important to note (as presented previously in our “First School report”) that the financial support for the first school came from the *American Society for Neurochemistry* (ASN), and the *International Society for Neurochemistry* (ISN), that matched the amount allocated by ASN for this purpose. In addition, the *International Brain Research Organisation* (IBRO) and the *Agencia Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología* (ANACYT, Argentina) also provided funds. All the funds were used to cover, lodging and transportation for students and faculty to the school venue. Thus, I emphasise that ASN contributed \$4000.00, ISN matched this amount and the rest of the money came from ANACYT and IBRO.

The ISN is also willing to match the amount that ASN would assign to the second school and it would be of extreme help to know what is the ASN considering to provide given the fact that the Basic Neurochemistry School concept originated from our Committee and therefore could be considered as an ASN initiative.

In summary, the committee is working on the selection of the school venue, the topics, and finding supplementary sources of funds. Yet, we would like to see the manifest enthusiasm from members of the Council on this matter rather than reticence or indifference toward the activities of this Committee. Only then, we would be certain that not only the members of the council but, all ASN members understand the fundamental role The Basic Neurochemistry School or similar activities play for research and teaching the Neurosciences in Latin-America.

*Dr. Araceli Espinosa de los Monteros, Chair*

# 2002 Program Committee Report

The 33rd annual meeting of the American Society for Neurochemistry was successfully held at the Breakers Hotel in West Palm Beach, FL from 22-26 June 2002. The meeting attendance was nearly 600 scientific registrants, including approximately 90 students or postdocs.

The Breakers venue was an outstanding setting with excellent meeting facilities. The accommodations were unusually luxurious, but the negotiated rates were competitive with far less impressive locations. Concern was expressed by some that the cost of food onsite was high for students and postdoctoral fellows. However, there were alternatives available within walking distance of the hotel and no complaints were received from students or postdoctoral fellows. Overall, the mechanics of the meeting went extremely well. The few problems were addressed in a timely fashion and things ran smoothly. Linda Garcia in her capacity as meeting organizer for this year and the staff she assembled did an outstanding job this year and are to be commended.

There were 190 scientists that were speakers and/or chairs of sessions. These represented 4 plenary lectures, 12 symposia, 15 colloquia, 13 workshops, and 3 oral sessions. In addition, there were three poster sessions featuring some 115 poster presentations. Sessions were generally well attended and feedback on the quality of the scientific program has been positive.

The scientific program was organized under a series of themes that reflected the diversity of the scientific membership and aided in the organization of sessions. These themes were as follows.

**Building the Nervous System.** The mechanisms that facilitate the emergence of multiple neural cell types and their specific connections are just beginning to be understood. Sessions in this theme address the generation of cell diversity, elaboration of neuronal cytoarchitecture, specificity of synapse formation and the role of growth factors during development.

**Cell and Molecular Neuroscience.** The fundamental molecular mechanisms that underlie cellular function in the nervous system provide a foundation for our understanding of disease and injury. Sessions under this theme deal with basic mechanisms applicable in a wide range of health issues, ranging from metabolism to neurotransmitter function from cell motility to cell structure.

**Glial Mechanisms and Injury.** The crucial role of non-neuronal cells in neural development and pathogenesis will be explored in sessions that address basic glial biology as well as the role of the glia in diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's Disease and CNS injury. This has long been a strength of the ASN.

**Neuronal Degeneration and Disease.** This theme continues the focus neuro-

degenerative diseases sustained at recent ASN meetings. Sessions will address the mechanisms of neurodegeneration, the role of inflammation and the contributions of neurotransmitters to the disease state.

Thirty-nine subthemes were based on keywords and used to organize the poster sessions into affinity groups. These generally fell within one of the themes as well. The topics and abstracts for the oral sessions were selected from the abstracts submitted as posters. The three most popular subthemes were Neurodegenerative Diseases, Myelin and diseases of myelin, and Neurotoxicity and neuroprotection. Four outstanding abstracts from each of these areas were selected to be presented in the oral sessions. An effort to choose ones presented by less senior scientists. This afforded an opportunity to recognize outstanding young investigators and provide with an chance to speak from platform. The oral sessions were held concurrently without competition from poster sessions or from symposia/colloquia/workshops. The oral sessions were well attended and the presentations were excellent, suggesting that this arrangement can be successful.

The Basic Neurochemistry lecture this year was by Patrica Goldman-Rakic of Yale School of Medicine. She gave an excellent lecture entitled "From Behavior to Molecule and Back: the Challenge of Neuroscience." The other three plenary speakers for this year presented on different aspects of Neurodegenerative Disease. Don Price of Johns Hopkins talked on Alzheimer's and genetic models of neurodegenerative diseases, Virginia Lee from the University of Pennsylvania talked on synuclein and tau protein in neurodegenerative diseases, and Huda Zoghbi from the Baylor College of Medicine talked on polyglutamine-induced neurodegenerative diseases. All three talks were outstanding contributions.

The scientific program this year included several noteworthy elements. The use of themes was helpful in organization of the program, but also served to facilitate publicizing the program as well as to provide a conceptual framework in fundraising (see below). For the first time, posters were only presented for a single day, which meant a substantial reduction in the amount of space required for posters at a considerable savings. The reintroduction of oral sessions featuring young investigators was successful and avoided problems previously encountered in poor attendance. A student/ postdoc dinner that featured informal discussions with more senior members of the ASN was very well received and should be useful for increasing the involvement of students and postdocs in the ASN. The participation of young investigators in the program was increased over recent years and this trend should be continued. Finally, the number of sessions and plenary talks presented by women neuroscientists was at an all time high.

Funding for the meeting was sought from a variety of sources. A detailed financial report will come from the business office and the Treasurer's office. Two items will be noted here. First, some session chairs did an excellent job of obtaining support for their sessions, but others appeared content to do little or nothing. We cannot rely on the ASN and granting agencies to provide all the support for the meeting and session chairs need to be encouraged to do more. Second, a multiyear meeting grant application was submitted to the NIH and received an excellent score from the study section. The

program officer at NINDA, Dr. Arlene Chiu, was enthusiastic and went to considerable effort to obtain support various institutes. We currently have received \$20,000 on this grant and there is a possibility that some additional funds may be obtained. Unfortunately, a misconception on the part on an NINDS staff person led to only a reduction in the budget and only a single year of support on this application. With appropriate documentation, however, we may be able to obtain several years of support for a future application. This will be coordinated with next year's program committee chair.

*Dr. Scott Brady, Chair*

## 2003 Program Committee Report

The 2003 Annual meeting of the ASN will be held in Newport Beach, CA between May 3-8. The chair of the local host committee is Jean deVellis.

### **Important dates in 2002 preceding the meeting are:**

|             |   |
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| July 1      | proposals submitted to Greg at Linda@scripps.edu            |
| July 25     | session chairs established, invitations to plenary speakers |
| Aug 15      | titles of sessions and speakers established                 |
| Aug 25      | preliminary program set in stone                            |
| October 18  | abstract submission begins                                  |
| December 15 | submission window closed                                    |

### **Program Committee members divided in 4 themes:**

#### **Building the Nervous System**

Lynn Hudson  
Terri Wood  
Randy McKinnon  
Scott Whitemore

#### **Glial Mechanisms & Injury**

Tony Campagnoni  
Oscar Bizzozero  
Monica Carson  
Jean Merrill  
Joan Schwartz  
Ian Simpson

#### **Metabolism & Cell& Molecular Biology**

David Sweatt  
Bob Moore  
Richard Olsen  
David Colman  
Steve Pfeiffer  
Scott Brady

#### **Neurodegeneration & Disease**

Jorge Busciglio  
Julie Ellison  
Paul Patterson  
Elizabeth Thomas  
Jeff Redwine

These themes cover all of the areas that have historically been of interest to the ASN membership. My job as chairman is to manage the Committee as they develop the program. Our challenge as a scientific society as we as individuals age is to rejuvenate our science and to rejuvenate our membership. Thus, I have encouraged the Committee to select some presenters who are junior, but who have been first authors on important papers, when it seems appropriate.

There will be some changes in the 2003 meeting compared to 2002. These are designed to streamline the presentations while encouraging the informal interactions and collaborations that have been the historic strengths of the ASN:

- 3 simultaneous sessions rather than 4
- breaks between sessions
- reposition the posters so that they receive more emphasis. Since there will be fewer sessions total, and since we are encouraging talks from junior members, I call on senior members to consider presenting posters so that junior members can interact with them scientifically.
- PowerPoint presentations within a session will all be run on a single laptop to reduce the frustrating waste of time that plagued many sessions at the 2002 meeting

*Dr. Greg Sutcliffe, Chair*

# Women in Neurochemistry

## Annual ASN Meeting

Women in Neurochemistry sponsored a lunchtime event (11:30-1:00) on Tuesday, June 25. To keep costs down, the format was “brown-bag”. After some socializing we had an energetic discussion centered on the theme “WO/MEN and TENURE: Time for a change?”. The discussion was led by Pam Knapp, who talked briefly about the origins of the tenure system, and presented some data from the NSF concerning recent tenure trends in the science/engineering fields. A panel of Joyce Benjamins, Tika Benveniste and Babette Fuss provided input from their various career perspectives and experiences. Some of the most interesting discussion centered around whether increased flexibility in tenure timetables was a positive force in recruiting and retaining faculty, and how various institutions were meeting (or not meeting) that particular challenge. Turnout was good – about 40 participants. We hope that even more of you will join us in Newport Beach!!

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### **Early notice**

Nomination forms for officers and councillors for ASN will be mailed out in October. Nominations will be requested for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and five Councillors for 2003-2004. Our current secretary and treasurer are completing their first terms, and are eligible to run again. Election ballots will be mailed in mid-January, with results announced by the time of the ASN meeting in May, 2003.

*Questions or comments? If so, contact the chair of the nominations committee (joyce.benjamins@wayne.edu).*

# 33rd Annual Business Meeting of the American Society for Neurochemistry

**June 25, 2002 Palm Beach , Florida**

## Agenda

(Note: Detailed reports of the officers and committees were provided to the Secretary before the meeting and they were posted on the web site and included in a separate section of this issue of the newsletter. Hence, the reports at the business meeting were brief.)

The Business meeting was held on June 25, 2002 in the Ponce IV room at the Breakers Hotel. It was called to order at 4:41 PM by Dr. Robert Yu who welcomed everyone to the 33rd annual business meeting of the ASN.

## Minutes Approved

The minutes of the business meeting held at the 32nd annual meeting in Buenos Aires were approved as written.

## In Memoriam

ASN President Dr. Bob Yu read the names of ASN members who had died within the last year. They are Sabit Gabay, Tomas Reader, and Leohard Wolf. The president asked for a moment of silence for all of these individuals.

## President's Comments – Dr. Robert Yu

Dr. Yu began by thanking the members present for attending the business meeting. He then thanked several people that have worked for ASN and the 33rd meeting. First he thanked those people responsible for the excellent meeting; Dr. Doug Anderson and the Local Host Committee, Scott Brady and the Program Committee for the excellent program, and Linda Garcia the organizer of the 33rd meeting.

Dr. Doug Anderson, Local Host Chair, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcoming them back to Florida in the future.

He then thanked Dr. Jean De Vellis for chairing the Task Force on the Future of ASN and thanked the Officers, Councilors, and Committee chairs for their service to the ASN. He thank Dr. Greg Suttcliffe and the 2003 Program Committee for their work on the next ASN meeting.

Dr. Peter Dunkley, president of the International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) stood and thanked Linda Garcia for her assistance in organizing meetings for the ISN during the week.

Dr. Yu announced that the ASN had undertaken a special initiative for the 33rd meeting to assist Argentinean neurochemists in attending the meeting. With the help of the ISN and the Basic Neurochemistry Committee and the Young Latin American Scholars Committee, 11 senior and 5 junior members for the Argentinean neurochemistry community could attend the meeting. He cited this initiative as one example of how ASN strives to pay attention to the needs of its membership.

Dr. Marta Hallak, President of the Argentine Society for Neurochemistry stood and thanked the ASN for the travel assistance on behalf of her colleagues.

Dr. Yu then thanked several people and organizations for their generous donations and efforts to help fund the 33rd meeting and other initiatives of the ASN. He thanked Dr. Nicolas Bazan for his pledge of an additional \$15,000 for the Young Latin American Scholars program and an additional \$5,000 for the Bernard Haber Award Lectureship. He thanked Dr. Jean Merrill for acquiring \$10,000 from Aventis Pharmaceuticals for the meeting. He announced that any residue from this gift would be applied to the Marian Kies Award fund. He thanked Dr. Scott Brady for writing and submitting a grant to the NIH to fund this and subsequent meetings.

Dr. Yu stressed that increasing the ASN membership was important and appealed to the members to nominate at least one new member this year. He announced that members that nominated a new member would get an official ASN cap from him.

Dr. Yu announced that in response to the members' comments the abstract submission fee will be phased out and that the abstract costs will be covered another way.

Dr. Yu asked the membership to begin thinking about a location for the 2007 meeting that will be held jointly with the ISN in the Americas.

## Treasurer's Report – Dr. Lynn Hudson

Dr. Hudson began by thanking her predecessor, Dr. Regino Perez-Polo and Linda Garcia for their help in the first months of her tenure as ASN Treasurer. She announced that the ASN is financially sound and presented a spreadsheet of the society's finances (Editor's note: This spreadsheet is shown under the Treasurer's report section above.) In reviewing the restricted funds Dr. Hudson acknowledged Dr. Nicolas Bazan for his gifts in 2001 to fund two new initiatives; the Young Latin American Scholars Program and the Bernard Haber Award Lectureship. She announced that Dr. Bazan has pledged an additional \$15,000 to the Young Latin American Scholars Program and an additional \$5,000 to the Bernard Haber Award Lectureship. This is in addition to the original \$15,000 and \$5,000 that Dr. Bazan gave to the ASN for these two initiatives. She thanked Dr. Bazan on behalf

of the ASN. She stated that the Folch-Pi and Kies award funds have remained stable and asked the members to think of creative ways to supplement these funds. Dr. Hudson stated that the Young Investigators Travel Award is depleted each year and primarily obtains its funding from the Basic Neurochemistry Text revenue.

Dr. Hudson summarized the two unrestricted funds; the Basic Neurochemistry Text account and the General Operating account. The Basic Neurochemistry account receives funds from the royalties of the book each year. The total assets are around \$409,000. The society took in approximately \$42,000 a year in dues and spent approximately the same amount for office management and accounting fees in the year. Dr. Hudson stated that she just filed the tax report and that the ASN did not have to pay taxes

Dr. Hudson stated that our biggest financial outlay and our biggest financial risk is our meetings. Last year we met jointly with the ISN in Buenos Aires we lost \$11,000 whereas we normally clear or make a little profit.

Dr. Nicolas Bazan stood and announced that the residual funds, amounting to \$10,000 from his session will be applied to the Young Latin American Scholars Program.

A question was asked from the floor whether ASN's funds were earning interest. Dr. Hudson answered that approximately one-third of the assets were in an interest bearing certificate of deposit. She is checking into whether better investments are available.

Dr. Claude Baxter asked whether there remained support from exhibitors for the meetings. Dr. Yu answered that we should do more to incite exhibitors to the next meetings.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

## Secretary's Report – Dr. David Shine

Dr. Shine announced that the winter newsletter was posted in December on the web and that the paper version followed. The paper version was delayed due to production problems. The summer issue will be on the web and in the mail in mid-summer.

Dr. Shine stated that an important issue was the ratification of the bylaws. He stated that there has not be sufficient votes cast to meet the current requirement that a majority of the members must vote to make the ratification vote valid. The council has authorized Dr. Shine to contact those members that have not voted to ask them to vote.

The Secretary's report was approved.

## Historian's Report – Dr. Claude Baxter

Dr. Baxter stated that a historian's job is only as good as the information that he receives. He asked that those sending him records and photographs please annotate them with names of members and spouses. He announced that the oral history was on the net and thanked all of the participants for a job well done. He has solicited 3 more

chapters and welcomes suggestions for more. Dr. Baxter noted that the ASN archives are located at UCLA and that anyone can access them with his permission. He will also help them find items in the archives. On a personal note Dr. Baxter said that he has been the ASN's historian for 6 years and has agreed to stay on for another 2 years. He invited anyone who wished to be the next historian to come forward within the next two years. Dr. Yu thanked Dr. Baxter for a great job.

## Standing Committee Reports:

### *Membership Committee – Dr. Alex Chiu*

Dr. Chiu thanked Linda Garcia and David Shine for helping the committee get the turn around time for application processing time down to 3 weeks. Dr. Chiu recognized the new members attending the business meeting.

Dr. Chiu stated that at their has been 38 new members added since the Buenos Aires meeting that works out to an annual rate of about 45 new members. At this rate the society is not attracting enough members to be sustained. He asked the membership to seek out and sell the society to our colleagues.

### *Jordi Folch-Pi Award Report – Dr. Regina Armstrong*

Dr. Armstrong announced that Dr. Sandra Hewett was chosen from 7 strong nominations as the recipient of the 2002 Jordi Folch-Pi Award. She asked the membership to begin thinking of nominees for the 2003 award.

### *Nominating Committee – Dr. Joyce Benjamins*

Dr. Benjamins announced that the committee will be calling for nominations in early Fall of this year and the elections will be held in early 2003 before the meeting in May 2003. She asked the members to begin considering nominations. She stated that they have found inconsistencies between the Standing Rules and the Bylaws that they will address once the Bylaws ratification process is completed. She thanked the committee for their hard work.

### *Electronic Communications Committee – Dr. David Shine*

Since August, 2001 ASN's web page and internet communication system has continued to improve despite a rather troublesome setback in the unanticipated change in our internet provider. Dr. Shine announced that he will step down as chair of the Internet Committee and has asked Dr. Rolf Gruetter to take this position. Dr. Gruetter said that he would. Dr. Shine thanked Dr. Gruetter for setting up a more efficient way to notify the membership via the Internet.

### *Young Investigator Enhancement Award Committee – Dr. Thomas Seyfried*

Dr. Seyfried announced that the committee distributed \$24,000 to assist 32 young investigators to attend the meeting. The recipients came from 9 countries: 16 from the USA, 5 from Argentina, 3 from Chile, 3 from Puerto Rico, and 1 each from Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. Plans for the next year's funds are uncertain at this time.

*Public Policy and Education Committee – Dr. Minnetta Gardinier*

Dr. Gardinier announced that there was no outreach forum at the Buenos Aires meeting since it was a joint meeting with the ISN and there was no forum at the current meeting for various reasons. She announced that there would be an outreach forum at the 2003 meeting in Newport Beach probably on Parkinson's Disease. There may be a colloquium associated with the outreach forum so that young investigators can speak about their research.

*Basic Neurochemistry Committee – Dr. George Siegel*

Dr. Siegel announced that the text is used through out the world. He said that 8,867 copies, 2,319 CD, 17 slide sets were sold. He thanked Dr. Wayne Albers for working on a survey that will be send to the members via the web site to gather information for planning the next edition.

*Inter-American Cooperation Committee – Dr. Araceli Espinosa de los Monteros*

Dr. Espinosa de los Monteros reported that the Basic Neurochemistry School was held in conjunction with the annual meeting in Buenos Aires. She thanked the ASN, its members, the editors of the Basic Neurochemistry text, and the meeting organizers for their support of the school. She stated that the committee is planning another school for 2004. Information on the school will be posted on the web site.

*Young Latin American Scholars – Dr. Oscar Bizzozero*

Dr. Bizzozero stated that this is a new committee with the main goal is to allow young Latin American scholars to attend the annual ASN meetings as well as work for a short time in a laboratory in the US. During the past months the committee participated in arranging assistance for young Argentineans to attend the 33rd meeting. He will send a list of 3 additional members from Argentina, Chile, and Mexico to Dr. Yu for approval for this committee. These Latin American committee members will function to help identifying scholars that the committee will support. He stated that he has already received offers from several people that are willing to host scholars from Latin America.

Dr. Bazan stood and commented that early in ASN's history Jordi Folch-Pi recognized the importance of forging links with Latin American neurochemists. He also stated that the additional \$10,000 funds from his symposium are only to be used for the Young Latin American Scholars program.

*Marian Kies Award Committee – Dr. Karen Chandross*

Dr. Chandross announced that this year's winner was Kirk Dineley. She stated that the committee has decided to weigh selection criteria differently. She announced that the award will be raised to \$1,500.

*Standing Rules Committee – Dr. Cara-Lynne Schengrund*

The committee worked by email to collect suggestions to change the standing rules. They have received several and will be sent to council.

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

### *ASN Task Force – Dr. Jean de Vellis*

Dr. deVellis reported the committee met and focused on the annual meeting. The committee also discussed the need for a survey to determine how ASN is meeting the needs of the membership. Dr. George DeVries will be setting up this survey with a professional group. He asked the members to email him with ideas to enhance the upcoming 2003 meeting in Newport.

### *Intersociety Liaison Report – Dr. Regino Perez-Polo*

Dr. Perez-Polo stated that since he took over the position from Dr. Bernard Haber he has primarily focused on being a facilitator between the ISN and ASN on supporting the Argentinean scientist to travel the annual ASN meeting. He stated that he is thinking about how to best integrate the interests of the two societies for the upcoming ASN/ISN joint meeting to be held in 2007. He is also considering mechanisms that may permit the ASN to have overlapping meetings with other societies.

Dr. Yu thanked the chairs and the committee members for their hard work in the last year.

The committee reports were approved.

## Report on the 33rd Annual Meeting:

### *Meeting Organizer – Linda Garcia*

Ms. Garcia predicted that the meeting will break even. All of the reserved rooms at the Breakers were sold and additional rooms at another hotel were sold. She stressed that an added advantage of this meeting was that it was tax exempt so that the society saved approximately \$15,000. She will try to get the meeting in California tax exempt also. She reported that the student/postdoc dinner was a success. She thanked the officers of both years for their work and support for the past two years. She also thanked Dr. Scott Brady who has served as her mentor from the very start of her association with the society.

### *Program Committee – Dr. Scott Brady*

Dr. Brady reported that he has received good feedback on the high quality of the sessions. He stated that the few scheduling problems resulted from scheduling constraints of the speakers. He reported that the NIH grant was funded and that the amount will be sufficient to fund the young investigators' travel. He will present a formal report once the meeting has closed and all the information is in.

Dr. Brady stated that the society cannot overestimate the contribution that Linda Garcia has made to ASN to make this an efficient and business-like organization. He acknowledged Ms. Garcia as an incredible asset to the ASN.

Dr. Yu thanked Scott and Linda for their hard work that made the meeting a success.

Dr. Bernd Hamprecht asked what the proportion of young people attending the meeting. Ms. Garcia said that there was 575 registrants excluding guests of which about 90 were students or postdocs.

## Report on the 34rd Annual Meeting:

### *Program Committee – Dr. Greg Sutcliffe*

Dr. Sutcliffe announced that the next meeting will be held at Newport Beach, CA on May 3-8, 2003. Dr. Jean de Vellis will be the local host chairman of the meeting. He announced important deadlines for the meeting. July 1st was the deadline for proposals and on July 25th the sessions will be selected. August 15th formal titles and list of speakers will be collected and on August 25th preliminary program will go to the printer. Abstract submission will start on October 18th and close on December 15th. He described how members of the program committee have been assigned to the topics that have been historically important to the society along with new topics. The 4 general areas are (1) building the nervous system (2) metabolism and cell and molecular neurobiology (3) glial mechanisms and injury (4) neurodegeneration and disease. The committee members have been encouraged to seek out junior scientists to speak. Changes for the upcoming meeting will include streamlining the sessions and encourage informal interactions. There will be three simultaneous sessions with breaks between them. There will be more emphasis on poster sessions. He invited senior investigators to also present posters. Dr. Sutcliffe stated that since PowerPoint presentations have been problematic that he will ask session organizers to require PowerPoint presentations in advance so that they can be reviewed a loaded before the session.

### *2003 Local Host Committee – Dr. Jean de Vellis*

Dr. de Vellis announced that the meeting would be held at the Hyatt Newporter in Newport Beach, California. The meeting site is close to the John Wayne airport and he encouraged the members to arrive by that airport. Transportation to and from John Wayne airport and the hotel is free. Site is good for interactions and there is a lot to do in the area. Dr. de Vellis thanked Linda Garcia for her help in identifying the site and organizing the meeting. The room rate will be \$147. He said that there would be a hospitality suite to foster interactions.

Dr. Andrej Wieraszko asked that meetings be scheduled as not to conflict with members' teaching responsibilities. Ms. Garcia stated that timing is tied to arranging good hotel rates and locations. Dr. Minnetta Gardinier stressed that the deadline is near and that it is important to get additional proposals.

Dr. Yu thanked Drs. Sutcliffe and deVellis, and Ms. Garcia for their work on the upcoming meeting.

## New Business:

Dr. George Siegel announced that he submitted to the ASN Council a draft of a resolution in response to a call for a moratorium on support of cultural and research links with Israel, published as an open letter April 6, 2002 in The Guardian. He outlined the background of the moratorium and the statement that he has drafted. He stated that

his draft stresses the importance that political agendas should not impact on intellectual and scientific interactions.

Dr. Yu announced that the deliberations of the Council regarding this matter would be posted on the ASN's web site and in the newsletter.

Dr. Claude Baxter stood and acknowledged three "heroes" for their contributions to the ASN. He recognized Linda Garcia for her management, Nicolas Bazan for his financial contributions to the ASN, and David Shine for his work in establishing the ASN on the Internet.

As there was no more business the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

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**Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award for 2002**  
**Dr. Sandra Hewett**



The winner of the 2002 Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award is Dr. Sandra J. Hewett. Dr. Hewett's scientific efforts have focused on determining the contribution of the inflammatory enzymes inducible nitric oxide synthase and cyclooxygenase to the evolution of brain damage following cerebral ischemia, or stroke. As related by one of her referees, her studies have provided "fascinating glimpses of a potentially important new therapeutic target, and she is ideally positioned to have a major impact in this rapidly emerging area of research."

Dr. Hewett received her B.S. in Biology from Providence College. She went on to obtain a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Toxicology working with Dr. William D. Atchison at Michigan State University. Sandra's postdoctoral training was with Dr. Dennis W. Choi at Washington University. She was then recruited to a faculty position at the University of Connecticut Health Center, where she was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Neuroscience. As a faculty member Sandra now spends one-third of her time teaching, two-thirds doing research, and all of her time as a "high octane scientist".

*Regina Armstrong, Chair Jordi Folch-Pi Memorial Award Committee*

More information on Dr. Hewett can be found at  
<http://grad.uhc.edu/phdfaculty/hewett.html>

**Marian Kies Memorial Award for 2002**  
**Dr. Kirk Dineley**



Kirk Dineley is a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of Pharmacology in the laboratory of Dr. Ian Reynolds and is expected to defend his thesis within the next two months. Kirk has done outstanding work in the area of fluorescence-sensitive dyes for calcium and zinc measurements and has examined the role of zinc homeostasis in neuronal physiology and neurotoxic events. He also determined how ion-sensitive fluorophores could be used to accurately measure zinc in living cells and demonstrated problems with conventional approaches. His conclusions are novel and should have a global impact on the field of neuroscience. This taken together with his strong letters of recommendation, high quality of publications, and active involvement in the scientific community and extracurricular activities gave him high scores in all categories evaluated.

*Karen Chandross, Chair of the Marian Kies Memorial Award Committee.*

## **Statement of the ASN Council Regarding a Proposed Moratorium on Scientific and Cultural Links with Israel**

The American Society for Neurochemistry (ASN) supports freedom of scientific research and communication, in the pursuit of the well-being of humanity, for all scientists of all nations. The ASN believes that scientific research rests on the merit of the research itself and not upon political, national, racial, religious or gender criteria of the investigators. In affirmation of the principle of scientific freedom, the Council of ASN voices strong objection to the recent petition for a moratorium on support of cultural and research links with Israel, published as an open letter April 6, 2002 in *The Guardian*. The ASN Council objects to any such a moratorium regarding scientists from any country. The freedom for scientific work and communication among peoples of diverse nations cannot be held hostage to the political agendas of any government or to political events or views of any partisan group. The proposed moratorium would constitute a political constraint on academic freedom. Any moratorium on research and cultural links with scientists from any country may have detrimental effects far beyond current political circumstances. Interruptions of cultural links serve to further polarize and do not reconcile conflicting views. We therefore confirm our determination to ensure that all of our activities will remain open to the full participation of scholars of all backgrounds and nationalities.

*The Council of the American Society for Neurochemistry  
June 26, 2002  
Palm Beach, Florida*

## **ASN welcomes the following new members:**

### **Ordinary Members**

Marta Antonelli  
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# Secretary's Corner...

## ***Cast your vote on the Bylaws changes – please....***

Almost a year has passed since the Council approved amendments to the ASN's Bylaws. The amendments originated from discussions of Council and are intended to improve the function of the society's business. In summary the amendments a) decrease the number for a quorum at the business meeting, b) streamline the process for initiating action on amendments to the bylaws, c) simplify membership categories, d) clarify the rights of members, e) clarify the process for filling council and officer vacancies, and f) change the way meeting sites are chosen. In reality these amendments are not likely to be a high priority to today's busy neurochemists so it is understandable that many of you put the amendment ballot aside and never looked at it again. You may have assumed that others would vote and that your opinion wasn't that important. This is not true. The current Bylaws require a majority of the membership to cast a vote for the election to be valid. To date we are way below the required number of ballots cast to make the vote valid. Please take the time to review the amendments and vote. I've posted the amendments and instructions for voting at:

<http://www.asneurochem.org/library/structure.htm> The Council has authorized me to start a nagging campaign that I plan to start soon. Don't make me have to call you.

## ***Membership...***

At Palm Beach several non-members remarked that they were impressed with the ASN and its meeting. Several said, "I should join." You too may have heard this. Please join with me and follow up by getting these interested scientists to join our society.

## ***Thanks to Mary and Linda....***

My job as ASN's secretary has been a breeze thanks to the help of Mary McKenna and Linda Garcia. Thanks for y'all's help.

## ***Meeting photos on the web...***

I am posting photographs from the Palm Beach meeting on the web. Check them out at <http://www.asneurochem.org/library/whatsnew.htm>. If you have some that you wish to share send them to me. I can take any format – including the paper kind.

## ***Name change...?***

The Council has charged Wendy Macklin with the job of looking into what's involved in changing ASN's name. I'm sure that she would like to hear from you.

## In Memoriam

### *Tomás Reader (1944 – 2002)*



It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing away of our friend and colleague, Dr. Tomás Reader, professor in the Department of Physiology and member of the Center for Research in Neurological Sciences, at the Université de Montréal.

Following medical school, Tom worked on the visual system with Dr. Eduardo de Robertis in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He then pursued studies as a postdoctoral fellow, still in the same laboratory studying the pharmacology and biophysics of the cholinergic postsynaptic membrane. Once in Montreal, Tom continued his studies of monoamines in the visual system with Dr H.H. Jasper. In fact, an important part of his career at Université de Montréal focused on the electrophysiology, neuroanatomy and neuropharmacology of biogenic amines in the cerebral cortex. During most recent years Tom got interested on the changes in monoamines produced by spinalization. Tom was a prolific researcher and he fostered much collaboration and published 130 scientific articles.

Tom was also deeply involved in teaching for the medical and physiology training programs as well as the graduate study programs in neurological sciences of his University. Because he was supportive of all activities that would complement the graduate and undergraduate programs in Latin America, Tom's teaching activities reached beyond the institution where he worked. He taught regularly as an invited professor at the Universities of IVIC, Venezuela, and also at the University Bogotá, Colombia. He also participated as an invited faculty on the First Basic Neurochemistry School of the ASN that took place last September in Cordoba, Argentina.

We also want to extend to his wife, Céline Germain, his mother, Rita Mautner and his brother Claudio our most sincere sympathy, as well as our assurance that we will do our utmost to keep Tom's memory alive. It was indeed Tom's wish to grant a portion of his estate to create the Fond "Tomás Reader pour la recherche sur la moelle épinière" (Tomás Reader Fund for spinal cord research) at Université de Montréal, a fund which will be administered by the CRSN. Donations may be addressed to Fonds Tomás Reader, Bureau de Développement, Faculty of medicine, Université de Montréal, P.O. Box 6128, Centre-ville Station, Montreal, QC H3C 3J7

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## In Memoriam

### *Leonhard S Wolfe (1926-2001)*

Killam Professor, Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, McGill University. Was born on March 5, 1926 in Auckland, New Zealand. He died December 3, 2001 in Montreal of complications following a stroke. Dr. Wolfe was educated at Christchurch, New Zealand and St. Catherine's College, Cambridge in Entomology, the University of Western Ontario in Medicine and the royal Victoria Hospital, the Maudsley Hospital and McGill University. Leon Wolfe spent most of his working life at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital as a medical research scientist specializing in neurochemistry and inherited diseases. His distinguished career won him many honours. He was also an accomplished classical pianist, a potter, an enthusiastic bridge player and a field naturalist extraordinaire. He will be missed by the neuroscience community.

### *Sabit Gabay*

We have learned that Dr. Gabay died the week just preceding the annual meeting. His death is a great loss to his family, friends, and colleagues of the worldwide neurochemistry community. He will be greatly missed.

We plan to post a more comprehensive a memoriam on the web and in the next newsletter.

**Please inform the ASN business office or the ASN Secretary of members that have passed away.**



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# The Japanese Society for Neurochemistry

The number of active member

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## **1. The number of active member**

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## **2. Message from the president**

**May 2002**

The Japanese Society for Neurochemistry was established 44 years ago as one of the oldest Neuro-Biochemistry research groups in the world, since then we developed the neurochemistry field, long before the INS is erected. We first aimed to understand physiology and pathophysiology of brain and neuronal diseases through molecular and biochemical analysis of brain function. This purpose is now widely accepted in all different fields of neurosciences. Our society was and is responsible to this end.

Nowadays, since neurochemical researches require multiple techniques in one given project, I believe that an extremely good research can be done by the strong staff with multi-talent, but not by a single superstar. Our community is one of the largest neurochemistry society with about 1,800 active members, so that it is rather easy to recruit people to work together or to collaborate. However, our society is still necessary to grow, as an attractive society, especially for young generations. For this purpose, it will be the key factor that leading research outcomes are presented in our society's annual meeting to stimulate and satisfy interests of these people.

In addition, I realize that it will be important that our society should open for oversea countries. For the first step, I intend to remodel the annual meeting to be an occasion with increased communication between not only domestic members but also neurochemists of all neighboring countries. This is truly required, because JSN is one of very few societies in the world, which have the annual meetings every year, as you can judge from that Sapporo 2002 is our 45th assembly. It is without doubt that such increases in the JSN' activity will support neurochemical activities in many other countries in APNS, in which activities are usually very limited .

To welcome oversea presenters and visitors to annual meetings, our system will open

our doors more widely to them by introducing English-written abstracts, name-plates and directories in program and abstract books, from the next meeting at Sapporo (Sapporo 2002). Fortunately, ISN supports the first ISN symposium adjunction to the JSN meeting, which will be held during July 17-18 at Sapporo. This will be a great and lucky occasion for us to step-up toward establishing the internationally-oriented society. I hope each JSN annual meeting becomes a chance of despatching valuable information from countries belonging to APSN to the world-wide neurochemists.

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## 5. Annual meeting 2002 announcement

**Sapporo 2002:** Plans for the 2002 (45th) meeting of the Society, to be held at the Karude 27 and Hotel Sapporo Garden Palace in Sapporo from 17th-19th July, are well advanced and progress smoothly. The meeting is organized by Prof. Yukiyasu Nomura, Department of Pharmacology, Hokkaido University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (nomura@pharm.hokudai.ac.jp). This time, it will be held by its own society's meeting and thereby the meeting has a strong and substantial program that will be of specific interest to all JSN members. It includes three special lectures: by Prof. Peter Dunkley (Univ. Newcastle, Australia), Prof. David S. Brecht (University of California San Francisco, USA), Dr. Yoshihide Tsujimoto (Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine), and Prof. Nobutaka Hirokawa (University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Medicine). Three invited lectures given are by Prof. Yutaka Kirino (Tokyo University), Yoshinori Ohkuma (National Institute for Basic Biology), and Prof. Kenichi Honma (Hokkaido University).

An open symposium for citizen will be held on 'Molecular probing of human mind and behavior'. This symposium is organized by Prof. Takeda, Osaka University and Prof. Nishikawa, Tokyo Medical Dental University. Topics are the following: Understanding human behavior through gene targeting animals by Dr. Wada; Modulation of brain function elicited by intracellular signal transduction, by Prof. Saito; How behavior changes along human development, by Prof. Watanabe; To understand emotion, cognition, and behavior, by Prof. Eniwa; New aspects in the research field for schizophrenia, by Prof. Nishikawa; and Mood disturbance, by Prof. Koyama.

Specially, from this meeting, the first ISN-sponsored symposium in Japan is planned on the topic, "Molecular Basis of Neuronal Signaling". The program committee has finalized the program for the JSN meeting. The final program is available on the meeting web-site (<http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/pharm/yakuri/45JSN.htm>). Briefly, Dr. S. Amara (Vollum Institute, Oregon Health Sciences University) presents Functions of amino acid transporters; Dr. B. A. Hemmings (Friedrich Miescher Institute, Switzerland), Role of Akt/PKB signaling pathway in brain function; Dr. N. Y. Ip (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong), Involvement of cdk5 in ACh receptor expression in synapses; Dr. R. Mailnow (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York), Molecular mechanism of neuronal plasticity; Dr. M. Mishina (Tokyo University), Regulation of neuronal plasticity through glutamate receptors.

At this occasion of the ISN symposium, our society meeting is open more for not only domestic members, but also for neurochemists in Korea, China, Hong Kong, Australia, and other Asian-Pacific countries. We decided to present most of symposiums and all posters in English. The papers are welcome to accept from members in APSN. Applications are also invited for the APSN Young Investigator Awards. In particular, we hope that young investigators will visit Sapporo and enjoy scientific and social communication.

## **6. Annual meeting 2003: Joint meeting with the Japanese Biophysical Society**

**Niigata 2003.** The 46th annual meeting of the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry will be held at Niigata, the middle part of the Honshu Island faced to the Japanese Sea, in October 2003. Prof. Shoji Tsuji, Department of Neurology and Clinical Neurosciences, Brain Research Institute, Niigata University, will be the president of the meeting. The 46th meeting is planned to be a joint meeting with the Japanese Society for Biophysics. The meeting will overlap by 1 or 2 days.

## **7. Report on joint JSN/JNS meeting (Neuro2001) at Kyoto**

The joint Kyoto meeting was held September 26-28, 2001. It was the second joint meeting between the Japanese Society for Neurochemistry (JSN) and the Japan Neuroscience Society (JNS), followed by the first joint meeting in 1998 at Tokyo. Prof. Naomasa Miki, Osaka University, from JSN side and Prof. Hiromichi Sato, Kyoto University, from the JNS side managed the meeting as the Presidents. Professor Miki took the late Hiroshi Hatanaka's place who suddenly died in May 2001, when he reached the goal as an anchorman during the Ekiden (running relay race) in his institute. With over 3,000 registrants, including almost 70 from overseas representing 20 countries. Some lectures and presentations were canceled, due to travel difficulty by the WTC and Pentagon attack on September 11th. However, overall, the Kyoto meeting was a resounding success from all points of view.

## **8. Young Investigator Award 2001**

We recognize research achievements of promising young neurochemists. Up to one or two young scientist, 38 years of age or younger at the time of the annual meeting, may be given the award. The recipients are chosen from the candidates who present a 30-min lecture in an open session. This is already started and is the third year. The 2000 awards were presented to Dr. Kazunori Nakajima, Jikei Medical University, for his study of discovery how cortical lamina is formation, and Dr. Kanato Yamagata, Tokyo Metropolitan Research Institute of Neurosciences, for molecular mechanism of synapse plasticity. The 2001 award was to Dr. Masahiko Tanaka, Fujita Health University, for his study on neuronal cell proliferation, movement, differentiation and apoptosis in cerebellar slice culture. All these studies have already had a profound impact in the neurochemistry and related fields. The award was presented by the award committee president, Kazuhiro Ikenaka.



