

Greg Rice (President)
Don Morrish (Secretary)
John Aplin (Treasurer)

IFPA Annual General Meeting

Date: 6th September, 2005, 1:30- 1800 h
Venue: K3:25, John Anderson Bldg, Strathclyde University, Glasgow, UK

IFPA Annual General Meeting
Sept 6, 2005, 5:30 h, K 3.25, John Anderson Bldg.

1. WELCOME.

G Rice welcomed everyone to the meeting. He expressed IFPA's thanks to Dr. Loke and Elsevier for their very generous support of the travel awards, Elsevier Award and Trophoblast Research Award. He also noted sincere thanks to L Myatt for his work in procuring the NIH travel award for US-based new investigators for the next 5 years. Thanks are also due to Dr. John Ilekis at the NIH for his aid in the granting process.

Further thanks were offered to D Morrish for his work chairing the IFPA Awards Committee for the last 4 years and formalizing the terms of reference, and for work in getting IFPA tax exempt status. .

Thanks also to Dr. John Aplin for his work as treasurer.

G Rice then presented a gift to L Myatt for his contributions as Past President and ongoing support of IFPA.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT (D Morrish)

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

Moved: M Nelson, seconded: G Desoye; carried unanimously.

D Morrish stated that as of July, 2005, IFPA is now tax exempt and can receive charitable donations. IFPA is registered in Delaware. Note was made that IFPA's annual registration as a non-profit organization has also been brought up to date. Note was made of the high cost of the legal fees generated by the tax exempt application (~\$2000 to date). A new account is being set up in Cincinnati under L Myatt to receive donations.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (J Aplin) (Report is appended to the minutes)

J Aplin noted the net balance currently in IFPA is about \$13,111 US. Future ongoing registration costs as a charity and tax exempt status are unclear but probably will be about \$300. the \$1850 IFPA tithe from the Glasgow meeting is not included in the report and will be received in future. It was noted that IFPA has reaffirmed that the \$10 levy on meetings is to be for all registrants (student and full registrant categories). The need for new sources of income was noted.

Discussion. It was asked if the US dollar account remained a safe investment. J Aplin noted that, though the value of the dollar has fallen somewhat, this loss in value is offset by the far fewer currency transaction charges (since awards and many costs are paid in US dollars). It was considered to explore the Cincinnati account as a permanent IFPA account. This will be a topic for future IFPA Executive Committee consideration.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report

Moved: A Carter, seconded: G Desoye, passed unanimously.

4. CONTRACTS (H Schneider).

H Schneider reported that a new 5 year contract has been signed with Elsevier for publication of Placenta and Trophoblast Research. He noted this has been a satisfying collaboration. The original signed copy of the contract is to be archived at the University of Rochester. G Rice expressed thanks to H Schneider for his work on the contract process.

5. IFPA AWARDS COMMITTEE

G Rice announced that the new chair of the Awards Committee (replacing D Morrish) will be C Sibley. The new members of the committee will be L Adamson, K Shivedrick (PAA), T Hata, S Saito (JPA), C Roberts, L Chamley (ANZPRA), and M Knoefler, J-C Challier (EPG).

A list of this year's award winners is appended to the minutes.

6. PLACENTA (G Desoye, European Editor).

G Desoye reported that the new North American Editor is Nelson, beginning January 1, 2005, and that the transition of the office from L Myatt went smoothly. He noted that Placenta is doing well with a large increase in new submissions. There will be a 20% increase in number of pages in 2005 as part of the new contract with Elsevier. The impact factor remains at about 2.7. He thanked the many reviewers as well as authors. He requested that reviewers update their information on the Editorial Manager. There was discussion on how to improve the impact factor. The editors discussed several strategies.

G Desoye and M Nelson (North American Editor) noted that there will be catchup issues of Placenta published in November and December, 2005, for articles accepted before May 1, 2005 because of the publishing backlog. He further noted that after May 1, 2005, that electronic versions will appear within 2 months of being accepted. The availability of e-subscriptions are being considered by Elsevier.

K Thornberg (former North American Editor prior to L Myatt) expressed thanks to the current editors for their excellent work in continuing to develop the journal.

7. TROPHOBLAST RESEARCH (K Shiverick, Editor)

K Shiverick noted that the proceedings from the Asilomar meeting (Sept, 2004) were published online by March, 2005 and in print by April, 2005, thus meeting the 6 month publishing target. She noted that TR will also receive 205 more pages next year. She expressed thanks to authors and reviewers for promptly submitting and reviewing work. She noted that Elsevier has produced a publisher's report on Trophoblast Research and particularly noted the very high citation rate for articles in TR, in part due to their timeliness of publication.

R Miller announced that by March 2006 all prior volumes of Trophoblast Research will be available electronically (having hitherto been available only in hard copy). There is hope that Medline will then index them.

8. BLUE PAGES (A Carter)

A Carter noted that due to lack of copy material, that the pages will be blue only for 2 issues a year when there can be 4 pages of copy and otherwise will be white. He solicited submissions for the Blue Pages

9. FUTURE IFPA MEETINGS

The schedule for future IFPA meetings has been set to 2009 and is as follows:

Kobe City, Sept. 6-9, 2006, JPA
Kingston, Aug. 17-21, 2007, PAA
Budapest, Sept. 17-20, 2008, EPG
Adelaide, 2009, ANZPRA

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved: G Rice, seconded G Desoye; unanimously passed.

IFPA MEETING SCHEDULE

YEAR	ASSOCIATION	DATE	VENUE	MEETING #
2001	EPG	19-23 September	Sorrento	7
2002	ANZPRA	6-10 Oct	Melbourne	8
2003	EPG	23-28 September	Mainz	9
2004	PAA	24-29 September	Asilomar	10
2005	EPG	3-7 Sept	Glasgow	11
2006	JPA	6-9 September	Kobe City	12
2007	PAA	17-21 Aug	Kingston	13
2008	EPG	17-20 September	Budapest	14
2009	ANZPRA		Adelaide	15
2010	PAA			16
2011	EPG			17
2012	JPA			18
2013	PAA			19
2014	EPG			20
2015	ANZPRA			21

1FPA Accounts at August 2005		\$us		
		<i>Credit</i>	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Balance</i>
31-Dec-02	Gabor Than	4000		4000
13-Jan-03	IFPA funds transferred from Bank of Tokyo	3600		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 registrantsx\$10)	1470		14918.82
13-Feb-03	Bank commission charge		12.02	14906.8
18-Feb-03	IFPA prize E Jauniaux		1000	13906.8
24-Jun-03	Rudi Leiser loan repayment	3482		17388.8
24-Jun-03	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	16207.89
11-Dec-03	Mainz meeting subscriptions (193 registrants)	1930		18137.89
13-Aug-04	IFPA website domain registration		60	18077.89
26-Oct-04	IFPA young investigator prize travel expenses		796	17281.89
02-Dec-04	IFPA prize J Cross		1035.28	16246.61
30-Dec-04	Harris Beach		1495.58	14751.03
04-Mar-05	US Treasury		150	14601.03
12-Apr-05	Harris Beach		1183.03	13418
26-Aug-05	Harris Beach		307	13111
Outstanding Expenses		<i>Credit</i>		
		\$US	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	Asilomar meeting levy (155 delegates)	1550		
	Greg Rice: IFPA website domain registration		60	
	Chilean meeting expenses-Placenta abstract publication		1650	
	IFPA Award – T Jansson		2000	

IFPA Awards

11th IFPA/11th EPG Meeting, Sept 3-7, 2005, Glasgow, UK

IFPA Award	Thomas Jansson, Gothenberg, Sweden
Trophoblast Research Award	Erica Watson, University of Calgary
1 st runner up	Lynda Harris, University of Manchester
2 nd runner up	Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri, University of Adelaide
Elsevier Award	Theresa Cindrova-Davies, University of Cambridge
1 st runner up	Ursula Hiden, University of Graz
2 nd runner up	Jasmine Leonce, Imperial College, London
NIH New Investigator Travel Awards	William Ackerman, Ohio State University Tim Cao, UC Davis Jennifer Dackor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Kathrin Dunlap, Texas A & M University Petra Grigsby, University of Cincinnati Julie Kessel, University of Wisconsin Shawn Straszewski-Chavez, Yale University
NIH Senior Investigator Travel Award	Allen C. Enders, UC Davis
Peter Kaufman Award	Philip M. Coan, University of Cambridge
Loke Travel Awards	Carlos Eduardo Ambrosio, University of Sao Paulo Emily Angiolini, Babraham Institute, Cambridge Richard Apps, University of Cambridge Laura-Jo Ayling, St. George's Hospital Medical School, London Xilian Bai, University of Manchester Shannon Bainbridge, Queen's University Obed Brew, Thames Valley University Theresa Cindrova-Davies, University of Cambridge Philip Coan, University of Cambridge Marie Cohen, Laboratoire D'Hormonologie Maternité, Geneva Jacqui Detmar, University of Toronto Anette Ericsson, Goteborg University Karen Handschuh, Faculte de Pharmacie, Paris Alexander Heazell, University of Manchester Ursula Hiden, Medical University Graz Sivagami Hancheran, Monash University Joanna James, University of Auckland Helen Jones, Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen Elisa Keating, Porto University, Porto Jasmine Leonce, Imperial College, London Budi Marjono, Monash University David Natale, University of Calgary Azhar Anjum Naheed, University of Manchester Scott Nelson, University of Glasgow Paula de Carvalho Papa, University of Sao Paulo Jonathan Perkins, University of Toronto Jurgen Pollheimer, University of Vienna Aparna Reddy, Princess Royal University Hospital Grazzia Rey Diaz, Universidad de la Republica Sara Roos, Goteborg University Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri, University of Adelaide Nima Soleymanlou, University of Toronto Tamara Tilburgs, Leiden University Aikaterini Varanou, Babraham Research Institute Erica Watson, University of Calgary

Wendy Whittle, University of Toronto
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