

# Minutes of the General Assembly IFCN European Chapter

Rome, June 23, 17.30 – 19.00

1. *Report of the IFCN President Paolo Rossini from the IFCN / Congress Rome 2011.*  
Paolo Rossini welcomed the Delegates and reported details on the Rome meeting with more than 900 delegates.
2. *Report of the President IFCN European Chapter Luis Garcia-Larrea.*  
Having welcomed the delegates to Rome, Luis Garcia-Larrea drew attention to the needs for higher financial resources, for inventiveness and innovation, recognition of the discipline in countries without the medical speciality of clinical neurophysiology, for technology assessment and for guidelines. He gave a brief outline of the activities and overall philosophy of the EC-IFCN Committee since Kyoto 2010
3. *Report of the Secretary / Treasurer Walter Paulus.*  
Walter Paulus reported on details of one supported Courses in Slovenia, on the reasons for the "delay" of the next ECCN in 2015, a likely intermediate symposium in 2013 and the changes in the Web site. After having paid 16 stipends for joining the Rome meeting the momentary financial balance of the Chapter amounts to 38.230 €, from which support to training courses and meetings until the end of 2012 has to be covered. The GA voted on the report and disburdened the treasurer unanimously with 1 abstention.
4. *Report of Members-at-large*
  1. *Survey on CN in Europe, "10 years after", Jonathan Cole.*  
A short history of the subject was presented, beginning with concerns expressed at the GA in Kobe about service and training issues in Europe. Following on from the 2000 publication, he suggested a survey of societies in relation to training requirements, activity and relations between clinicians and technicians. This was agreed. The next stage was to refine the questionnaire within ExCo and then circulate it, as well as to approach European OSET.
  2. *Anders Fuglsang-Frederiksen: SCORE. Scientific activity ECCN over the years. Status of quality developments and guidelines.*
    - ECCN scientific activity 1987-2011 showed a steady increase in number of abstracts per ECCN congress from 230 in Amsterdam 1987 to 654 in Rome 2011.
    - Medical technology assessment in general, suggesting that the introduction of standards and guidelines would strengthen the European Clinical Neurophysiology community.
    - Status on SCORE, which is a standardised EEG report system giving the possibility of a) quality development, b) second opinion, c) standardised exchange of EEG data for research and, finally, d) standardised training of physicians. SCORE has been supported by EC\_IFCN which initiated a critical reviewer group, with each reviewer nominated by the national society. A beta version was presented at a workshop in Rome.

5. *Report of the liaison officer Mamede de Cavalho: news from the IFCN relevant for the European Chapter.*

- IFCN is economically well in spite of the world crisis, meaning a regular income to the European chapter.
- Regarding national societies of Clinical Neurophysiology, the good news includes the re-activation of the Greek Society and the process of formation of the new Cyprus Society. The bad news is the dormant two Belgium Societies that do not respond to any contact.
- The IFCN intends to form an education committee to which the European Chapter should provide one person.
- IFCN has established a cooperation protocol with OSET to provide facilities to technicians' education and training. We preview that the next Berlin Congress, March 2014 could be the first congress where OSET participation can be incorporated.
- IFCN will initiate 2 prizes, each year, to investigation in particular areas of clinical neurophysiology, which will be given to the best paper submitted to the journal Clinical Neurophysiology on the selected area within the appropriate time frame. The subjects and conditions will be announced in the journal.
- IFCN considers using Venuewest or another company as a tool to keep a better control of the local administrative and financial organization of future international Clinical Neurophysiology congresses.
- IFCN would like to propose to the European Chapter the inclusion of the chapter webpage inside the IFCN webpage, which would decrease the Chapter costs.
- ICNS statute and by-laws refinement is under consideration

6. *Affiliation of the European Chapter to the European Brain Council.*

Claude Tomberg reported on a possible affiliation to the European Brain Council. An associated membership is possible free of charge, a full membership costs 5000 € each year. The ExCo will discuss this point with the option of a free of charge membership at the next phone conference.

7. *Next ECCN 2015.* Prof. Ivan Rektor presented the application of the Czech Society for Clinical Neurophysiology for 2015 for Brno. After intensive discussion the delegates voted unanimously for the Czech application.

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