

BRITISH NEUROPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
117th Meeting
Business Meeting Minutes
3rd March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians, London

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Prof. Paul Ince.

Secretary: Dr A Shivane

Members: ~38 members present.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th March 2015

These were accepted as correct.

2. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising for the minutes not appearing elsewhere in the agenda.

3. Report from Treasurer (Dr D duPlessis):

Dr D duPlessis had previously circulated a detailed report of the financial position of the Society. The report was read out in his absence. The finances of the society continue to remain healthy.

Prof Ince thanked Dr D duPlessis for his work as Treasurer.

4. Report from the Programme Secretary (Drs R Bandopadhyay/R Phadke):

Dr R Bandopadhyay presented the progress report at the meeting.

The meeting was well attended with a total of 255 delegates (compared to 192 last year). RB said she received excellent support from the meeting makers. The symposium 'Tau-pathobiology and tau-disorders' was organised by Prof J Attems and Prof S Gentleman. This was followed by Dorothy Russell Memorial Lecture by Prof. C Wischik, University of Aberdeen.

There was discussion about the venue for next meeting. Overall, the members felt that the Royal College of Physicians was a good venue, but will be more expensive for the society. RB mentioned that Institute of Child Health venue has been tentatively booked for 2017 meeting. Dr C Smith will be organising the symposium at this meeting. PI invited topics/suggestions from BNS members for the next symposium. Molecular neuropathology was considered as a possible theme for the next year's summer school. SM will discuss this further at one of the committee meetings.

Registration and Society dinner fees have remained similar to 2015.

Submission and review process

- 70 submissions (14 less than 2015): 35 oral presentations and 35 posters.
- 21 BNS members kindly helped reviewing the abstracts

Sponsorships of Symposium and Meeting: Wisepress, Cisbio diagnostics and Hamamatsu

Next BNS meeting – 1-3 March 2017

5. Report from Chair of Academic Committee (Professor S Marino):

A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Postgraduate Small grants

September 2015 round (2 applications, 2 funded)

Investigation of the role of neuroinflammation in multiple system atrophy using NanoString technology, Kiely, University of Belfast, £4902

Association of neurofibrillary tangle and Lewy body pathology with inherited prion diseases, Jaunmuktane, UCL, £4990

March 2016 round (3 applications, pending)

New undergraduate small grants

September 2015 round (no application)

March 2016 round (3 applications, pending)

NEW Medical student elective bursary £600 (in conjunction with NAN)

January 2016 round (2 applications, 1 funded)

A.Heath, elective in Neuropathology, Institute of Neurology

Travel bursaries

2015 (2 applications, 2 funded)

Ellis (University of Bristol) visit to Neuropathology Department, Heidelberg, £500

Scerif (Institute of Child Health) attend American Association of Neuropathologists Annual Meeting 2015, £500

Bursaries to attend BNS meeting March 2016

8 applications (£250), 8 funded

Other activities:

BNA Festival of Neuroscience 2017, registered interest to be a partner society together with BNOS. A symposium on Brain Tumours to be organised, possible topic neurobiological roots of Brain tumours

BNS Summer School 2017, preliminary discussions, possible topic molecular neuropathology.

Nominations for Cavanagh prize for next year needs to be advertised soon. There was some discussion about the forthcoming PathSoc & BDIAP meeting in Belfast (June) and the possibility of BNS being one of the partners. TJ was of the view that BNS should consider being a partner at this internationally recognised UK-wide pathology meeting. However, the general consensus was not to collaborate. SB and SL suggested a 'Neuropathology session' at this meeting. SM will take this forward at one of the committee meetings.

Prof Ince thanked Prof S Marino for all the excellent work.

6. Editor of Neuropathology and applied Neurobiology (Prof J Holton):

A report was circulated earlier.

Prof Holton reported that the journal's impact factor fell of 4.97 to 3.92. She mentioned that the journal still remains profitable and competitive with Brain Pathology and JNEN. An annual editorial board meeting was held in November 2015 and an annual strategy meeting will be held in May 2016. She highlighted some changes at Wiley team and the appointment of a new executive editor (Prof. Matt Frosch, Harvard Medical School, Boston). The average TAT now is 21 days with an acceptance rate around 30%. The new 'Annual Review Issue' has been released and is on 'Synucleinopathies' edited by MG Spillantini and M Goedert. A medical student elective bursary has been agreed jointly with BNS (£600) and the NAN also plans to support ECN, Bordeaux, jointly with BNS. JH said she will continue in her role as NAN Editor until December 2017. Her job has to be advertised soon and she is happy to shadow someone who expresses interest in this role. SL suggested that a two-term office would be preferable for the new appointee.

Prof Ince thanked Prof Holton for her work to keep up the standard of the journal. The society is indebted to NAN for its support.

7. Report from Euro-CNS representative (Dr U Pohl):

Dr U Pohl had previously circulated a detailed report highlighting the Euro CNS Council News. The last Council Meeting was held in Budapest, Hungary, 10-11 September 2015, in association with the 3rd Joint Meeting of the Austrian and Hungarian Neuropathological Societies. She also gave an update on the EFNS exams, upcoming EURO CNS courses and other events. Dr T Hortobagyi is the new Chief of Examiner for the EFNS exams.

Prof Ince thanked Dr U Pohl for her work as Euro-CNS representative.

8. Report from Webmaster (Dr I Scott):

Dr I Scott was unable to attend the meeting and no report was circulated prior to the meeting.

9. Report from Trainee representative (Dr A Merve)

Dr Merve presented a summary report of the trainee activities for the last year.

Dr Merve highlighted that there are currently 10 trainees in the UK and 1 in Republic of Ireland. There were three training days in 2015 and there was good attendance for all days. The trainee led slide clubs are going well. They are exploring the possibility of having a digital slide club in future.

Dr Merve expressed special thanks to the BNS for all their support.

10. Election of Society Officers (2015-16)

| | <i>Proposed by</i> | <i>Seconded by</i> |
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| Honorary Secretary- Prof. M Thom | Prof. P Ince | Dr. A Shivane |
| CPC Elected member- Dr. A Chakrabarty | Dr. A Shivane | Dr. T Jacques |
| CPC Elected member-Dr. K Allinson | Dr. T Jacques | Dr. D O'Donovan |
| CPC Co-opted member- Dr. U Pohl | Prof. M Thom | Dr. T Jacques |
| Academic Committee Elected member- Dr. O Ansorge (Clinical) | Prof. S Marino | Dr. T Jacques |
| Academic Committee Elected member- Prof. J Attems (Clinical) | Prof. P Ince | Dr. A Shivane |
| Academic Committee Elected member- Dr. R Carare (Non-Clinical) | Dr. F Roncaroli | Prof. R Weller |
| Academic Committee Elected member- Dr. T Lashley (Non-Clinical) | Prof. J Holton | Prof. T Revesz |
| RCPATH Academic Affairs Committee Representative- Dr. M Hofer | | |
| Deputy EQA Co-ordinator- Dr. S Paine | Dr. O Ansorge | Dr. T Jacques |
| Deputy Webmaster- Dr. S Paine | Dr. I Scott | Prof. P Ince |

All nominations for the various posts were accepted by the membership.

11. Election of new members (2015-16)

Dr. Alan Beausang, Ireland
Dr. Colm Cunningham, Dublin
Dr. Thomas Mindos, Plymouth
Dr. Zane Jaunmuktane, London
Dr. Catherine Humphreys, Edinburgh

All applications for membership were accepted.

12. Any other business:

- Prof J Nicoll updated the members with a progress report on BRAIN UK.
- Prof S Gentleman provided an update on the Corsellis Collection. If anyone is interested to take over some of the specimens they should contact him for further details.

13. Next meeting: 2nd March 2017, ICH (tentative venue), London.