

Minutes of the meeting

Executive Committee of ESCNP

Zagreb, Croatia, October 21st, 2010

Attendance: Prof. Rektor, Prof. Bartko, Prof. Battistin, Prof. Riederer, Prof. Trkanjec, Prof. Gerstenbrand, Dita Kralova (Guarant)

1) Introduction

Prof. Rektor welcomed all members and informed everyone about the agenda of the meeting.

2) New members of ESCNP

List of new IAB members was presented. It was agreed to ask the IAB members to suggest new candidates for the IAB. Preferably, younger but experienced colleagues from underrepresented countries and specialties would be accepted. A formal letter suggesting a new member should include its putative contribution to the ESCNP activities, a CV and a list of international publications. Suggestions should be sent to the ESCNP secretariat.

Prof. Battiatin proposed to invite to adhere to the ESCNP as member or corporate member to the specialists and associations. The invitation will be published on website. All members will have the opportunity to publish on the ESCNP website, under the control of the Editorial Board

3) Cooperation with associations

Prof. Riederer proposed to contact the young neurologist association in order to start cooperation.

Dita will contact the national Societies of Neuropharmacology to present our website-
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4) Website – www.escnp.org

Dita informed the board about news on the website: information about events, CVs of the IAB members, news, etc. I.Rektor asked for more contributions. Executive Committee agreed to contact Editorial Boards with request to be more active.

The editorial board members will be asked about their intentions regarding the further development of website and their personal contribution to the development of website.

Prof. Gerstenbrand suggested to offer the IAB members the possibility to publish their Power Point presentation in the PDF format on the website. The suggestion was accepted...

It was agreed to present the link of our website to the other Societies and vice versa.

5) The future of the ESCNP

The future of the ESCNP was discussed. In fact, all expenses of the ESCNP are covered by Guarant, including the website. The attempt of Guarant and Ivan Rektor to obtain other funding was unsuccessful. ESCNP has no other resources. The involvement of Guarant is based on a personal contract between Ivan Rektor and Guarant and will go to end with his presidential mandate. It was agreed that Ivan Rektor should continue as President in 2012. Until the end of 2011 a vice-president (President-elect) will be elected. The vice-president will have a year to find a solution how to guarantee the continuation of the ESCNP before taking over the presidency from Ivan Rektor.

The election process of the new president will start with one or more nominations by the Honorary Board and the current president. The IAB members will be asked to express their opinion about the proposal and will have the possibility to suggest their candidates.

The vice-president/president-elect will be elected by e-mail voting.

6) Next congresses

ESCNP Congress in 2011

- Executive Committee received a kind invitation from Prof. Reichman to organize 11th ESCNP congress in Dresden, Germany incl. with Danube Symposium. Executive Board appreciated this offer and agreed. Prof. Riederer will contact Prof. Reichman to specify the date. It was suggested to organize the Congress one day before the Symposium starts – October 5th, 2011.

ESCNP Congress in 2012

- Executive Board appreciated agreed with Ivan Rektor's proposal to organize the 12th ESCNP congress in Prague, Czech Republic together with 2nd International Congress Epilepsy, Brain&Mind. Event will start on March 12, 2012.

Both congresses will be promoted on our website.

Future congresses:

It was agreed that the organization of future congresses will be offered to other members of Executive Committee. Dita will send an e-mail with the announcement.

Dr Rabey's proposal to organize annual courses on Neuropharmacology was discussed. ESCNP will support prof. Rabey's initiative. Prof. Rabey will be asked to send a detailed proposal to prof. Rektor.

7. Journal of Neural Transmission

Prof. Riederer reported on the journal. The ESCNP members will be encouraged to suggest publication to JNT.