

## **Minutes of the General Assembly, Edinburgh, UK**

The convocation to the General Assembly was announced on the website of the ISFP in accordance with the Bylaws, and by e-mail to the members.

### **Report on the 2018 congress**

N. Mutch, President of the Congress, reported that the meeting attracted 114 delegates, representing 15 countries, who submitted 93 abstracts. It is expected that the congress will generate a small financial benefit.

### **Future organization of the ISFP**

As proposed by the Council, the General Assembly approved unanimously the following:

- The not-for-profit organization "International Society for Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis (ISFP)" (identification number 13963/2001; "Belgisch Staatsblad" Juli 26, 2001; corporation number 475.197.060) will be dissolved in Belgium on October 1, 2018. This will be confirmed by the notary-public and published in the "Belgisch Staatsblad".
- The Executive Director H.R. Lijnen is mandated to monitor the residual assets of the ISFP.
- All financial assets of the ISFP will be transferred to the not-for-profit organization "International Society for Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis" incorporated in Hamilton, Canada, on May 8, 2018, with the same objectives as the Belgian not-for-profit organization, and the same Bylaws with minor modifications as requested by the "Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act". These are approved by the General Assembly.
- H.R. Lijnen resigns as Executive Director on October 1, 2018. The General Assembly discharges H.R. Lijnen for the management.

### **Future congresses**

The next official ISFP congress, jointly with the PA Workshop, will be held in 2021, in order to avoid competing meetings. Candidates to host this congress should contact the Executive Director (paul.kim (at) taari.ca) before April 1, 2019. The decision on the meeting site will be taken at the Council meeting in 2019.

## **Composition of the council**

The General Assembly approved the following Council members and officers, to become in office after the 2018 congress.

N. Mutch will be Chairman until 2020. M.P. Stoppelli is elected as new Vice-chairman, to become Chairman after the 2020 Council meeting. R. Medcalf will serve as Secretary-Treasurer until 2022. P. Kim will be the new Executive Director, starting October 1, 2018.

Class 2020 will be prolonged until 2022, and the present class 2022 remains as scheduled. In 2022, 6 new Council members will be elected for a 4-year mandate. This will be announced to ISFP members by the Executive Director and vote conducted by email.

Ex-officio members J.A. Lisman (Associate Editor JTH) and M. De Maat (Liaison Officer IFRS) remain in office until 2020, and M. Colucci (previous Chairman) until 2019. K. Kolev is appointed to represent the SSC on Fibrinolysis of the ISTH in the Council.

At the end of their mandate, J. Meijers, D. Vivien and R. Lijnen join the ISFP Advisory Board (2018).

## **Financial situation**

The income statement and balance 2017 and the proposed budget for 2018 were approved by the General Assembly, as proposed by the Council. The membership fee for 2019 will be kept at 60€ or at 100€ for 2019-2020 (to be converted into CAD \$). One ISFP travel grant (1500€) was awarded in 2017. At the 2018 congress, the ISFP Prize (10,000\$), was awarded to Prof. P. Declerck for outstanding contributions to the field. In addition five D. Collen Young Investigator Awards were given (6500€) and about 13,400£ was allowed for travel grants to the best rated abstracts. The seed money (19,164£) provided to the congress by ISFP will be recovered depending on the final congress budget.

## **Membership**

6 new regular members and 7 new junior members were accepted by the General Assembly; 43 full memberships were paid in 2018 (some paid in 2017 for 2 years); 32 junior memberships, 13 honorary members and 5 complimentary members are registered.

## **Report from the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (by T. Lisman)**

The journal is doing well, with essentially no changes in number of manuscripts submitted, acceptance rates, and time from submission to first decision in the last 5 years. The number of basic science manuscripts submitted remains to be much lower than the number of clinical manuscripts, and I encourage you all to submit your best basic science to JTH. The impact factor of the journal is also stable, currently at 4.9. The editorial team will change in 2019, with David Lillicrap and Jim Morrissey taking over from Frits Rosendaal and Pieter Reitsma as editors-in-chief. Some of the associate editors will also change, but I will stay on as the associate editor on behalf of the ISFP.

I have recently launched a new journal category in which we aim to highlight papers relevant for the readership of JTH that have been published elsewhere. This new journal category is called 'Neighborhood Watch', and you can find examples in 2018 issues of JTH, with some explanation in the [January editorial](#)). Although the neighborhood Watches can be submitted on invitation only, I welcome proposals for papers to be discussed (and potential authors of the Neighborhood Watch) from the ISFP membership. If you think a paper might be of interest for a Neighborhood Watch, please contact me via [j.a.lisman@umcg.nl](mailto:j.a.lisman@umcg.nl).

I thank the members of the ISFP for their active involvement as reviewers for the journal. The most active reviewers are invited to join the editorial board, and I am very happy to see members of the ISFP in the editorial board list.

J. Meijers  
Secretary-Treasurer

M. Colucci  
Chairman

R. Lijnen  
Executive Director