

Minutes of the International Liaison Committee Meeting
Monday, August 27, 2008, 12:15
25th ESM Conference, Budapest

Present:

Michael Hill (for M. Perry, *WC President 2001*)
Mayumi Kajimura, *Delegate Asian Union for Microcirculation* (for H. Ishii)
Akos Koller, *President 2008 ESM*
Klaus Ley, *Delegate MCS* (for T. Sweeney)
Giovanni Mann, *Delegate ESM/BMS*
Masaya Oda, *Delegate Asian Union for Microcirculation*
Roland Pittman, *Delegate MCS* (for B. Klitzman)
Axel Pries, *Chairman of the International Liaison Committee*
Steven Segal, *Delegate MCS* (for T.W. Secomb)
Angela Shore, *Delegate ESM*
Ed van Bavel, *Delegate ESM*
Eric Vicaut, *President of the 9th World Congress for Microcirculation*

Apologies:

Rui-juan Xiu, *Chairman Asian Union for Microcirculation*

The Chairman of the International Liaison Committee for Microcirculation (ILCM) welcomed the delegates from the different regions represented, America, Austral-Asia and Europe, and entered the agenda of the meeting:

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Milwaukee in 2007

Since most of the delegates present did not participate in the previous ILCM meeting in Milwaukee, the Chairman announced that the approval of the minutes would be done via e-mail.

2. 7th Asian Congress for Microcirculation

The delegates were informed about the upcoming 7th Asian Congress for Microcirculation.

3. Upcoming ESM Conferences

The ILCM Chairman and ESM General Secretary, Axel Pries, informed the ILCM about the plans of the ESC (European Society of Cardiology) to establish a series of basic science meetings organised by the CBCS (Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science) of the ESC and smaller sister societies, including the ESM and EVBO. This biennial series

of stand-alone basic science conferences would be held in even years, the first one planned for 2010, July 18-21, in Berlin.

In the past, ESM conferences were always located in even years. However, if the ESC-led conferences are taking place in even years, too, a move to odd years seems advisable. Uli Pohl, the President of the ESM Congress following the World Congress for Microcirculation (WCMic) in the year 2010, will explore possibilities to shift the ESM conference in Munich from the original planned date (2012) to 2011 (preferred) or to 2013. In odd years, EVBO is holding their conferences, too. Therefore, it would be relevant to coordinate these activities and explore possibilities for joint or back-to-back conferences.

Next, it was discussed that an ESM conference, possibly linked to an EVBO meeting, could be planned for the year 2013 in London chaired by Giovanni Mann and Jeremy Pearson. It was agreed to propose this plan to the ESM membership at the Business Meeting later on the same day.

Following a discussion of the implications of this situation, Steve Segal suggested to improve the international coordination of meetings in the area to avoid overlap or destructive competition. It was agreed to add a calendar of meeting plans (provisional and approved!) to the ILCM website. This information should be updated by the delegates of the different regions.

4. WCMic 2010 in Paris

Eric Vicaut informed the members of the ILCM on the current state of the preparations for the upcoming World Conference in 2010.

In the following, a number of relevant issues related to the planning were addressed and respective decisions taken:

Scientific Committee

It was decided that each region (America, Austral-Asia and Europe) should be represented by about 6 delegates in the International Scientific Committee. Each region would be informed and asked to provide the names of their representatives until September 30.

Plenary Lectures

Similarly, the national and regional societies should be asked to propose high profile plenary speakers for the conference. In a first round, proposals shall be solicited together with the delegates for the Scientific Committee.

Symposia

Three types of symposia proposals should be solicited:

- A) Society sponsored symposia
- B) Individual sponsored symposia
- C) Individual non-sponsored symposia

All proposals will be evaluated according to their scientific merits and feasibility. It should be clear to each proponent that proposals are subject to changes (e.g. modification, merging) by the Scientific Committee.

The conference President, Eric Vicaut, would write in the next two weeks to the ESM members and the member societies to solicit proposals. The responses should be expected until about mid-December.

Dr. Mayumi Kajimura presented a proposal on behalf of Professor Makoto Suematsu and the Keio University Global Center of Excellence (G-COE) in the area of microvascular metabolomics. The G-COE would be interested to organize an international young investigator contest and symposium at the WGMic. This proposal was welcomed by the ILCM members. The suggestion was made to explore the possibility to highlight the important area of intracellular metabolic mechanisms also by a respective key note lecture.

5. WCMic 2015 in Beijing

In order to strongly support the preparation for this WCMic from an early stage, it was decided to establish an International Advisory Board. This board should consist of two representatives from each region plus two from the host country. The Chairman of the ILCM would solicit the respective representatives from the regional societies and the Chinese Society for Microcirculation.

Being no other business, the Chairman of the ILCM, Axel Pries, thanked all delegates for their support and adjourned the meeting of the ILCM at the occasion of the 25th ESM Conference, Budapest.