



The International Society for Neutron Capture Therapy

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Minutes: Pre-Congress Meeting of the Board of Councillors (BOC) – ICNCT-18

Time: 1:35 PM – 3:00 PM Sunday October 28, 2018

The BOC meeting was called to order at 1:35 AM by Fong-In Chou, President of ISNCT and of ICNCT-18. 23 BOC Members were present. The agenda was approved and is outlined below:

- Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes: Pre-Congress BOC Meeting at ICNCT-17 in Missouri
- Report from the President on organization of ICNCT-18 in Taiwan
- Report of Immediate Past-President on ICNCT-17 in Missouri
- Report on 2017 9-YBNCT Conference
- New Proposal for YBNCT
- 4 proposals for ICNCT-20 proposals and selection, by the assembled BOC, of the preferred venue (All) - Presentation of the proposals for hosting ICNCT-20 (Candidates for ICNCT Chairs or their delegates, 15 minutes each)
- Report of President-Elect on plans for ICNCT-19 in Granada
- Discussion on new Constitution and vote for approval
- New Business

The minutes of the Pre-Congress BOC Meeting at ICNCT-17 in Columbia were made available to the attendees and were approved by acclamation.

Fong-In reported on the organization of ICNCT-18 and plans for the Congress just beginning showing a power point with the summary of the most important facts (attached here as an accompanying file). Among these facts, she reported that the participants to ICNCT-18 were 348, with 208 contributions (126 oral presentations, 82 posters); in addition, 39 participants were invited. 3 Hatanaka awards have been presented and 4 training courses have been offered.

On behalf of Satish, Silva presented a short report on ICNCT-17 (Columbia, 2016). The report comprised a summary of the most important facts, the group photo and a link with a video taken at the social dinner. The power point is included here as an accompanying file. Satish also provided a summary of the budget of ICNCT-16, also included here. Silva reported to BOC the fund transfer procedure from MU to Granada according to the MoU, just approved by EB (see minutes of the EB pre-Congress meeting).

Sakurai presented some relevant facts about past YBNCT-9 in Kyoto. Special mention was given to the technical tours organized to visit the AB-BNCT centres that have been really appreciated by 40 participants. Overall participants to YBNCT-9 were 160, 43 oral presentations and 41 posters.

In this meeting, another proposal for YBNCT was presented: Novosibirsk group proposed as a candidate both for YBNCT-10 and for ICNCT-20. For this reason, Iiro was asked to present Finland proposal first, and then Taskaev gave his presentation for the two Congresses. YBNCT-10 is proposed as a 3-days meeting in

Novosibirsk in July or August 2019. Finland proposes a 3-days meeting in early September in Helsinki. A call for more candidates will be made during General Assembly.

The 4 candidates for the ICNCT-20 to be held in 2022 are presented: Novosibirsk, Krakov, Buenos Aires and Boston are the proposed venues. As Sergey Taskaev already showed his proposal, the other candidates were invited to give their presentation in this order: Michal Gryzinski for Krakov, Hanna Koivunoro for Boston and Gustavo Santa Cruz for Buenos Aires. Presentations are attached. After presentation, a short discussion was arisen by Hsu to understand if we had to keep the tradition of geographical rotation. The agreement was that the rotation was important to ensure that researchers can go to the congress in their own continent once in 6 years. However, as last time in Missouri we allowed also proposals from other continents we would not exclude extra-America proposals. Followed election. The counts result was 9 votes for Krakow, 8 for Buenos Aires, 4 for Boston, 1 for Novosibirsk and 1 empty. Krakov was thus declared as the venue of ICNCT-20 in 2022.

Ignacio gave some indications about ICNCT-19 in Granada, saying that more details would be given during the General Assembly on Thursday 1 November.

The Constitution draft was presented by Silva and Akira explained the most important changes proposed for the new idea of ISNCT, in particular the fact that President of ISNCT and Chair of ICNCT would be now two different figures, allowing for institutional activities, fund raising, technical activities organization and promotion, gathering and spread of information, policy making. Andrés stated that the separation of the roles of the President and the Chair is a very important and valuable change. The new EB would then be a more executive body, whose members are indeed chairs of technical committees who are in charge of reports creation and promotion of scientific shared activities. The new Constitution, that had been previously circulated via e-mail, was put to the votes and has been approved unanimously. The final document is attached for reference.

An important point on the starting of the new ISNCT is the fact that it should be recognized as a legal entity and should have a bank account for the budget management: these issues will be studied in the next month within the EB. The budget is important to carry out the activities, to promote meetings of the EB and the technical committees, to award grants. For example, Hatanaka award is proposed to be presented by the Society instead of by Congress, being a recognition of the career of distinguished researchers in BNCT. To ensure a budget to the Society, a membership fee is foreseen, and modalities to subtract it from the congress fees are still under discussion. New ISNCT must also promote BNCT spread by encouraging participation to other important Congresses in the field of radiation therapy. For example, ISNCT should lead BNCT delegation to PTCOG (this year in Manchester). Hanna says that she is involved in the organization of a special session entirely dedicated to BNCT. Other occasions to take into account are ESTRO, ASTRO, NEUDOS and Radiation Research Congress. Another activity was proposed by Agustina: a technical committee (i.e. clinical matters) should take care of the production of a document reporting the total number of patients treated by BNCT to date, divided by oncological pathology and geographical areas, to be used by researchers as a reference when promoting BNCT and for fund raising purposes.

Session is closed at 15:00.