

# IFPA Annual General Meeting

Greg Rice (President)  
Don Morrish (Secretary)  
Takeshi Aso (Treasurer)

**Date:** Monday, August 20, 2007  
**Venue:** Stirling Theatre room D, Kingston University Campus  
Time: 2100 h

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**A quorum was deemed to be present.**

**IFPA Executive Committee Members attending:**

**Australia & New Zealand Placental Research Association**

Claire Roberts, Vicki Clifton, Greg Rice, \*Larry Chamley

**European Placenta Group**

John Aplin, Berthold Huppertz, Christiane Pfarrer

**Japan Placenta Association**

Masaomi Takayama

**Placenta Association of the Americas**

Don Morrish, Nicholas Illsley, Les Myatt

**Non-voting Members**

**Placenta** Michael Nelson, Gernot Desoye

**Trophoblast Research** Kathleen Shiverick, Anthony Carter

**Meeting Convenors**

Anne Croy, Charles Graham, Berthold Huppertz, Claire Roberts, Anne Catherine Staff

**Elsevier Press**

Sean Evans (Publishing Editor, Health Sciences), Greyling Peoples (Associate Publishing Editor), Nina Woods (Elsevier Conference Manager)

1. **WELCOME** Greg Rice, IFPA President
2. **MINUTES OF SEPT 9, 2006 AGM**  
(G.Rice )  
The minutes are published in Blue Pages and Web Site [www.placenta.cc](http://www.placenta.cc)  
MOTION: To accept thee Minutes as tabled: Moved A Croy, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Carter, passed unanimously.
3. **Appointment of a new secretary of IFPA.**  
G Rice noted that D Morrish's term as Secretary ends with this AGM. The next Secretary is to come from PAA (see attached executive rotation list). The PAA has nominated Stacy Zamudia for this post. She was duly elected to the PAA at their meeting on Aug. 19, 2007.  
MOTION: That Stacy Zamudia become the next IFPA Secretary.  
Moved: C Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Staff, passed unanimously.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** (D Morrish)  
D Morrish reported that an IFPA bank account has been opened in Cincinnati and the UK account closed (see Treasurer's report). He reported that Anthony Carter has been appointed the new editor of Trophoblast Research, taking over from Kathleen Shiverick. Gernot Desoye has announced that he will step down next year as European editor of Placenta. IFPA has struck a search and select committee to find the next European editor. D Morrish reported on behalf of Colin Sibley, Chair of

the IFPA Awards committee of the awards given this year (see attached list). Next year, the Than Award is scheduled to be given in Seggau. G Rice noted strong thanks to D Morrish for his work as secretary, K Shiverick as editor of Trophoblast Research, and G Desoye as editor of Placenta.

MOTION: To accept the Secretary's report: Moved J Aplin, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Nelson, passed unanimously..

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT** (L Myatt for T.Aso)

L Myatt reviewed the new Cincinnati account line items and the closed UK account (see attached). He noted that after paying outstanding Loke awards and the IFPA award, the account balance will be \$11,348.00. He reported that IFPA plans to invest part of this money in longer term funds to earn interest. The current account has no charges but also no interest earning capacity.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report as tabled: Moved A Croy, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Nelson, passed unanimously.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

Publication Contract – Elsevier. G Rice reported that IFPA has signed a conference management contract with Elsevier for 3 years. This will encompass the meetings in Austria (2008), Adelaide (2009) and Santiago (2010).

**7. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Awards (D Morrish for C Sibley). He reported that the IFPA Award was given to Myriam Hemberger, that Colin Sibley was chairing the Trophoblast Research award committee and that Martin Knoefler was chairing the Elsevier Award committee. The results of these awards will be known Aug 21 at the awards ceremony. (NOTE: the complete final list of awardees as finalized on Aug 21 is attached post-hoc but was not known fully at the time of the AGM).

It was noted that nominations are welcomed for the Than Award next year. The awards are advertised on the Blue Pages. The terms of reference are listed on the Placenta website.

**8. JOURNALS**

7.1 Placenta M Nelson reported that Placenta has achieved its highest impact factor ever at 2.969. A prior backlog of printed manuscripts has been reduced to about 5 months and by the end of 2007 should be reduced further to 2-3 months. E-pub occurs by 2 weeks after acceptance of galley proofs. The turnaround time for review averages 28-32 days. The total number of pages was increased to 1440 for 2007.

7.2 Trophoblast Research K Shiverick reported that the Kobe meeting was published in April with 16 manuscripts and 8 workshop reports. Page restrictions limited the length of workshop reports and some manuscripts. She thanked the authors and reviewers for their excellent and timely work in processing the submissions. It was noted that A Carter was elected as the new editor of TR.

7.3 Blue Pages A Carter reviewed the Blue Pages size and felt the page length was adequate. He invited submissions for meeting advertisements related to IFPA mandates. He noted that he would like to stand down as editor and suggested that it would be optimal if the new editor could be someone who could act as webmaster.

**9. CONFERENCE REPORTS**

9.1 PAA, Kingston Aug 17-21, 2007. A Croy reported on the very successful Kingston meeting. A full report has been tabled and appended to the Aug. 17 IFPA Executive Meeting. There were close to 400 registrants. G Rice expressed thanks

to A Croy and C Graham for their excellent work in organizing and conducting the meeting.

9.2 EPG, 2008 - Seggau Castle, Austria, 10-13 Sept, 2008 B Huppertz presented the meeting venue and draft program.

9.3 ANZPRA, 2009. 6-10 October, Adelaide, Australia. C Roberts presented the venue for the meeting.

9.4. PAA, 2010. L Myatt briefly reported that IFPA has approved the submission of L Sobrevia to hold the meeting in Santiago or the nearby resort town of Vina del Mar in the fall of 2010.

9.5 EPG 2011. Anne Cathrine Staff, Norway, reviewed a proposal to hold the 2011 meeting in Gielo, Norway. This proposal is to be presented next year to the EPG for ratification.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 2140 h.**

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**IFPA 2007 AWARDS LIST****Loke Travel Awards/CIHR Bursaries**

Nuray Acar  
Larysa Aleksenko  
Nora Bachmayer  
Natalie Castrechini  
Magnus Centlow  
Philip M Coan  
Alicia Ermelinda Damiano  
Jacqui Detmar  
Carlos Alonso Escudero  
Herbert Fluhr  
Nele Geusens  
Tanja Groten  
Alexander Edward Heazell  
Benjamin Heck  
Lydia Hering  
Friederike Herr  
Milica Jovanovic  
Rie Kawaguchi  
Trina Kirby  
Frederique Le Bellego  
Lorena Natalia Levi  
Nahardy Lopez-Gomez  
Daniele S Martins  
Marianne Messerli  
Katsuhiko Naruse  
Helena Nik  
Shruti Nimbkar  
Neerja Rani  
Monique Y. Rennie  
Alison Richmond  
Clarissa R.R. Rocha  
Leyla Sati  
Harmeet Singh  
Marie van Dijk  
Jose L Vega  
Rodrigo Vega-Sanchez  
C.C. Ronald Wang  
Kate L Widdows  
Julie Wright  
Gang Ye  
Mikihiro Yoshie

**NIH Awards**

Senior Investigator Award – Dr. R. Michael Roberts

**Travel awards:**

William Edward Ackerman  
Shannon A Bainbridge  
Louiza Belkacemi  
Lindsey N Canham  
Miao Chang  
Amanda M deMestre  
Mohamed Hassanein  
Helen Jones  
Satyan Kalkunte  
Leela Noronha

Mana Mosamma Parast  
Kristy Red-Horse  
Lea Rempel  
Victoria Roberts  
Gracy Rosario  
Elizabeth S Taglauer

**Trophoblast Research Award**

Jocelyn Ray

Runner up: Lindsey Canham – will receive a book gift certificate at the Queens University bookstore

**Elsevier Award**

Miao Chang

#2 oral award: Monique Rennie (receives copy of Soares-Hunt book)

#3 oral award – tie between Gracy Rosario and Clarissa RR Rocha (certificate)

**Student recognition awards for help during IFPA 2007 conference**

(will receive books)

Mike Bilinski  
Suzanne D Burke  
Stephen Renaud

**Book Awards** (to receive copies of Dr. Loke's books)

Suzanne D. Burke  
Nicola Frances Linton  
Rocio Monroy  
Lubna Nadeem  
Lindsay Patrick  
Robert Porteous  
Leslie Proctor  
Stephen J Renaud  
Alessandro Rolfo  
Julie Thorne  
Jing Xu

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**TREASURER'S REPORT: ACCOUNT STATEMENTS**

<b>IFPA Cincinnati Accounts - August 2007</b>		<b>\$US</b>		
		<i>Credit</i>	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Balance</i>
20-Mar-06	Account opened			
10-Apr-06	Reversed overdraft charge	\$6.96		\$6.96
30-May-06	Wire transfer C. W. Loke	\$20,000.00		\$20,006.96
14-Jun-06	Wire transfer charge		\$13.00	\$19,993.96
31-Jul-06	Wire transfer IFPA UK (\$25 fee deducted)	\$6,975.00		\$26,968.96
31-Aug-06	Wire transfer fee Nationwide Info Services (Registered Agent fee)		\$13.00 \$179.85	\$26,776.11
30-Sep-06	Young Investigator awards (10 @ \$500)		\$5,000.00	\$21,776.11
31-Oct-06	Young Investigator Awards (20 @\$500) TR Award Erica Watson		\$10,000.00 \$750.00	\$11,026.11
30-Nov-06	IFPA delegate fees Kobe Young Investigator Awards (4 @ \$500) Fees Harris Beach	\$3,110.00	\$2,000.00 \$192.50	\$11,943.61
31-Dec-06	Service Charge		\$13,00	11,930.61
31-Jan-07	Young investigator Award (1 @ \$500)		500.00	11,430.61
28-Feb-07	Young Investigator Award (1 @ \$500) Nationwide Info Services (Registered Agent Fee) Elsevier (abstract Publication -Kobe)		500.00 165.00 \$1,920	\$8,845.61
31-May-07	Charles Loke Transfer from UK account upon closure	\$20,000 \$5,345.49		\$34,191.10
30-Jun-07	Analysis service charge and wire transfers		\$31	\$34,160.10
31-Jul-07	Conference call Charges re 2008 meeting Hungary Account annual Fee		\$811.37 \$20	\$33,328.73
1-Aug-	Reversed annual fee	\$20		\$33,348.73

**Note:** 4 Young Investigator Awards 2006 not cashed, T Umekawa, SKM Seeho, Y Sasaki, M Kaji)

IFPA UK Accounts at August 2007		\$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 meeeting subscriptions (193 registrants)	1930		18137.89
13-Aug-04	IFPA website domain registration		60	<b>18077.89</b>
26-Oct-04	IFPA young investigator prize travel expenses		796	17281.89
2-Dec-04	IFPA prize J Cross		1035.28	16246.61
30-Dec-04	Harris Beach		1495.58	14751.03
4-Mar-05	US Treasury		150	14601.03
12-Apr-05	Harris Beach		1183.03	13418
26-Aug-05	Harris Beach		307	13111



	Greg Rice: IFPA website domain registration		60	
	Chilean meeting expenses		1650	
6-Oct-05	Harris Beach		59.8	13051.2
31-Oct-05	Elsevier	1537.97		14589.17
11-Nov-05	prize Thomas Jansson		2000	12589.17
7-Mar-06	Don Morrish / State of Delaware		25	
9-Jun-06	Harris Beach		112.2	12476.97
31-Jul	Transfer to USBank Cincinnati		7037.63	5439.34
12-Jan-07	Delegate Fees Glasgow meeting \$2000 minus transaction fees \$39.80	1960.2		7399.54
00-Sep-06	IFPA Award Ian Crocker		2000	5399.54
31-May-07	Transfer to Cincinnati Account	5345.49		
	Transfer Fees	54.05		0

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# Checking

Account ending in **2573**

ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$33,348.73

AVAILABLE BALANCE

\$33,348.73

## Recent Transactions

DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	ACCOUNT BALANCE
08/01/07		Reversed	\$20.00		\$33,348.73
07/31/07		Annual Fee-reserve Line		\$20.00	\$33,348.73
07/16/07	1047	<a href="#">view</a>		\$811.37	\$33,348.73
06/14/07		Analysis Service Charge		\$31.00	\$34,160.10
05/31/07		WireRef852400 Transfer Deposit Wt0m 070531002066	\$5,345.49		\$34,160.10
05/30/07		WireRef000617 Transfer Deposit Wt01 070530001900	\$20,000.00		\$28,814.61

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**Executive Rotation Schedule**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
1994	Sydney		Miller*	Kaufmann*
1995	Spa			
1996	Banff	Kaufmann	Miller	Soma
1997	Vigso			
1998	Tokyo	Schneider		
1999	Schladming			Hata
2000	Rochester		Rice	
2001	Sorento	Hunt		
2002	Melbourne			
2003	Mainz	Myatt		Aplin
2004	Asilomar			
2005	Glasgow	Rice	Morrish	
2006	Kobe			
2007	Kingston			Aso
2008	Seggau		new sec. PAA	
2009	Adelaide	new pres. EPG		
2010				
2011				new treas. ANZPRA

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