

IFPA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Greg Rice (President)

Don Morrish (Secretary)

John Aplin (Treasurer)

Sept 8, 2006, 1745 h, Kobe International Conference Center, Kobe, Japan

1. WELCOME

G Rice welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: to approve last year's AGM minutes (posted on the IFPA website)

Moved: G Desoye, seconde: M Takayama, carried unanimously

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

D Morrish reported that IFPA had opened a bank account in Cincinnati to facilitate receiving donations and handling payments since IFPA is registered in New Jersey. He noted that the IFPA Executive had approved closing the UK bank account and consolidating IFPA finances in the Cincinnati account, of which L Myatt and J Aplin are current signing authorities.

Motion: to accept the Secretary's report

Moved: A Carter, seconded Jan Erwich; carried unanimously.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

L Myatt presented the report on behalf of J Aplin. The transactions and balances in the UK and Cincinnati accounts were presented (see attached). He noted that IFPA has yet to receive the \$10/delegate IFPA levy from the last meeting in Glasgow. He noted that the new treasurer to replace J Aplin will be Prof. Takeshi Aso from the Japan Placenta Association. G Rice expressed IFPA's thanks to Dr. Aplin for his excellent contribution as Treasurer.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report

Moved: J Keelan, seconded G Desoye, carried unanimously.

5. MATTERS ARISING

G Rice presented the new Conference Contract with Elsevier. The IFPA Executive has approved this contract with minor modifications. G Rice noted that the *objectives* of the contract were to provide continuity between meetings, to provide appropriate meeting structure, to decrease the burden on conference organizers, and to minimize and constrain costs to the membership, and to mitigate any financial risk to IFPA of holding the meetings. The essentials of the process stated in the contract were that Elsevier would fully fund the 2008, 2009, and 2010 meetings at its sole risk, to provide marketing and financial services, to delegate responsibility for organization and decisions and judgement of scientific content to IFPA with support from Elsevier, and that IFPA would designate the conference Chair who would be responsible with a representative from Elsevier for the overall conference management. The contract also states that Elsevier would continue to fund the Elsevier Award and half of the Trophoblast Research Award for the next 3 years.

P Bischof asked if there would be any increased cost to delegates. G Peoples stated that although costs are included in the budget it is not expected to be excessive and the Asilomar meeting used this service as an example of included costs without causing excessive registration costs. Elsevier regards organizing the meeting as having a potential for profit to Elsevier by its support. It was asked if the contract excludes other funding sources and G Peoples replied in the negative. It was asked if there was any conflict with support by Dr. Loke and the answer was in the negative. It was also asked if either party may withdraw; the contract does contain adequate provisions and conditions for withdrawal by either party.

Motion: to approve the Elsevier conference contract as amended by the IFPA executive

Moved: J Hunt, seconded G Desoye; in favor: 35, against: 1 ; motion carried

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Publication Committee.

H Schneider reported that the Elsevier publishing contract is valid until Dec. 31, 2009. However, he noted that because of the move towards electronic publishing that likely amendments to the contract regarding e-publication of Placenta likely will be undertaken before the term of the contract expires. The IFPA Executive has authorized the Editors of Placenta to start discussions with Elsevier in regard to such amendments.

He noted that the K Shiverick will be ending her Editorship of Trophoblast Research after this meeting, having done this for six years. The IFPA Executive thanks Dr. Shiverick for her outstanding editorship. He asked that any persons interested in assuming the editorship to contact Dr. Shiverick or himself. The target is to choose a new editor before the end of 2006.

6.2 Awards

D Morrish reported for C Sibley. The awards at this meeting were the Gabor Than Award, Trophoblast Research Award, Elsevier New Investigator Award, 40 Loke New Investigator Travel Awards, NIH Awards (one Senior Award and 3 New Investigator Awards) and 3 additional Kobe New Investigator Awards, the latter funded at \$500 US by the Kobe meeting. The list of awardees is attached.

7. PUBLICATIONS

7.1 PLACENTA

G Desoye reported that Placenta has achieved its highest impact factor ever (2.883). He thanked the reviewers for their careful and excellent reviews. He noted the directive from the IFPA Executive to work with Elsevier to move Placenta towards e-publication and to formulate an amendment to the publication contract. He noted that the reasons for going to e-publication were to provide cutting edge technology and timely presentation of publication to the research community and to reduce costs to assure the financial viability of Placenta.

Discussion ensued and it was asked if there would be access to archived issues if someone discontinued their subscription. It was noted that there is presently no mechanism for this and that this and other access issues will be discussed between the Editors and Elsevier in the upcoming months.

7.2. TROPHOBLAST RESEARCH

K Shiverick reported that the last meeting proceedings were published on target by April 1, 2006. There has been a 20% increase in page number and there were 9 reviews, 7 original manuscripts and 7 workshop reports. One manuscript was referred to Placenta. It was noted that the e-submission process increased the efficiency of processing. From the Kobe meeting, there are 21 solicited manuscripts of which 7 have already been submitted. Any manuscripts not accommodated in Trophoblast Research will be referred to Placenta. In discussion, it was noted that Trophoblast Research will remain as hardcopy even if Placenta moves to e-publication only.

7.3 Blue Pages

A Carter noted that the meeting issue contains an application form for IFPA membership. There are 4 pages twice a year and otherwise the text is 2 pages. Submissions of news items were welcomed.

8. CONFERENCE REPORTS

8.1 Kingston (August 17-21, 2007)

A Croy presented an outline of the meeting, which is nearly all completed in structure and invited speakers, and activities. There will be a one week placenta technology workshop in the week preceding the meeting.

8.2 Budapest (September 17-20, 2008)

N Than presented an outline of the meeting and proposed venues. A 4 day format is planned. Since Dr. Than will be in Chicago for three years, a co-chair Dr. Rita Magenheimer has been appointed to manage local affairs. Plans are progressing well. It is planned to use the Elsevier conference service and they have already been involved.

8.3 Adelaide (August 26-29, 2009)

C Roberts reported that preliminary planning has taken place. It is planned to put the meeting back-

to-back with the Australian Society for Reproductive Biology and Endocrine Society of Australia meetings so as to augment attendance and scientific planning.

8.4 Santiago, Chile

L Myatt presented a proposal on behalf of Dr. Luis Sobevia of Santiago to host the 1010 PAA meeting in Santiago or the adjacent resort town of Vina del Mar. Details of access and venues were presented. This proposal will be presented to the IFPA Executive tomorrow (Sept 9) for ratification.

9. Next meeting - Kingston, Canada, TBA.

10. Motion for adjournment: moved: G Desoye, seconded L Myatt, carried unanimously.

IFPA MEETING SCHEDULE

YEAR	ASSOCIATION	DATE	VENUE
2007	PAA	Aug 17-21	Kingston
2008	EPG	Sept 17-20	Budapest
2009	ANZPRA	August 26-29	Adelaide
2010	PAA	TBA	Santiago or Vina del Mar
2011	EPG		
2012	JPA		
2013	PAA		
2014	EPG		
2015	ANZPRA		

IFPA 2006 Kobe Awards

- Gabor Than Award** Ian Crocker, University of Manchester, UK
- Trophoblast Research Award** Malgorzata Gasperowicz, Freiburg University Medical Center, Freiburg, Germany
Runners up: Takeshi Nagamatsu, Tokyo, Japan
Rie Kawaguchi, Tokyo, Japan
- Elsevier Award** Ursula Hiden, Medical University of Graz, Austria
Runners up: Naoko Suwaki, Okayama, Japan
Nina Louise Jansson, Gothenburg, Sweden
- NIH Senior Investigator Award** Joan Hunt, University of Kansas Medical Center, USA
- NIH New Investigator Awards** Helen Jones, University of Cincinnati, USA
Rebecca Tallmadge, Cornell University, USA
Toshihiro Konno, University of Kansas Medical Center, USA
- YW Loke New Investigator Awards**
Friederike Beker, Canberra, Australia
Philip Simon Bridger, Giessen, Germany
Magnus Centlow, Lund, Sweden
Katya Chobotova, Oxford, UK
Suk-Joo Choi, Seoul, Korea
Jane Katherine Cleal, Southampton, UK
Berit Lorentzen Dahlstrøm, Akershus, Norway
Denis Alexander Evseenko, Auckland, New Zealand
Monique Huisman, Groningen, The Netherlands
Nina Louise Jansson, Gothenburg, Sweden
Masahiko Kaji, Tokyo, Japan
Natalia Karpovich, Oxford, UK
Makoto Kawamura, Kyoto, Japan
Takakazu Kawamura, Hamamatsu, Japan
Jose Roberto Kfoury, Jr., Sao Paulo, Brazil
Susanne Lager, Gothenburg, Sweden
Christina Leisser, Vienna, Austria
Lorena N Levi, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Wei Li, Toronto, Canada
Ji-Eun Lim, Ansan, Korea
Anne Liese Magnusson-Olsson, Gothenburg, Sweden
Haruta Mogami, Kyoto, Japan
Takeshi Nagamatsu, Tokyo, Japan
Katsuhiko Naruse, Japan
Marie-Thérèse Nilsson-Vinnars, Jr., Stockholm, Sweden
Takayuki Okazaki, Shimotsuga, Japan
Ji-Hyeon Park, Sydney, Australia
Jocelyn E. Ray, Toronto, Canada
Stephen J. Renaud, Kingston, Canada
Erika Rindsjö, Stockholm, Sweden
Yasushi Sasaki, Toyama, Japan

Kazuyo Sato, Toronto, Canada
Sean Kin Ming Seeho, Sydney, Australia
Shivadas Sivasubramaniam, Nottingham, UK
Stefan Sonderegger, Vienna, Austria
Naoko Suwaki, Okayama, Japan
Katsuhiko Takahashi, Nagoya, Japan
Akemi Ueyama, Saitama, Japan
Aslihan Ugun-Klusek, Nottingham, UK
Takashi Umekawa, Mie, Japan

Kobe New Investigator Travel Awards

Ursula Hiden, Graz, Austria
Alexander Edward Heazell, Manchester, UK
Jacqui Detmar, Toronto, Canada

IFPA UK Accounts at August 2006

		\$US		
		Credit	Debit	Balance
31-Dec-02	Gabor Than	4000.00		4000
13-Jan-03	IFPA Funds Transferred from Bank of Tokyo	3600.00		7600
	Bank Commission Charge		74.53	7525.47
13-Jan-03	IFPA funds Transferred from Bank of Tokyo	5959.58		13485.05
	Bank Commission Charge		36.23	13448.82
13-Feb-03	Melbourne meeting subscriptions (147 registrants x \$10)	1470.00		14918.82
	Bank Commission Charge		12.02	14906.80
18-Feb-03	IFPA Prize E Jauniaux		1000.00	13906.80
24-Jun-03	Rudi Leiser loan repayment	3482.00		17388.80
	Bank Commission charge		12.38	17376.42
22-Oct-03	Les Myatt expenses		168.53	17207.89
17-Nov-03	Than prize V Clifton		1000.00	16207.89
11-Dec-03	Mainz meeting subscriptions (193 registrants)	1930.00		18137.89
13-Aug-04	IFPA website domain registration		60.00	18077.89
26-Oct-04	IFPA Young investigator prize travel expenses		796.00	17281.89
02-Dec-04	IFPA Prize J Cross		1035.28	16246.61
30-Dec04	Harris Beach		1495.58	14751.03
04-Mar-05	US Treasury		150.00	14601.03
12-Apr-05	Harris Beach		1183.03	13418.00
26-Aug-05	Harris Beach		307.00	13111.00
	Greg Rice: IFPA Website Domain Registration		60.00	
	Chilean Meeting expenses		1650.00	
06-Oct-05	Harris Beach		59.80	13051.20
31-Oct-05	Elsevier			14589.17

11-Nov-05	Prize Thomas Jansson		2000.00	12589.17
07-Mar-06	Don Morrish / State of Delaware		25.00	
09-Jun-06	Harris Beach		112.20	12476.97
31-Jul-06	Transfer to US Bank Cincinnati		7037.63	5439.34
04-Aug-06	NIS Registered agent fee paid from US Bank		179.85	
IFPA Cincinnati Accounts - August 2006				
		Credit	Debit	Balance
20-Mar-06	Account Opened			
10-Apr-06	Reversed overdraft charge			6.96
30-May-06	Wire Transfer CW Loke			20006.96
14-Jun-06	Wire Transfer Charge			19993.96
31-Jul-06	Wire Transfer IFPA UK			26968.96
	(\$25 fee deducted)			

IFPA UK and Cincinnati Accounts				
		Credit	Debit	Balance
31-Jul-06	UK Balance			
31-Jul-06	Cincinnati Balance			