

Funding of Sister Societies

ISN provides financial support to assist the meetings of sister societies (APSN, ASN and ESN). The Local Program Chair, after consultation with Officers of the sister society, will provide a "case for expenditure of funds" to ISN Officers at least 3 months prior to the meeting. The level of funding is fixed at US\$25,000 per annum recognizing that at the present time ASN meets annually, while APSN and ESN meet biennially (sum involved US\$50,000), although this frequency of meetings may change:

1. Use of the money is flexible, but preferably should be directed towards activities for younger neurochemists. Social activities will not be supported.

Preference is to be given to the following initiatives:

- Travel funds for students and postdocs (<10 years from PhD/MD)
- Young Investigator sessions
- Specific sessions (e.g. meet the speaker, grant writing, careers)
- Free registrations for people from financially disadvantaged countries
- Plenary lecturers

2. Upon approval funds will be sent to a bank account of the sister society. Other arrangements will be considered, but must be approved in advance by the ISN Treasurer. Money cannot be transferred to a private bank account. Funding will be provided according to the 80:20 rule - funds (80%) will be transferred before the meeting and 20% on the receipt of a report of the use of the funds.

3. Sessions, speakers and scientists supported by these ISN funds should all be acknowledged in the meeting program and announcements.

4. The Local Program Chair will be required to provide a meeting report to Council post-meeting listing the specific expenditures involved and the success of the funded activities. This report should list all individuals who were supported by the ISN funds, supported if possible by photographs of relevant activities. Reports will be posted on the ISN website. The Local Program Chair agrees to submit a meeting report to ISN Secretary within one month after the end of the meeting. The residual 20% will only be transferred to the sister society if an acceptable report is received by ISN within one month.

5 Sister societies will not be eligible for further funding for that particular meeting from ISN Conference Committee, although CAEN funding may be distributed to disadvantaged individuals. Pre- and post- Congress events with separate registration, satellite meetings and workshops associated with the meetings of sister societies will be eligible for funding from Conference Committee provided they have separate registration.

6. Council will evaluate this initiative regularly and on a meeting by meeting basis.