

MINUTES
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS RESEARCH CONFERENCE
General Business Meeting, July 12, 2007
Berlin, Germany

INRC Executive Committee (EC) Members present: Mary Jeane Kreek (MJK), Past-President; Jean Bidlack (JB), Treasurer; Ivy Carroll, N. America rep.; Christoph Stein and Fred Nyberg; European reps.; and Minoru Narita, Rest-of-World rep. Craig W. Stevens (CWS), INRC Information Officer, *ex officio*.

Also present: Approximately 200 attendees of the INRC 2007 conference (Open Meeting).

Lakshmi Devi, INRC President, could not attend the INRC due to personal emergency and asked the Past-President, MJK, to preside over the General Business Meeting which commenced at 1:05pm.

MJK started the meeting by thanking the local organizers and the attendees. She announced that the main agenda items were the election of the new Executive Committee members, a highlight from Jackie McGinty of next years meeting in Charleston, SC and a word about opioid receptor nomenclature from Brain Cox.

I. Election of Executive Committee (EC) Members and INRC Treasurer

North American representative

MJK asked JB and CWS to assist with the voting process. She thanked Kelly Standifer for her 3 years of service on the EC and announced that the following persons were nominated for her replacement: Laura Bohn, from the Ohio State University in Columbus, OH; Susan Ingram, Washington State University, Vancouver, WA; Ellen Unterwald from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA; and John Traynor at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. MJK asked if there were any floor nominations and Jai-Bei Wang, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD was nominated. MJK asked those nominees present to leave the room and a vote was taken by a show of hands. John Traynor was elected.

European representative

MJK thanked Rafael Maldonado for his 3 years of service on the EC and announced that the following persons were nominated for his replacement: Vanna Zachariou from the University of Crete in Heraklion, Greece; Raquel Rodriguez from the University of Salamanca, Spain; and Stefan Schulz from the University of Wuerzburg, Germany. MJK asked if there were any floor nominations and there were none. MJK asked those nominees present to leave the room and a vote was taken by a show of hands. Stefan Schulz was elected.

Rest-of-the-World representative

MJK thanked Hiroshi Ueda for his 3 years of service on the EC and announced that the following persons were nominated for his replacement: Junzo Kamei from the Hoshi University in Tokyo, Japan; Chaim Pick from Tel Aviv University in Israel; and Pao-Luh Tao from the National Defense medical Center in Taipei, Taiwan. MJK asked if there were any floor nominations and there were none. MJK asked those nominees present to leave the room and a vote was taken by a show of hands. Pao-Luh Tao was elected.

INRC Treasurer

MJK thanked JB for her previous years of service and noted that the next term of service for the Treasurer is from 2008-1012. She announced that Jean Bidlack was nominated to serve again and JB affirmed that she is willing to serve another term as needed. MJK asked if there were any floor nominations and, not surprisingly, there were none. Jean Bidlack was elected by a unanimous show of hands to serve as Treasurer.

II. Upcoming Meetings

a. 2008 Meeting (July 13th-18th, Charleston, SC, USA; Jakie McGinty)

MJK introduced Jakie McGinty as Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for INRC 2008 in Charleston, SC. Jakie proceeded with a slide show of the conference site, the Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston. She also showed maps and other places of interest in the Charleston area. She noted that further information will soon be available on the INRC website.

b. 2009 Meeting (July 12th-17th, Portland, OR, USA; Susan Ingram/John Williams)

MJK mentioned that the next meeting after Charleston was being planned in Portland with the help of Susan Ingram.

c. 2010 Meeting

MJK mentioned that the noted that 2010 meeting is being considered as a satellite to the IUPHAR meeting being held in Copenhagen and may be held in southern Sweden with the help of Fred Nyberg.

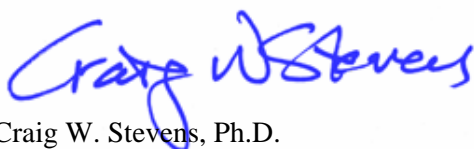
III. Other Business

a. Update on IUPHAR Nomenclature committee- Brian Cox

MJK asked BC to give a brief overview of the opioid receptor nomenclature issue. BC stated that there are two issues. 1) The history is that the opioid receptor nomenclature committee came up with the OP1, etc scheme which resulted in the INRC actively seeking a revision, and through BC a new committee was formed and he was chair. BC now thinks it is time for a new chair of this committee as he has done it for four years. 2) The issue that the Genbank database of opioid receptor genes as it is not clear as to which one is the canonical sequence. BC added that we can also link the references that support the sequences on the website and also include the link to IUPHAR nomenclature site.

MJK reminded the conferees about the banquet later tonight and thanked them for their attention. There being no other business, MJK adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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