

**IPEG GENERAL ASSEMBLY, September 8th 2006, Awaji Island, Japan****AGENDA**

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10. Election of the Board (and Auditors)
11. Varia
12. Closing

The number of attending members is 25: 20 members and 5 board members.



MINUTES

Ad 1) Opening.

At 18:10 hours Gé Ruigt opened the General Assembly (GA) with a word of wellcome, thanking the IPEG 2006 organization and Japanese audience.

Ad 2) Minutes of the General Assembly 2004.

The minutes are to be transferred from the previous secretary. It will be investigated whether the GA of IPEG2004 minutes can be sent around by email and arrested via mail vote.

Ad 3) Reports of Board members.

President Gé Ruigt started by providing an overview of the present status of the pEEG field. He concluded that we are in a transitions period in which there are different perceptions in which the usefulness and relevance of pEEG is going up and down.

Vice-president Manel Barbanoj: No comments.

Secretary Pim Drinkenburg reported that the dynamics in pEEG popularity are also somewhat reflected in the membership: the number of members 'on paper' unfortunately is not keeping in with the number of members in good standing order... Since the 2004 Antwerpen meeting 7 new members applied and were accepted. Together with the treasurer the board will try bring all listed members up to good standing order.

Treasurer Marc Jobert was excused as he had to leave the meeting early. He left an overview from which it was clear that the financial status of the IPEG at the end of 2005 was positive at 18,000.00 SFr, while an additional 17,500 Euro will be added to this from the positive balance of the Antwerp 2004 meeting. Given the financially healthy status of the IPEG it is suggested to promote membership of the IPEG with financial incentives. For example Drinkenburg has proposed to have the price of colorprints in Neuropsychobiology sponsored for members, so to both stimulate membership reward and lower the hurdle for publication in Neuropsychobiology: this idea was endorsed by the executive board. Further suggestions are welcomed.

Members-at-large Peter Anderer, Toshihiko Kinoshita, Leslie Prichep: No comments

Ad 4) Report of the auditors.

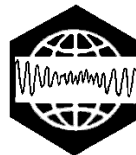
Transfer of the treasury for Remy Luthringer to Jobert has been finalized: all files were just checked and are now ready for auditing as the last 2 years still need checked. Auditors (see also point 10) will need to present at the next GA meeting. Transferred action item from the previous period concerned Strik and Ferber (assigned in 2002 as auditors), who at the time of the 2004 GA could not check the papers. They would report by mail as soon as they had received the required papers: this has been followed-up and their no objections statement was received.

Ad 5) Report of the editor of the Pharmacoelectroencephalography-section of Neuropsychobiology (NPB).

Strik explained the fusion of sections by Karger, which were not equally distributed as there was abundant publications on for example genetics but not many on pEEG. Former section editors have now become associate editors or members of the editorial board (i.e. Kinoshita and Galderisi). The Impact Factor of NPB in 2005 was 1.8. Ruigt commented that the low number of pEEG manuscripts is alarming: a tradition of publishing in NPB and a stronger representation of the field by the editors is needed. The compilation of special issues on pharmacoEEG guidelines would be an excellent opportunity to boost publication activity. Also some refunding of extra expenses for color printing to IPEG members can help here. Strik would support such initiatives and he believes the journal is in good shape and quality with good selection of manuscripts (40% acceptance). Ruigt further mentioned the possibility to make NPB available on-line to IPEG members.

Ad 6) IPEG2006 meeting report.

Ruigt noted that the IPEG2006 meeting on Awaji Island was very successful: there were 36 participants in the training course that preceded the IPEG 2006 symposium. The symposium itself had



around 100 participants, while 22 posters were presented. It is planned to submit all abstracts to Neuropsychobiology and have 6 papers selected to be expanded in full manuscripts. No details are available yet, but the plans look good and are endorsed. Financially the meeting still has to be evaluated in full but it seems that the meeting was neutral in costs. Once again the IPEG2006 organization was thanked very much for their excellent work.

Ad 7) IPEG2008 meeting plans.

Remy Luthringer will organize the 15th biennial IPEG symposium and training course at the FORENAP facilities in France. The facilities of CRO FORENAP are located in the former psychiatric hospital in Rouffach, near to Strassbourg, France. Remy promoted the local attractions, beautiful landscapes, wine goose liver and many more specialties of the Alsace. Dates will be communicated but likely to be around end of September 2008 in accordance to non-conflicting other meeting schedules.

Ad 8) IPEG2010 meeting proposals.

For the IPEG2010 meeting there are 3 putative locations brought forward: Australia, New Zealand and USA. Bernd Saletu mentioned that it was important to bring the USA again 'on board' of the IPEG. All proposed locations offer opportunities for promoting IPEG activities. The representatives were asked to work out a proposal.

Ad 9) IPEG committees.

Activities of the two committees, which were nominated at the meeting in Vienna on the basis of a proposal by the late Werner Hermann:

- Committee on "Guidelines for the use of q-EEG results" by Remy Luthringer et al.
- Committee on "Quantitative Sleep Research Guidelines/ Standards in pharmaco-EEG-Sleep" by Peter Anderer et al.

Ruigt noted that although good efforts are well-underway, much further exchange is still needed to optimize these guidelines. All members are invited to contribute and/or raise questions, because a broad as possible basis is needed. The goal is to finalise both guidelines at the IPEG2008 meeting in Rouffach. Furthermore in a new effort a committee will start to write "Guidelines for the use of animal pharmaco-EEG-Sleep and q-EEG" that Drinkenburg will be leading. It will also be evaluated whether an in between meeting is feasible in 2007 to focus on translational q-EEG aspects, which could be the formal start of this initiative. If possible a draft version could be presented at IPEG2008.

Ad 10) Election of the Board.

Present situation is given in table below (orange print: re-electable, action needed; green: no action needed; red print: re-electable, but no longer candidate, action needed)

Gé Ruigt, president,	2004 – 2006, re-electable for 2006 – 2008
Manel Barbanoi, vice-president	2004 – 2006, re-electable for 2006 – 2008
Pim Drinkenburg, secretary,	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
Marc Jobert, treasurer,	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
<i>Members-at-large:</i>	
Toshihiko Kinoshita ,	2002 – 2006, re-electable for 2006 – 2010
Silvana Galderisi	2002 – 2006, re-electable for 2006 – 2010
Peter Anderer	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
Leslie Prichep	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012

Proposal for the new board till 2008 is as follows:

Gé Ruigt, president,	2006 – 2008, not re-electable after 2008
Manel Barbanoi, vice-president	2006 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2010 (president)
Pim Drinkenburg, secretary,	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
Marc Jobert, treasurer,	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
<i>Members-at-large:</i>	
Peter Anderer	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
Leslie Prichep	2004 – 2008, re-electable for 2008 – 2012
Werner Strik	2006 – 2010, re-electable for 2010 – 2014
Koichi Hirata	2006 – 2010, re-electable for 2010 – 2014

The GA accepted this proposal for a new board with 20 in favor, 5 abstaining, 0 against.



Ruigt asked the GA for proposals for auditors. Peter Boeijinga was available, while Werner Strik will no longer be available. Therefore Ruigt will follow-up by asking for another auditor next to Boeijinga. Approval by GA will then have to take place via mail ballot.

Ad 11) Varia.

No further items were brought up.

Ad 12) Closing.

At 18:40 Ruigt closed the meeting, expressing his wishes to have a large attendance of IPEG members at the 2008 meeting in France.

Dr. W.H.I.M Drinkenburg, secretary
Awaji Island, Japan, September 8th 2006.