

Minutes of the 2007 ISCEV Membership Meeting

At the XLIV ISCEV International Symposium, Hyderabad, India, 28 August, 2007.

- 1 Opening Welcome & Report of the President** The President opened the meeting and welcomed ISCEV members. He thanked Don Hood, Vice President for the Americas, will finish his term in 2007 and welcomed Mineo Kondo and Carol Westall, our new Board Members at large.
- 2 Minutes of the 2006 ISCEV Membership Meeting**
 - 2.1 The minutes of the 2006 ISCEV Membership Meeting as printed in the ISCEV 2007 Newsletter (NL) were adopted as a true record with a minor syntax correction.
 - 2.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 3 Report from the 2007 Symposium Organiser:** Dr Subhadra Jalali reported that the symposium had 188 delegates and 237 participants including trade and accompanying people. There were 94 scientific presentations including 55 oral, 3 keynote addresses, and 39 posters. Delegates came from 24 countries around the world.
- 4 ISCEV Officers' Updates and discussion of the reports printed in the 2006 NL**
 - 4.1 Approval of the Treasurer's Report (2007 NL)** the report was unanimously exonerated by a vote of the members. The issue of the funding the non-profit status was deferred to item 5.
 - 4.2 Matters arising from the reports of the other ISCEV officers in the 2007 NL**
 - 4.2.1 The Director of Education** thanked the lecturers for the successful ISCEV Teaching Course at the LV Pradsad Eye Institute (24-24 August), which attracted 70 participants. He further updated his written report with information about the recent ISCEV approved course in Padova Italy. Anne Fulton reported that the Paediatrics committee requested that paediatric topics should have greater coverage in the ISCEV course. Graham Holder reported that he has increased this topic in recent years and this year there was a full lecture in paediatrics. Anne Fulton asked that the course curriculum be made available to the Paediatric committee.
 - 4.2.2 Director of Standards:** Mitch Brigell outlined the progress towards establishing a range of specific protocols suitable for clinical trials. Prof Zrenner chaired a breakfast meeting during this symposium. He has now formed a committee and will set up a template for extended protocols such as "Scotopic a-wave luminance-response functions (Naka-Rushton), S-cone and L-cone protocols etc. All extended protocols will be presented to the members online for review and, if subsequently adopted as 'ISCEV approved protocols', they will be available for applications in clinical trials and inter-laboratory comparisons. Both the VEP and ERG standards are now due for revision.
- 5 Highlights of the ISCEV Board of Directors Meeting**

In view of our healthy finances (and the concomitant risk to our non-profit tax status), the Board approved measures to enhance our activities:

 - 1) We will sponsor an **ISCEV keynote lecturer** at our international symposia (In the past invited speakers have required external sponsors or have been funded by symposium fees.)
 - 2) The Board approved in principal **ISCEV grants for Extended Laboratory Visits** to

support educational and research collaboration. Guidelines for application and awarding will be prepared so that the programme can begin in 2008.

3) Additional ISCEV travel grants may be awarded some years at the discretion of the ISCEV Awards committee.

The members present formally exonerated the ISCEV Board of Directors by a show of hands (unanimous)

6 Voting – ISCEV Board of Directors & mfERG Standard:

- 6.1 President of ISCEV: There were no further nominations from the floor. The Prof Michael Bach was re-elected to his second term (unanimously).
- 6.2 Vice President for the Americas: From the slate of nominees, Mitchel Brigell and Pierre Lachapelle were selected by the members present as the two candidates to go forward to the mail ballot.
- 6.3 Member-at-Large: There were no further nominations from the floor. The Dr A Patrizia Tormene was re-elected to her second term (unanimously).
- 6.4 Honorary members: A Board nomination of endorsed Prof Yozo Miyake was presented by Dr Mineo Kondo. The members present unanimously elected Prof Miyake as a new honorary member of ISCEV.
- 6.5 The mfERG update (available since 1 August for review) was presented for discussion. A lively discussion ensued regarding the balance between setting specific standards giving comparable results and the need to be inclusive of laboratories with a range of procedures and equipment. Although there was considerable support for acceptance of the mfERG draft as a new ISCEV standard, less than a majority of members present voted for this option. A second vote to adopt the draft as an updated mfERG guideline passed with a strong majority..

7 Future ISCEV Symposia

- 7.1 Prof J Vernon Odom updated the members on plans for the XLVI ISCEV Symposium Morgantown 10-15 July 2008. “Correlation of Structure and Function” and “Electrophysiological Assessment of Low Vision”
- 7.2 A Patrezia Tormene presented plans for the XLVII ISCEV Symposium in Padova Abano Terme, Italy, 6-10 July 2009. The symposium themes “Non-standard stimuli – their contributions to modern electrophysiology” and “New therapies – from photoreceptors to glaucoma” were announced.
- 7.3 XLVIII ISCEV Symposium (2010, Asia/Oceania): Very attractive invitations were presented from Perth, Australia – Enid Chelva, Chongqing, China – Zheng Qin Yin, Singapore – Audrey Chia and Seoul, South Korea – Young-Hoon Ohn. The members presented voted by secret ballot for Perth and Chongqing to go forward to the postal ballot by all members.
- 7.4 XLIX Symposium (2011). The SG has been notified of the intention to invite ISCEV to Toronto (Carol Westall) and to a cruise from New York to Montreal (Mitchell Brigell).
- 7.5 An invitation to Valencia Spain in 2012 by Concha Solen was announced.

Without other business the meeting closed at 18:36.