

Annual Report 2014-2015 for the EANS Individual Membership (IM) Committee

1. The IM committee has continued to physically meet twice annually. The last two meetings were in October 2014, Prague, during last year's congress, and in May 2015, San Sebastian, during the 5th Annual Young Neurosurgeons Meeting. Due to the time and financial demands on the members, at the last meeting it was decided that we will revert to one annual IM Committee meeting, at the time of the EANS annual meeting, with extras arranged ad hoc.
2. The chairmanship of the committee was handed over by Carlo Schaller (CH) to Andreas Demetriades (UK) during the meeting in Prague, October 2014. This was a year earlier than the official end of term 2015, due to the fact that Carlo was taking on a new role as chair of the Training Committee.
3. Recently, in September 2015 there was a new election for the IM Committee members who are to serve over the next term. Therefore, as we start the new term from October 2015, the IM Committee is already formed and planning its first meeting on Tuesday 21st October 2015. Twenty two members have been elected, allowing a healthy mix of continuing and new members, yet the voting members are to remain at 20.
4. Over the last year we have engaged on the following issues:
 - a. Maintaining the high numbers of individual membership reached during the previous term under the guidance of Carlo Schaller.
 - b. Exploring avenues of increasing the value for money for individual membership. In other words, we are not only keen to increase the overall membership, but especially keen to reduce the attrition rate and increase the tangible benefits to our members.
 - c. Loyalty scheme: this is actively being discussed.
 - d. It was agreed that each EANS Individual membership will include one free section membership as from 1st January 2016.
 - e. Legal advice on EANS Academy online content; some progress has been made since this was first discussed in London May 2014, but there are still unanswered questions. In the meantime, it was agreed that the following wording should be added to our current speaker declaration forms:

Confirmation that

 - Patient is not identifiable
 - If patient is identifiable that permission from the patient has been obtained

It was noted that this of course would not cover material that is already on the Academy but would hopefully provide a measure of comfort meanwhile.

The Board would need to decide whether or not to go ahead with the insurance cover . A decision were to be made prior to the next

- OEC meeting in Madrid, but this hasn't happened yet to our knowledge and will be addressed again.
- f. IM committee members were encouraged to forge further relationships between their national societies and the EANS. The suggestion was made that EANS Sponsored Sessions/Symposia could be organized during national societies' meetings. The first such initiative has already taken place in Germany in 2015, organized by Florian Ringel.
 - g. There have been continued contributions to the EANS website's Case of the month, organized by the IM committee members. It is hoped that this submission of interesting cases will be attractive to any EANS member.
 - h. The EANS website has become visibly more user friendly.
5. Overall, we are optimistic that the good work will continue and look forward to advice/suggestions/critique from any individual member and colleague, in order to strengthen and make more attractive the Individual Membership of the EANS.

Yours sincerely,

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