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Two years ago I was elected as the 29th CINP President and the first President from Asia.

I was truly humbled and honored to serve as President of the most traditional and prestigious society in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. I can say confidently I have

been doing my best for two years to contribute to CINP and the development of neuropsychopharmacology through CINP. I have had no time to pause but today I would like to stop and look back two years of my Presidency to share the activities with our colleagues.

### *A series of CINP CNS Drug Development Summit*

CINP recognized promoting psychotropic drug development as its important mission and decided to address the challenge of the drying pipeline. This was initiated by former President, Professor Hans-Jürgen Möller, who convened the CINP Think Tank meeting in Munich in 2012 together with Prof Brian Dean, followed by a workshop held in Hiroshima by myself in December 2012. Based on the success of such meetings, Professor Anthony Phillips, Past President, held the first CINP Summit *“Innovative partnerships accelerate CNS drug discovery for improved patient care”* in Munich. The proceedings of this meeting were published in IJNP as a White Paper, in which CINP proposed 10 action points for accelerating the drug development and a commentary article about the importance of innovative partnership among researchers, patients, regulators, payers and industry for CNS drug discovery was also published in Nature Reviews in December, 2014. The Follow-Up Summit meeting was held in Vancouver in 2014. As I believe the movement toward CNS drug innovation should also be developed in the Asian region, where we face a growing number of patients with mental disorders, I convened the third CINP CNS Drug Innovation Summit in Tokyo for two days in April, 2015, for the purpose of achieving our action points with the theme

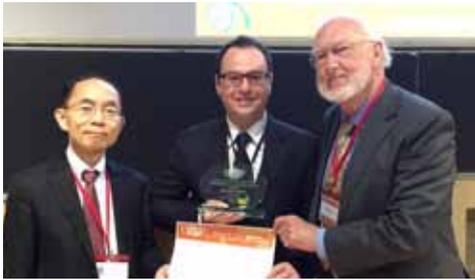
of *“Public Private Partnerships for Accelerating New Psychotropic Drug Development”*. The speakers were representatives from the Japanese Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), NEWMEDS in Europe and FNIH Biomarkers Consortium in US, and world leading researchers and representatives from major Japanese and global pharmaceutical companies. We had about 300 participants for the Symposium session on the first day. At the closed working group session on the second day vigorous discussion took place in the three working groups on the establishment of private public partnership framework for CNS drug innovation including *“diagnostic and treatment biomarker development”*, *“realization of early stage proof of concept (POC)”* and *“establishment of global clinical trial structure”*. I’m delighted to report the discussion has been carried on by the PPP taskforce of Japanese Society of Neuropsychopharmacology (JSNP) formed after the Tokyo Summit and they will present their activity in the Presidential symposium at the Seoul Congress in July 2016.



### *Dublin Thematic Meeting*

Our Thematic Meeting is also a very important meeting to increase the visibility of CINP by being held in the year between the biennial World Congresses. The 2015 Thematic Meeting was held at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland in June 2015, which is the most attractive month of the year weather wise. Thanks to the diligence of LOC, Chaired by Prof Brian Leonard, a CINP Past President, and our Central Office, over 300 participants including myself enjoyed outstanding lectures and educational session on *“Stress inflammation and depression: focus on novel psychotropic drug targets”*.

# PRESIDENTIAL REPORT



*Rafaelsen winner, Dr Alexander McGirr, Canada with Prof Shigetoto Yamawaki and Prof Brian Leonard*

## *Educational meetings*

The international educational courses “*Modern problems of the neurobiology and psychopharmacology of addiction*” were held on 18-19 May, 2015 in Tomsk and on 21-22 May, 2015 in Novosibirsk. Courses have been organized under the auspices of CINP in cooperation with institutions of Federal Agency for Scientific Organizations of Russia on the initiative of Mental Health Research Institute. Further details for the CINP Education Programme can be found in this Biennial report.

## *IJNP Open Access and Oxford University Press*

At the beginning of January 2015, Oxford University Press formally became the publisher of the International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology (IJNP), our official journal. This change was initiated in 2014 by Prof Anthony Phillips, Past President and Dr Alan Frazer, Chief Editor of IJNP.

IJNP has been moved to a full Open Access (OA) journal at the same time. The Executive Committee had lengthy discussion before moving to an OA journal, and in fact had expected to face some difficulties to make this drastic change. But it was made, I would say, unexpectedly rather smoothly.

Dr Alan Frazer has reported that Oxford University Press has been very cooperative and worked very efficiently during the transition. They continue to provide a very professional service.

The Open Access model seems to be getting more popular and I have a feeling that people will become comfortable with it soon. Besides, CINP members have the benefit of a discounted publishing cost in IJNP. I'm sure our Editor in Chief will be telling you more about the Journal. I would like to thank Dr Anthony Phillips and Dr Alan Frazer for their dedication to this project.

## *Consideration on Modification of Constitution and By-Laws*

At the last EC meeting, we spent a lot of time on considering ways to increase CINP's visibility and the financial status. In order to give CINP a higher visibility the possibility of holding a CINP meeting every year is suggested. Also in our current financial model, each biennial Congress must support the administrative costs of the CINP for two years. Due to the recent trend of decreasing sponsorship from pharmaceutical companies at scientific meetings, it has become more difficult to achieve this. There were opinions that shifting to annual World Congresses would strengthen CINP in the financial aspect, too. But we have not reached the stage of referring to the annual Congress clearly yet. This will be discussed at the EC meetings in the next term. However, we need to modify the Society's Constitution and By-Laws to allow more flexibility in scheduling our World Congress. I have sent out the message to our members asking for their comments on this matter under joint signature with Prof John Krystal, the incoming President. I sincerely appreciate the various valuable feedback we've been receiving from members. This matter will be addressed by the next the next President Prof John Krystal and the Executive Committee during the next term. We will advise our members of our discussions.

## *CINP World Congress 3rd – 5th July 2016, Seoul, Korea*

The most responsible and important duty for me as President was to organize our biennial World Congress which is held in Seoul, Korea this year. I've tried my best to ensure the success of the Seoul Congress with unwavering support of the International Scientific Programme Committee chaired by Prof Siegfried Kasper, the Local Organization Committee chaired by

Prof Jun Soo Kwon, the Central Office team led by Mrs Gill Moore, our Executive Secretary, and my colleagues on the EC. We are confident we have developed the most attractive programme and the 30th Congress will meet your expectation including the latest developments in preclinical, translational and clinical.

During the Congress, all CINP members are encouraged to attend the General Assembly scheduled for 11:30 – 13:00 on Tuesday 5th July.

Now I'm delighted to pass the baton to Prof John Krystal, the incoming President, who is a proven leader in the neuropsychopharmacology community. He will surely lead CINP in further exciting direction. Thank you again for your full support for CINP and I pledge myself to contribute to success of our College.

# SECRETARY'S REPORT



## *Report of the Secretary, Prof Siegfried Kasper*

In my second term as Secretary I have also had the enjoyable responsibility of Chairing the International Scientific Programme Committee (ISPC) for the 30th World Congress in Seoul which I will give a brief overview in this report.

As always our Executive Committee meetings were held in conjunction with other meetings as follows:

*June 2014, Vancouver, Canada* in conjunction with the CINP Biennial meeting

*December 2014, Phoenix, Arizona, USA* in conjunction the ACNP Annual meeting

*April 2015, Toyko, Japan* in conjunction with the CINP Innovation Summit and ISPC meeting

*December 2015, Hollywood, Florida, USA* in conjunction the ACNP Annual meeting

The Executive Committee follow a formal Agenda at our meetings and throughout the last two years we have communicated many of our decisions with the membership. One of our key policy decisions in the coming years will be to consider the feasibility of hosting annual meetings. We canvassed the membership in April about this and I would like to thank all the members for their feedback. Over the coming term we will keep you advised on final recommendations and decisions that the Executive Committee make. As always we appreciate any feedback or comments you may have on any of the CINP activities.

## *ISPC Committee and Meeting*

I was honoured to be invited to Chair the International Scientific Programme Committee for the 2016 meeting in Seoul. This Committee undertakes the selection of the Plenary Lecturers, a scene setter for the congress, the symposia, the development of new innovative sessions, such as our Clinical Perspectives series which we trialled in Vancouver and decided to repeat due to the excellent

feedback, our educational workshops and of course an important aspect of the congress, the poster session, which we have received in excess of 800 posters.

We were overwhelmed with suggestions for symposia with over 120 suggestions for 27 slots. The committee met in Toyko in April 2015 and spent many productive hours deliberating on the pre-reviewed suggestions. I can safely say that there was considerable debate and many hard decisions were made as some excellent proposals were turned down. Where possible the committee ensured that there is a good representation of the general science from both the clinical and basic aspects and I very much hope that those of our membership, and delegates alike, who are attending the meeting in Seoul, enjoy the Scientific Programme that the ISPC developed.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the ISPC for their diligent work both in the pre-screening process and for those on the final selection panel for their hard work in selecting from our many submissions.

My role as CINP Secretary comes to an end at the General Assembly in Seoul. I am delighted to be able to hand over the responsibility of this interesting EC role to Prof Elias Eriksson, Sweden and wish him every success over the coming two terms. However it is with great pleasure and thanks to you, the membership, that I have been elected as President Elect 2016 – 2018 to take up the role of President in 2018 – 2020.

It only remains for me to thank my colleagues on the EC with whom I have worked with over the last two terms. The support of my distinguished colleagues has assisted me greatly in my role as Secretary and whilst it has been a busy four years it has also been extremely enjoyable.

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*Treasurer's Report*  
*Prof Brian Dean*

There have been some significant activities within the Treasurer's bailiwick that have occurred in the past 2 years. First, following the decision of the General Assembly, our accountants have changed from Mazars to AD+ and

there has been a smooth transition in our dealings with Mazars to beginning a relationship with AD+. Good interactions with AD+ have been important as the CINP has had to liquidate some reserves to cover advance payments in the lead up to the 2016 World Congress in Seoul and AD+ has had a role in managing these liquidations. AD+ has also organised an audit of the activities of MECI International, who are the Congress PCO, with regards matters relating to the World Congress through a Korean accountancy firm who are familiar with Korean financial practices. No major issues were identified.

Whilst the liquidation of assets is always regrettable the CINP needed access to these funds given the financial outcome from the 2014 World Congress in Vancouver. Hence, the careful management of the CINP reserves by a number of Treasurers, with support from their colleagues on Executive Committees, has meant the CINP has been able to manage what was a significant fluctuation in predicted income.

The 2015 Financial Reports are now available and they give a comprehensive overview of the financial position of the CINP as we entered another World Congress year. However, looking forward, it is clear that we are in a more austere financial environment. Hence, the Executive Committee asked the Financial Committee to consider potential changes that will be required to ensure the ongoing financial viability of our Society. The President of the Committee, Professor Roger Pinder, convened a meeting of the members of the Finance Committee who were attending the 2015 WFSBP meeting in Athens. The views of Professor Lars Farde,

a previous CINP Treasurer, were also canvassed as he was attending the meeting. The Committee arrived at a number of recommendations that have been reviewed by the Executive Committee. The most significant of these was to consider whether the CINP should host an Annual, rather than Biennial, meeting. The rationale for this recommendation was that under the current model the CINP has significant income every two years which i) means every World Congress must essentially generate income to support the activities of the CINP over a two year period, ii) only having the Congress every two years means it is not regularly in the minds of potential delegates and sponsors and iii) financial management is more difficult with highly fluctuating annual incomes. At the time of writing the views of the membership on changing the frequency of CINP meetings was been canvassed. Whilst there are a number of other recommendations from the Finance Committee that were viewed favourably by the current Executive Committee the consequences of enacting some of these recommendations will need further consideration by the incoming Executive Committee.

Fully detailed accounts for 2015 are contained within this document.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## COLLEGIUM INTERNATIONALE NEURO-PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGICUM

### Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 USD \$	2015 USD \$	2015 USD \$	2014 USD \$
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from invested funds:</b>					
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total Funds
Investment income		23,532	-	23,532	22,948
Interest income		389	-	389	185
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</b>					
Membership dues		68,869	-	68,869	83,627
Congress income		-	-	-	7,925
Journal income		260,109	-	260,109	48,307
Educational activity income		-	-	-	28,440
Income from Vancouver Conference		-	-	-	1,532,648
Awards		-	-	-	58,437
Thematic Income		137,695	-	137,695	-
Innovation Summit		-	61,809	61,809	-
White Paper		-	-	-	39,409
Other		-	-	-	1,065
<b>Total income</b>		<b>490,593</b>	<b>61,8095</b>	<b>52,402</b>	<b>1,822,991</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Costs of invested funds:</b>					
Investment management costs		3,347	-	3,347	2,974
Congress expenditure	2	-	-	-	1,515,194
Charitable expenditure	3	812,735	5,176	817,911	841,652
Governance costs	4	62,981	-	62,981	96,954
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>879,064</b>	<b>5,176</b>	<b>884,240</b>	<b>2,456,773</b>
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before gains/ (losses) on Investments		(388,470)	56,633	(331,837)	(633,783)
<b>Other recognised gains and (losses):</b>					
Net gains/ (losses) on Investment assets on investments	6	(106,786)	-	(106,786)	(115,689)
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(495,256)</b>	<b>56,633</b>	<b>(438,623)</b>	<b>(749,472)</b>
Total Funds brought forward		2,951,987	-	2,951,987	3,701,459
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>2,456,731</b>	<b>56,633</b>	<b>2,513,364</b>	<b>2,951,987</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.



*Nominations Committee  
Report, Prof E Ceskova,  
Czech Republic*

It was a great honour for me to be invited by the CINP President, Prof. Shigeto Yamawaki, to Chair the Nominations Committee 2014 – 2016. This Committee, whilst fairly inactive in 2014, starts to work hard late 2015.

A long list of names was considered by the Committee, for the various positions open for election. We took into consideration knowledge of CINP, geographical spread, scientific interests and gender.

We had the privilege of seeking names for the following positions:  
President Elect, Secretary and seven Councillors.

For each position we were required to suggest two names. After much deliberation and common effort by all Nominations Committee members a Slate of Candidates was presented to the CINP Executive Committee and duly ratified to go forward to the full membership for election.

*Nomination Committee Members 2014-2016:*

Prof E Ceskova, Czech Republic  
Prof H J Möller, Germany  
Prof T Saito, Japan  
Prof WF Gattaz, Brazil  
Prof G Papkostas, USA

CINP uses an on-line voting system, which is independently monitored by a UK based organisation, Electoral Reform Services. Thanks to them for again providing an efficient and effective system for the CINP membership.

On behalf of the Nomination Committee I herewith present the names of those selected by the membership, which will be presented at the 30th CINP World Congress in Seoul Republic of Korea.

President Elect: Prof Siegfried Kasper, Austria  
Secretary: Prof Elias Eriksson, Sweden  
Councillors: Prof Helena Calil, Brazil  
Prof Maurizio Fava, USA  
Prof Kazutaka Ikeda, Japan  
Prof Pamela Sklar, USA  
Prof Carol Tamminga, USA  
Prof Gustave Turecki, Canada (re-elected)  
Prof Allan Young, UK

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of my Committee, for their careful consideration, the Executive Committee and to the Executive Secretary for the CINP Central Office, Gill Moore. Many thanks to all CINP members who actively took part in the election process.

*Eva Ceskova  
Chair of the Nomination Committee*

# CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## *Credentials and Membership Report 2014 – 2016, Chair Prof Pierre Blier*

The Credentials and Membership Committee is delighted to report we have completed our task of evaluating on-line applications for membership. We are pleased to report a slight increase in membership applications for this period. In total seventy six (76) new members were accepted in the period August 2014 – April 2016.

As the Committee Chair, I am appreciative of the efforts of the Committee members, and the Membership and Credentials Committee expresses appreciation to the CINP central office for supporting and facilitating the whole process.

### *Chair, Pierre Blier, Canada Committee Members 2014-2016*

Prof Francesc Artigas, Spain  
 Prof Philip J Cowen, UK, **Council Liaison**  
 Prof Ian Everall, Australia  
 Prof Nancy IP, Hong Kong, China  
 Prof John J Krystal, USA **EC Liaison**  
 Prof Dr Heon-Jeong Lee, Korea  
 Dr David Morilak, USA  
 Prof Yasumasa Okamoto, Japan  
 Prof Ryota Hashimoto, Japan



<i>New members by country</i>				<i>New members by category</i>	
Argentina	2	Italy	3	Associate	16
Australia	6	Japan	8	Member	12
Brazil	2	Korea	4	Fellow	48
Canada	7	Morocco	1		
China	4	Netherlands	2		
France	1	Russia	1		
Hong Kong	1	Sri Lanka	1		
India	1	Sweden	1		
Iran	3	Taiwan	1		
Ireland	1	UK	3		
Israel	1	USA	22	<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>

There are a total of 808 CINP Members



*Fellowship and Awards Committee Report 2014 – 2016*  
**Chair Prof Elisabeth Binder**

The Fellowship and Awards Committee is very pleased to report that we have completed the task of evaluating and selecting awardees for all awards

offered by CINP. These include the Lilly Neuroscience Basic Award, Lilly Neuroscience Clinical Award, Max Hamilton Memorial Prize and the Rafaelsen Young Investigators Award. As the Committee Chair, I am greatly appreciative of the efforts of the Committee members, and the Committee as a whole expresses gratitude to the CINP Central Office for their outstanding support the whole process.

*Elisabeth Binder, Chair*

*Awards Selected by the Fellowship and Awards Committee*



**Drug Innovation**  
 Prof Hsien-Yuan Lane,  
 Taiwan



**Lilly Basic**  
 Prof Noboru Hiroi,  
 USA



**Lilly Clinical**  
 Prof Andreas Meyer-Linderberg, Germany



**Max Hamilton**  
 Prof Nikolaos Koutsouleris, Germany

**Committee Members**

- Prof Michael Berk, Australia
- Dr Annamaria Cattaneo, UK/Italy
- Dr Deepak D'Souza, USA
- Prof Maurizio Popoli, Italy
- Dr Tetsuya Suhara, Japan
- Prof Gustavo Turecki, Canada
- Prof Rudolf Uher, UK/Canada
- Prof John Waddington, Ireland

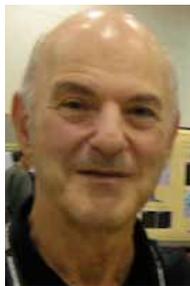
**Rafaelsen**

- Jiook Cha, Republic of Korea
- Tom Freeman, UK
- Gregor Gryglewski, Austria
- Anand Gururajan, Singapore/Ireland
- Dawn Ionescu, USA
- Jee Hyun Kim, Australia
- Jiamei Lian, Australia
- Divya Mehta, Germany
- Daniel Quintana, Australia
- Giulia Treccani, Italy

# FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

## *Other Awards*

### *Pioneer – selected by the CINP Executive Committee*



Prof George K  
Aghajanian, USA



Prof Sung Kil Min,  
Korea



Prof Herbert Meltzer,  
USA



Prof Stuart Montgomery,  
UK

### *Mentee Award selected by the CINP Executive Committee and Councillors*

Jiook Cha, Republic of Korea  
Arkadiusz Komorowski, Austria  
Frankie Lee, Canada  
Jeremy Lum, Australia

Hiroshi Nomura, USA  
Takahito Uchida, Japan  
Gwyneth Zai, Canada  
Daniel Wonjae Chung, USA  
Terence Kai Ying Lai, Canada  
Kazunari Yoshida, Japan

### *Ethics Award selected by the Ethics Committee*

### *Student Encouragement Award Selected by the Young Programme Sub-Committee*

Laura Ajram, UK  
Jason Chang, Taiwan  
Ziqi Chen, China  
Julia Gottwald, UK  
Sho Hasegawa, Japan  
Shaun Hopper, Australia  
Soyeon Jeon, Republic of Korea  
Rumeysa Keles, Turkey  
Johanna Inhyang Kim, Republic of Korea  
Terence Kai Ying Lai, Canada

Amanda Lisoway, Canada  
Jeremy Lum, Australia  
Charles Masaki, UK  
Shin Narita, Japan  
Rence Nelson, Canada  
Hoyong Park, Republic of Korea  
Andrew Smith, USA  
Sandra Tillmann, Denmark  
Takahiro Tsutsumi, Japan  
Kazunari Yoshida, Japan



Prof Barbara Sahakian,  
UK



*Education Committee  
Report 2014 – 2016  
Chair Prof Gregers Wegener*

Following the appointment of the Education committee in August, 2014, the educational activities of the committee have been largely devoted to developing countries of Latin

America and Africa. In addition an educational CINP website, eCINP, is established (but currently not used). The following programmes have been undertaken:

*Latin America*

**Riberao Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 2014**

In connection with the first Brazilian Symposium of Neuropsychopharmacology (SBNP), a 2 day workshop, with Sãmia Joca, Jos Prickaerts and Gregers Wegener as lecturers, covering basic and clinical neuropsychopharmacology was carried out. There were 40 participants in attendance at these sessions.

**Porto Alegre, Brazil, May 2015**

In connection with the World Congress on Brain, Porto Alegre, Brazil, and educational symposium with Pierre Blier was undertaken. There were several interested participants in attendance at this workshop.

**Riberao Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 2016**

A five-day intense workshop, with Sãmia Joca and Gregers Wegener as lecturers, covering young career development and scientific publishing within Neuropsychopharmacology. There were 8 selected participants (among 40 applicants) in attendance at these sessions.

*Europe*

**Copenhagen, Denmark, April, 2015 & Aarhus, Denmark, April, 2016**

In connection with the Annual meeting of the Scandinavian College of Neuropsychopharmacology (SCNP), a joint CINP-SCNP 1 day workshop covering basic and clinical neuropsychopharmacology was carried out. Brian Leonard, Halldora Jonsdottir

and Gregers Wegener participated as lecturers, There were 40 selected participants in attendance at each of the sessions.

**Dublin, Ireland, June 2015**

In connection with the CINP Regional Meeting in Dublin, a one-day educational workshop on psychoneuroimmunology was held with 50 participants. Brian Leonard, Angelos Halaris, Gunter Kenis, and Gregers Wegener participated as lecturers.



**Antalya, Turkey, April 2015 & April 2016**

In connection with the 7th and 8th International Congress of Neuropsychopharmacology, a series of 3-4 CINP workshops covering basic and clinical neuropsychopharmacology of Schizophrenia and Anxiety was carried out. Brian Leonard, Gregers Wegener and Angelos Halaris participated as lecturers, There were 75 participants in attendance at both the sessions.

*Africa*

**Cape Town, South Africa, March, 2015**

In South Africa, a long tradition for CINP educational activities has been present. Together with University of Cape Town, Harvard Medical School, CINP contributed the course 'Update on Psychopharmacology for General Practitioners', with 10 different lecturers, including David Baldwin, Dan Stein, David Henderson, Gregers Wegener and Julia Sinclair. There were approximately 150 participants in attendance at the sessions. The South African course was well organised with a high level of active participation by the delegates attending.

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

## **Nairobi, Kenya, October, 2015**

Together with University of Cape Town, Lundbeck International Neuroscience Foundation, CINP contributed the course 'Update on Psychopharmacology', with 10 different lecturers, including David Baldwin, Dan Stein, David Castle, Gregers Wegener and Mike West. There were approximately 75 participants in attendance at the sessions.

## **Cape Town, South Africa, July, 2016**

In connection with the 2nd meeting of the African College of Neuropsychopharmacology (AFCNP), an educational lecture of psychoimmunology will be held by Brian Leonard. Brian Dean and Shigeto Yamawaki from the CINP EC also participated in the meeting. Separately a Young Scientist Symposium with 6 selected young scientists competing for an oral prize for presenting the best research will be jointly organized between CINP and Scandinavian College of Neuropsychopharmacology. Approximately 150 participants are expected in attendance at the sessions.

## **Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, August 2016**

Following the AFCNP meeting, a 2 day CINP educational workshop will be held for local psychiatrists in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The sessions are planned to cover basic and clinical Psychopharmacology with lectures by Gregers Wegener and Brian Leonard. The eCINP website is expected to be used. Approximately 50 participants are expected.

## *Asia*

### **Goa, India, November 2014**

An Educational Workshop in Goa, India was organized with Siegfried Kasper, Austria, and Lakshmi Yatham, Canada, as speakers



### **Novosibirsk & Tomsk, Russia, May, 2015 & May 2016**

The CINP Tomsk Novosibirsk Program in Psychopharmacology initiated in 2013 was continued. The lecturers, Anton Loonen, Rasmus W. Licht (2016)

and Brian Leonard participated in the sessions. The courses were well attended with more than 100 people, including administrators, professors, clinicians, researchers and students from the hospitals and institutes in Tomsk and Novosibirsk.

## **Seoul, Korea, July 2016**

A short Educational symposium on psychoneuroimmunology during the World Congress in Soul, Korea will be organized with Brian Leonard, Angelos Halaris, Gregers Wegener and Sâmia Joca as lecturers.

## *Website*

The eCINP website development was halted due to lack of funding. However, course Material from selected educational courses are available. For future development, a more active involvement of CINP members as well as funding is needed.

## *Conclusion*

With lesser funds available than the previous years, the education committee has continued the programmes in Latin American, Africa and Asia. The development of the website educational program requires funding in order to be attractive. The CINP educational workshops not only fulfil the mission of CINP for increasing education within Neuropsychopharmacology, but also is an important platform for increasing the awareness of CINP and the relevance thereof. We urgently need younger CINP members to become involved with the training programme, as well as suggesting the EC to expand the initiative.



*Report of the Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology Dr Alan Frazer*

I am pleased to present an update of the activities of the IJNP in 2014-2015.

Because of the amount of pre-clinical submissions, Dr Carla Gambarana (Italy) was added as an additional Field Editor in Preclinical Neuropsychopharmacology in August 2014. We currently have 60 members on our editorial board and, appropriately for an international journal, there is a broad geographical distribution: 26 from Europe; 25 from North American; 7 from Asia and Australia, and 2 from South America. New members added in 2015 are:

Kim Do (Switzerland)  
Ranier Spanagel (Germany)  
Daniel Mueller (Canada)  
Kuei Y Tseng (USA)  
Betty Jo Salmeron (USA)  
Mark Underwood (USA)

Eight members were removed from the board as their term ended. At our Field Editors' Retreat in April 2016, it was decided that the current editorial board was sufficient to meet the review demands of the Journal and that no changes were needed.

In 2015, the geographical distribution of authors was 41% from Europe, 31% from North America, 22% from Asia and Australia, 3% from Latin and South America, and 3% from the Middle East.

From the World Congress in Vancouver, six review articles were published and from the CINP Regional Meeting in Dublin, four have been accepted and will be published. A new series was initiated in 2015, called "Making Sense of...". In general, these articles are meant to inform the readers of our Journal about newer techniques relevant for neuropsychopharmacology. To

date six have been published and at least one more will be submitted by the time of the meeting in Seoul. Three of these articles are among the most "downloaded" of our articles in 2015-2016.

One consequence of becoming open access is that the number of articles downloaded has increased dramatically with full text downloads being 528,978 in 2015 but only 89,300 in 2014, a 492% increase. And the downloads are running even higher in 2016 than they were in 2015.

At the Field Editors' Retreat in April 2016, the following two papers were selected for the IJNP award for most cited papers in 2014-2015:

#### Clinical

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of vortioxetine on cognitive function in depressed adults – Roger McIntyre, Christina Olsen, and Soren Lophaven

#### Pre Clinical

Effects of curcumin on chronic, unpredictable, mild, stress-induced depressive-like behaviour and structural plasticity in the lateral amygdala of rats – Lin Zhang, Junxia Luo, Minghua Zhang, Wei Yao, Xuelian Ma, Shu Yan Yu

Finally, of some concern and to be discussed at the meeting, was the decrease in the 2014 impact factor to 4.009 (with the 5-year impact factor still being 4.533) and a substantial decrease in the number of submissions.

One piece of quite good news is that the finances for 2015 are projected to be better than expected. The projected total revenue was \$162,000 with projected expenses of \$89,000. However, the actual total revenue was \$435,000 with expenses of \$151,000.

In addition to the Board members I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many people who make the production of IJNP possible, in particular the Field Editors, my Editorial Assistant, Ann Miller, and Rachel Warren and the entire marketing and production team at OUP.

# THEMATIC MEETING REPORT



*Thematic Meeting on Stress, Inflammation and Depression: Focus on novel antidepressant targets*

*Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland*

*4th -6th June 2015*

*Chair Prof Brian Leonard*

When discussing the scientific programme for the Thematic Meeting the Local Organising Committee (LOC) were motivated by the growing international interest in the impact of stress as a cause of neuroinflammation in depression.

Coming from diverse backgrounds in neuropharmacology, neuroscience, psychiatry, pain research and psychoimmunology, the LOC were convinced that the meeting would have a broad appeal to basic and clinical researchers and stimulate new ways of visualising the development of novel psychotropic drugs.

We were amply rewarded by the response to the 6 symposiums, plus a pharmaceutical industry sponsored symposium, and keynote lectures by Ron Duman (U.S.A. on "Neuroinflammation and Neurodegeneration") and Hemmo Drexhage (Netherlands on Immune dysregulation as inborn causative factors in bipolar disorder").

The six symposia covered Inflammation in Psychiatric and Neurological Disorders, Pain, Stress and Affective Disorder, Dietary interventions in Stress related disorders, Immune biomarkers for depression and Dementia, Biomarkers for Depression as targets for Antidepressant development and, finally Genetics and Epigenetic contributions to inflammation and affective disorders.

Despite the tourist attractions of Trinity College and Dublin, combined with reasonable weather, all sessions were well attended and lively, requiring disciplined time-keeping by the chairpersons. Some 40 countries represented by over 300 delegates attended the meeting. In addition, well attended poster sessions, containing 120 posters were on display over the 1.5 hour lunch breaks.

Besides the attractive scientific programme, a social evening and the night-life of the centre of Dublin, special all-inclusive packages for young psychopharmacologists, together with a reduced registration for those coming from Developing Countries.

The Education Committee of the CINP held a 3 hour workshop on the Saturday morning. This was led by Gunter Kenis ("A primer in psychoimmunology"), Angelos Halaris ("Modulation of antidepressant response by Non-steroidal Antiinflammatories"), Greg Wegener ("The importance of immune markers to drug development" and Brian Leonard ("Role of inflammation in the link between chronic depression and dementia") Some 50 delegates from the meeting (the maximum number permitted) attended the meeting which was lively and interactive.

The programme and organisation of the thematic meeting involved the LOC in 2 years of commitment but its success would not have been realised without the dedication and enthusiastic support of Gill Moore, CINP Executive Secretary and her team from the CINP Central Office in Glasgow. For this, the LOC expresses its warm gratitude. In addition, we thank the Executive Committee of the CINP for having the confidence in our organisation to hold a successful meeting in Dublin.

*Brian Leonard, Chairman of the LOC*

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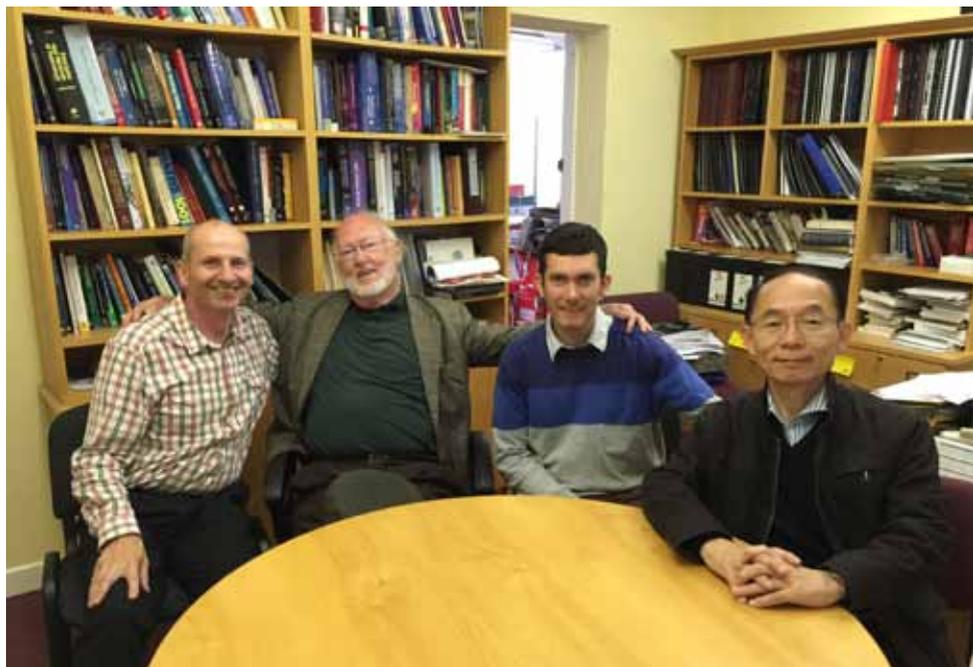
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