

Minutes of the General Assembly of the International Society for Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis (ISFP), Toronto, June 22, 2015

Composition of the council

P. Declerck is chairman (until 2016) and J. Meijers remains as Secretary-Treasurer until 2018. M. Colucci will become Chairman in 2016. Class 2014 (C. Kluft, F. Lupu, V. Ploplis) has retired and will join the Advisory Board. Class 2016, 2018 and 2020 continue. R. Lijnen continues as Executive Director, and the ex-officio members (M. De Maat, T. Lisman and N. Mutch) are also prolonged. The mandate of J. Wojta (previous Chairman) ends.

Membership

Seven junior membership applications were accepted by the General Assembly; 135 full memberships were paid in 2015 and 35 junior memberships are registered in addition to 14 honorary members. Eleven complimentary memberships are prolonged for 1 year. A membership directory will be e-mailed to all members.

Financial situation

The income statement and balance 2014 and the proposed budget for 2015 were approved by the General Assembly. The membership fee for 2016 will be kept at 60€ or 100 € for 2016-2017. Three travel grants were awarded (4000 € in total). The Council decided to continue the D. Collen Young Investigator Awards (1x 2,500 \$ and 4 x 1,000 \$) and the ISFP Prize (10,000 \$) at the next ISFP Congress (First Joint Meeting of ISFP and Plasminogen Activation (PA) Workshop in Shizuoka, Japan, October 17-21, 2016).

An endowment of 25,000 € from LSRP will be used for travel grants for young investigators to attend the congress in Japan. Based on Abstract ratings, a maximum of 25 grants of 1000 € each will be allocated to young investigators under 40 years. For the winners of the D. Collen Young Investigator Awards, this travel grant will be given on top of the award.

Society Journal

T. Lisman, Associate Editor JTH, reported following news:

The society journal is doing well, with little changes compared to last year. The number of submissions is stable at close to 1200 manuscripts, with an acceptance rate slightly below 30%. The number of submitted clinical manuscripts remains much higher than the number of basic science papers (65 vs 35%). The impact factor went up to 5.7. New categories in the journal include 'case of the month' for exceptional case reports, 'forum', which is used to publish commentaries not linked to a specific paper, and 'what the neighbours' say', in which the editors discuss studies in our field published in other journals. I would like to express gratitude to all ISFP members that accept to review manuscript for the journal, and encourage members to continue submitting their manuscripts (and in particular basic science papers!) to the journal.

Congress 2014

The financial balance of the congress in Marseille showed a small profit and the ISFP seed money was recovered. The council congratulated congress president M.C.Alessi and her team for a well-organized meeting, both at scientific and social level.

Congress 2016

The 2016 ISFP congress will be organized in Shizuoka jointly with the PAworkshop. Congress President T. Urano presented practical arrangements and first provisional topics for presentations. A copy of the slides will be sent to the Council members for comments and suggestions. At the PA workshop in Rome (September 2015) more detailed discussions will be arranged.

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Travel Bursaries will still be available. Applications are to be addressed to the Executive Director and will be evaluated by an ad hoc committee (M. Colucci, C. Kluft, T. Lisman and H. Wojta). Nominations for the 2016 ISFP Prize and for Council Class 2020 can be made to the Executive Director. For more information, see www.fibrinolysis.org.

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