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57th IUIS Council Meeting Kobe, Japan

Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2010. 15.45 – 18.00 hrs
Location: Portopia Hotel, Main Building BF1, room “Ikuta”

Invited:

- Executive board 2010-2013
- Council members 2010-2013 (elected at the 14th General Assembly on August 22, 2010)
- Representatives of the previous Executive board: Mohammed Daha (Secretary General) and Marianna Newkirk (Treasurer) (as consultants, non-voting)
- Committee chairs (non-voting)
- Regional Federations (non-voting)
- Liaisons and Affiliated organizations (non-voting)

Present:

ExCo: Kaufmann Stefan, Kalil Jorge, King Nicholas, Meri Seppo, Doherty Peter.

Council: Cao Xuetao, Carneiro Margarida, Dieye Alioune, Erdei Anna, Frelinger Jeffrey, Koyasu Shigeo, Lopes Daniel, Mantovani Alberto, Ratcliffe Michael, Ronchese Franca, Rudd Chris, Schmidt Reinhold, van Lier René.

Committee Chairs: Bounsell Laurence (Nomenclature), Hein Wayne (VIC), Nonoyama Shigeaki (PID), Valenta Rudolf (Standardization).

Regional Federations: Aguilar Olano José (ALAI), Sautes-Fridman Catherine (EFIS)

International Affiliates: Hafler David (FOCIS), Szekeres-Bartho Julia (ISIR).

Daha Mohamed, Newkirk Marianna, Gerlinde Jahn (IUIS central office).

1. Welcome and arrangement of the new council

Stefan Kaufmann, the newly elected President of IUIS, welcomes all members of the new IUIS Council. The agenda for the meeting is accepted as proposed.

2. Finances: budget for the year 2011

The Treasurer, Nicholas King, describes proposed changes to the IUIS 2011 budget. Also, 10,000 USD for website and logo. These involved an expected income of about 150,000 USD from the Kobe meeting (50,000 USD/each forthcoming year until 2013) and revises expenses for the President (from 3,500 USD to 6,000 USD), General Secretary (from 5,000 USD to 10,000 USD), and Treasurer (from 3,500 USD to 6,000 USD). 10,000 USD are reserved for a new Career Committee (see next point). The final sum of the budget is 331,000 USD.

After discussion the Council unanimously accepted the proposed new budget.

3. New committee, and chairpersons for committees:

a. Clinical Immunology Committee - CIC

There are two candidates to succeed Sergio Romagnani: Moncef Zouali, France, and Reinhold Schmidt, Germany. Both candidates received support. After discussion, Reinhold Schmidt was elected new chairman of CIC, and Moncef Zouali proposed as vice-chairman (final decision by chair). The vice-chairman can represent the committee in case the chairman is not able to attend.

b. Nomenclature Committee: Pablo Engel, Spain, is elected chairman of the committee to succeed Laurence Bounsell.



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c. Career Committee. A new committee, Career Committee, based on the suggestion of the Secretary General, is proposed with tasks involving the improvement of career development of (i) female immunologists, (ii) young immunologists and (iii) immunologists from less privileged countries. The Council unanimously accepts the foundation of the new committee and elects Olivera Finn, USA, the chairperson and Narinder Mehra, India, the vice-chairperson for the committee.

4. Sites and occasions of next IUIS council meetings

a. 58th Council meeting in 2011

For 2011 two proposals are made: Washington D.C. (June 23-26 FOCIS) and Turkey (by Gunnur Deniz). The Council discusses the alternatives and decides to hold the IUIS council meeting in Washington D.C. on June 22nd, 2011, prior to the FOCIS meeting. Dr. Hafler, the FOCIS representative, welcomes the Council to the meeting and considers this as a good opportunity for strengthening contacts between the IUIS and FOCIS. The IUIS Council agrees. (SG note: The Executive Committee of FOCIS and its President Jonathan Braun later recommended that David Hafler and Abul Abbas, the Vice-President of FOCIS, could both represent FOCIS as a non-voting affiliated member in the IUIS council meetings. The liaison between IUIS and FOCIS will also be strengthened by Olivera Finn, the new chairperson of the Career Committee, IUIS, and program manager in FOCIS).

b. 59th Council meeting in 2012

For 2012 two proposals are made: Lima, Perú (ALAI) and New Delhi, India (FIMSA). The Council discusses the matter and notes that two recent council meetings: 2008 (in Taipei) and 2010 (Kobe) have been held in Asia giving thus preference for Lima, Perú. Therefore, the Council decides to hold its 2012 meeting prior to the 10th ALAI meeting in Lima, Perú (May 23rd, 2012). The representative of ALAI, Dr. José L. Aguilar Olano greets the decision and welcomes the Council warmly to the meeting.

5. Next congresses

a. Rome 2013. Organization of the 15th ICI meeting in Rome is progressing well. IUIS member societies will be asked to provide input to the program (especially suggestions for speakers and workshop moderators).

b. Melbourne 2016. The 56th Council meeting and the 14th General Assembly had decided that the responsibility of organizing the 16th ICI meeting is given to the Australasian Society for Immunology. The meeting will be held in Melbourne, Australia. A formal contract between the society and IUIS will be prepared later. (SG note: a formal acceptance letter was sent to the society, represented by Dr. José Villadangos, and to the State of Victoria, Australia, from where financial support will be given: the State of Victoria: 500,000 AUD, the city of Melbourne: 310,000 AUD).

6. Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The IUIS Executive Committee has received 6 applications for the post of a CEO. One applicant, Mr. Klaus Born, had been selected as the top candidate. The Council was to be consulted prior to decision making. Mr. Born gives a presentation of his assets, goals and strategies for the post emphasizing his skills in selling, communication, corporate language and new technology. He sees the role of a CEO as an efficient facilitator, communicator and as a person who should raise financial support for IUIS. After the presentation the Council discusses the issue in length. Several points are raised on the need of a CEO in a nonprofit organization. Having the service as an outsourced activity is discussed, because companies exist that help nonprofit organizations obtaining funding. Writing grant applications is considered important. Mr. Born is seen as a skilful and competent person, but his profile is seen to be different from what would be needed in IUIS. Also, the formal status of IUIS as a nonprofit organization exempt from comprehensive tax audits is seen to be at risk if a CEO would be hired. For these reasons the Council feels reluctant to support a decision on hiring a CEO.



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Formally, it is decided that the decision would be made by the Executive Committee by the end of September 2010. Prior to that time the Council can discuss the issue via e-mail.

As for raising funding, Rudolf Valenta offers his help in obtaining sponsorship for IUIS through his activities in the Standardization Committee. Also, it is suggested that selected philanthropists could be contacted with the aim of getting support to IUIS.

7. Journal for IUIS

The IUIS has for some time discussed the possibility of having its own journal in order to be able to distribute information and raise funding. The previous Exec has been especially active on this. Both, Peter Doherty, Stefan Kaufmann and Mohamed Daha, have been involved in discussions with different publishers for cooperation.

The latest discussions were carried out with the company and journal "Frontiers", based in Lausanne, Switzerland. The activity is supported by a Foundation. A description of the activities of the proposed "Frontiers in Immunology" e-journal are presented to the Council by Dr. Kendall Smith. The company is publishing new types of e-journals, e.g. within the field of neurosciences. Publishing is open-access and based on activities of scientists acting as editors at different levels in a "pyramid-like" structure (Main Editor - Chief Editors - Associate Editors - Review Editors). Finances are based on fees on accepted manuscripts, not on subscriptions. The activity goes beyond publishing articles in providing commentaries ("news and views"), possibly publishing also the peer-reviews of articles and "online" follow-up of bibliometric parameters. The concept provides the set-up of several subsubject-specific immunology journals (Frontiers in Autoimmunity, T cells, B cells, Veterinary Immunology, Complement etc.) each with their own Editor(s)-in-Chief.

The Council discusses the issue. It needs an official journal and the proposal sounds attractive to the Council members, particularly because the Frontiers in Neurosciences journal is said to have turned out to be successful in becoming the number 2 journal in the field of neuroscience. Cooperation with the journal is considered more as an opportunity than a risk. (SG note: An alternative would be that IUIS sets up a similar activity by itself.) IUIS can provide much help for a new journal in the form of skilled editor candidates, substance knowledge, rapid and motivated reviewers, potential authors, industry contacts and attraction for advertisers. IUIS would be essential when it comes to recruiting and creating a large community of scientists in the field. From the IUIS point of view the main issues are 1) the visibility of IUIS in the journal, which would thereby become the official journal of IUIS and 2) revenue, which should be at least 10-20% of the income of the journal. Furthermore, considering the global nature of IUIS, it would be important that submission fees for papers coming from developing countries be waived. For this, the support provided by the underlying Foundation would be essential.

The Council decides to ask Mohamed Daha and Stefan Kaufmann to negotiate with the "Frontiers" on the above issues and to act as a link towards the IUIS ExCo. They are asked to consult the ExCo and inform the Council on progress in the discussions within 6 months (SG note: i.e. by the end of February, 2011). In the meantime, IUIS Council members can start identifying names of potential editors for a set of new immunology journals.

8. Web site / communication

Margarida Carneiro kindly promises to continue as the web-manager of the IUIS website at least for 6 months or until the IUIS finds a new web-manager. The site is kept in Vienna at the Vienna Medical Academy, where software and technical support is also available. The website has been updated during recent years thanks to the activities of Margarida. Since the aims of the new ExCo and Council are to increase communication further continuous updating and improvement of the site is needed. In the meantime, a professional web manager should be identified. Also, a new logo



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should be designed. For website and logo 10,000 USD have been set aside. (SG note: new Council members: please, provide your personal information with photos to the web-manager).

9. Faculty lists

In the past, the IUIS has created a list of faculty, people willing to participate in teaching activities on immunology courses organized in areas where more knowledge on immunology needs to be spread. The list of names of these individuals will be deposited and kept in the IUIS central office in Vienna (by Gerlinde Jahn). It can be obtained upon request.

The SG also proposes that IUIS could generate a “Young Faculty”, a list of young people (post-doc level, age category 30-50) willing to participate in similar activities. No decision on this is made at this point.

10. Affiliated organizations

The IUIS has several affiliated organizations. Some keep active contact, some not. The relevance of the latter affiliations would need to be discussed at a later time, for example during the next Council meeting in 2011. It is discussed that at some point IUIS would approach certain subject-specific organizations (like NK-cell society, International Complement Society etc.) for their willingness to affiliate with IUIS. This would be relevant e.g. when organizing satellite meetings close to actual triennial ICI meetings.

(SG note: Council members are requested to provide information on relevant international/global organizations devoted to distinct subfields of immunology).

11. Other matters

No other issues emerged

12. Closing

The meeting is closed at 18.30

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