Minutes of Meeting of IPPA Council

1200, Montreal, Monday 18 September

Chair: Tony Bourne

1. Welcome: Tony opened the meeting and welcomed members of Council. In attendance were Liliane Boccon-Gibod, Paul Dickman, Denis Benjamin, Roc Kaschula, Francis Jaubert, Glenn Taylor and CW Chow.

2. Apologies: Hiroshi Horie, Kentaro Matsuoka, Yee Khong, Gordan Vujanic and Peter Nikkels.

3. The Minutes of Council Meeting, 11 October 2004, Brisbane having been circulated were confirmed as a true record.

4. Chairman’s report: The Chairman tabled a copy of his report and spoke to it.

5. Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer tabled a copy of his report which indicated a balance of US$24,282.49

6. Discussion re promotion of Paediatric Pathology and use of IPPA funds

Paul Dickman reported that with the increase in funds that IPPA could afford to distribute approximately US$2000 per annum for educational purposes. There was support for the concept of promoting travel from advantaged areas and to those areas of disadvantage, as this was considered to be a more efficient way of bringing specialised knowledge to a larger number of people. This might be achieved by developing contacts in those areas of need with a view to being ‘invited in’. The possibility of developing outreach into China, from where the PPS had recently obtained its first member, was also discussed.

7. Amendment to Constitution: The proposal to combine the roles of Secretary-General and Chair of Council, having been discussed and agreed in Brisbane and the proposed new clause having since been circulated, was accepted, all in favor.

8. Discussion re development of IPPA web site: It was agreed that it would be beneficial to develop a web site with links to and from the SPP and PPS websites.

9. Reports from constituent societies

   ANZPPG - Tony Bourne reported that a conjoint meeting with paediatric surgeons had been held in Townsville in 2005, and that a similar meeting was planned for Queenstown, New Zealand in April 2007.

   PPS - Liliane Boccon-Gibod reported on the meeting held the previous week in Liverpool. She indicated that a joint meeting would be held with the European Society of Pathology in Istanbul in 2007 and that the 2008 meeting was planned for Helsinki. She also gave a brief report of the joint PPS/SPP meeting held in Tours in 2005 and indicated that would it would be a good idea to commence planning for the next conjoint meeting.

   SPP - The 2006 Fall interim meeting would be held in Columbus, Ohio, from October 5-8, 2006 with a focus on pediatric leukemia. The 2007 Spring Annual meeting would be in San Diego from March 23-25, 2007 with the 2007 Fall interim meeting being in Phoenix, Arizona, from October 25-28, 2007.

   SLAPPE - The next meeting would be in Sao Paulo in November.

   JPPA - No information had been received about forthcoming meetings.

11. Nominations for election to Council (to be confirmed at Business Meeting): It was agreed that the following names be submitted to the General Business meeting – Elizabeth Bruder, Irene Scheimberg, Claire Langston and Ona Marie Faye-Peterson.

12. Nominations for election of office bearers: Nominating committee (Convenor: Liliane Boccon-Gibod) made recommendations for the following positions:
   - Chair of Council: Adrian Charles
   - President-elect: Luis Cesar-Peres

13. Report on Journal: Not available at time of this meeting

14. Any other business

   Life Fellows: Chair tabled a list of Life Fellows which had been provided by Roc Kaschula. It was agreed to submit a nomination for J. Bruce Beckwith for Life Fellowship to the General Business Meeting.