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## MINUTES

### 56th IUIS Council Meeting Kobe, Japan

**Date:** Saturday, August 21, 2010; 08.30 – 17.00 hrs

**Location:** Portopia Hotel, Room "Ikuta"

**Invited:**

- Council Members 2007-2010 (voting)
- Executive Board 2007-2010 (voting)
- Committee Chairs (non-voting)
- Representatives of Regional Federations (non-voting)
- Liaisons and Affiliated Organizations (non-voting)
- Observers nominated by member societies (non-voting)
- Webmanager M. Carneiro (non-voting)

**Present** (in alphabetical order): Adorini Luciano, Boumsell Laurence, Carneiro Margarida, Daha Moh, Dieye Alioune, Doherty Peter, Erdei Anna, Faure Gilbert, Finn Olivera, Hein Wayne, Kalil Jorge, Kaufmann Stefan, King Nicholas, Koyasu Shigeo, Letarte Michelle, Mehra Narinder, Meri Seppo, Newkirk Marianna, Nonoyama Shigeaki, Parish Christopher, Romagnani Sergio, Rudd Christopher, Schmidt Reinhold, Takatsu Kiyoshi, Valenta Rudolf, van Lier René, Zheng Dexian, Zinkernagel Rolf; Jahn Gerlinde (IUIS central office)

**1. Welcome and opening remarks:** The President, Peter Doherty, welcomes all invited members and starts to thank the local organizers for having the 14<sup>th</sup> ICI meeting in Japan. He mentions that a message was received from Gunnur Deniz who, at the last moment, would not be able to attend the GA meeting that is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August and where she is on the ballot list as potential secretary general. He then goes ahead to indicate that quite a bit of advance has been made with finding a person as a potential CEO for IUIS. Additionally, he mentions that for the first time much progress was made in the direction of setting up an e-journal. Once successful, this would potentially result in a better financial situation for IUIS and with it more options for reaching the many aims of IUIS. He thanks Marianna Newkirk, Rolf Zinkernagel and Moh Daha for their efforts to keep the work of IUIS in a progressive line uphill.

**2. Secretary General's report:** The report of the SG was sent earlier to all members of the council. Moh Daha highlights the progress made with the recruitment of a CEO. Klaus Born, presently living in Lisbon, is willing to collaborate with IUIS as CEO in the direct future. Since a new council and executive committee will be elected at the GA meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, the "old ExCo" felt that it was better to leave a further defining of the contours of a working relation with the CEO to the new ExCo. In this regard a contract will have to be drawn up and timelines for collaboration defined. The budget concerning financial allowance and possible travel support etc. will be defined as early as possible.

Another major item on the list was either setting up a new e-journal or collaboration with an existing journal. After a number of discussions now the shape of a journal is getting in view. Together with



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the Frontiers publishing company a journal will be launched as early as feasible. There is still quite a bit of work ahead and it is anticipated that substantial help from persons from all levels of IUIS will be required to make the launching of the journal possible. One of the first points will be to discuss a number of details with the editor of this journal, Kendall Smith. Further, the financial details have to be settled with the Frontiers company as well.

Collaboration with the VMA concerning administrative support to IUIS requires renegotiation and will take place soon. Also, the work done by our website manager, Margarida Carneiro, has to be brought in balance with the administrative support and the work which will be taken up by our CEO.

Finally, the SG mentions the sometimes difficult and long lines of communication within IUIS. He suggests that a look into the organisational structure of IUIS is essential to improve the options for a more direct communication between individual members and the board of IUIS.

Finally, he thanks the council for the many years of fruitful collaboration. He enjoyed working with many persons in IUIS and is very confident that IUIS has a great future in reaching its aims in the very near future. He wishes his successor all the best.

**3. Treasurer's report:** Marianna Newkirk has prepared the balance of income and expenses about the year 2009. This balance has been audited and approved by the Jupiter accounting firm, Mr. Wildgatsch, Vienna. The council agrees with the balance. There are still a few items that are in progress but overall the financial situation of IUIS looks very good. Our account at Merrill Lynch is now in a better situation than some time ago. We have a specific person at ML for discussions and we receive statements on the results of investments in time. At present, this account holds about 350,000 USD.

Since a few items on the budget of the past years, like expenses for e-journal and website manager, were not used at all or not fully, there is sufficient room in the finances of IUIS to finance a CEO for a few years without use of funds from our ML account.

A budget proposal for the year 2011 will be presented to the new council later this week.

The President, Peter Doherty, thanks Marianna for her work for IUIS as Treasurer for quite a number of years. He wishes her, together with the council, all the best in the coming years.

#### **4. Standing committees:**

- *Clinical Immunology - CIC:* Sergio Romagnani has tabled his report. Major points are the change of name of this sub-committee and that Sergio is going to step down from this committee as chair after a number of years of service. Further, unfortunately the committee did not receive sufficient applications for courses to spend its full budget.

A new chair will be assigned to this committee after suggestions of persons (suggestions are Reinhold Schmidt and Moncef Zouali) willing to serve on this committee are received by the new ExCo. If possible, a decision will be made at the 57<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Peter Doherty thanks Sergio for his excellent work for the clinical immunology committee.

- *Education committee:* this committee is chaired by Michelle Letarte and has handled many applications for support in the past years and is highly successful. The committee supports



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education in almost all parts of the world. A major goal of this committee is to empower local scientists so that they can take over the educational activities of IUIS in the long run. The report of the committee is extensive and describes the many achievements of the committee in more detail. Michelle also mentions the different working relations she has set up with federations like FOCIS or AAI. Chris Rudd adds that the BSI has to shift support of the John Humphreys courses from Russia to Latin America. Here he sees options for collaboration with the education committee in the near future. Fortunately, Michelle is willing to stay on as chair of this committee for at least a few more years.

- *Nomenclature committee*: this committee is chaired by Laurence Bousnell and also has reached quite a number of successes in different fields of nomenclature. These are all mentioned in her report and most of the final reports on the different topics are already published either on the site of IUIS or in a number of journals.

Laurence indicates that she will step down from the committee as chair and she proposes a new chair person, namely Pablo Engel. At the 57<sup>th</sup> council meeting a decision concerning this matter will be taken.

Peter Doherty thanks Laurence for her work that she has done for this committee in the last 6 years.

- *Quality assessment and standardization*: Rudi Valenta has prepared a full and extensive report as well. Quite a few activities are going on in this committee. Each of the many sub-committees receives a limited budget from Rudi and all the sub-committees have reported in detail about their achievements in the last year. It is felt that the work of this committee is highly relevant not only for scientific purposes but also for standardized diagnostic tests. Therefore it is felt that a more intense discussion is required in one of the coming council meetings concerning the approach to generate standardized preparations for use for instance in diagnostic tests. It is suggested to seek collaboration with industry and institutions like the FDA and EMEA. It seems best to organize such a meeting either in the US or in Europe so that representatives of e.g. EMEA and FDA can be invited at a low cost.

- *Veterinary Immunology- VIC*: Wayne Hein reports on the recent satellite symposium of this committee that was held in Tokyo just a few days ago. The committee is highly successful in its aims and plans to proceed along the same lines in the coming future with organization of satellite symposia associated with next ICI meetings. The committee has started with a very prestigious prize that was awarded for the first time at the recent meeting in Tokyo. More details of the work of the committee can be found in the report.

- *Immune deficiency committee - PID*: The report of this committee, presented by Shigeaki Nonoyama, details on the many very important achievements of the committee in recent years. Quite a number of new immune deficiencies were identified world wide and reported in the scientific literature. A comprehensive overview of the basis of a large number of deficiencies were summarized in "simple" figures so that analysis of these deficiencies can be followed in a specific pattern. The committee organizes a meeting every year and the plan is to have a meeting in 2011 as well. The budget of this meeting is about 55K and support from IUIS would be appreciated. It is suggested that an application to the clinical translational committee would be on the right place. Some of the results of this committee have been placed on the IUIS website. Margarida wonders whether this is allowed without permission of the journal in which this information was published first. Laurence suggests to ask permission first before placing the info at the IUIS site.



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## 5. Federations' reports:

- *ALAI*: Jose Aguilar has been elected President of ALAI recently and this is his first report in the council. He mentions that he would like to strengthen collaboration at various levels including the exchange of teaching staff between different countries in Latin America not only to boost education but also to achieve better collaboration at the diagnostic and scientific level. The next meeting of ALAI is scheduled for 2012 and he would greatly appreciate having the council meeting of IUIS in Lima, Peru, at the same time. Jose enquires about the "faculty list of IUIS". Moh Daha agrees to send this information to him soon. He indicates at the same time that this list should be used with caution because not all members on the list are available on request all the time. The announcement of the ALAI meeting will be placed on the IUIS site as well Latin America in the coming period.

- *EFIS*: Anna Erdei presents the many activities that EFIS has undertaken in the past year. In educational terms EFIS is highly efficient in providing many types of grants for educational and research purposes. EFIS fortunately has a reasonable budget to accommodate these activities not only in Europe but also worldwide. Additionally, EFIS is exploring various ways to promote the awareness for immunology extensively. More details can be found in the extensive report of EFIS and also on its website.

- *FAIS*: Alioune Dieye, in the absence of Ahmed El-Gohary, presents a brief oral report on the activities of FAIS. On this continent collaboration between the many countries remains a little cumbersome, however, much was achieved with teaching courses in Egypt and a meeting on Malaria and TB. It should be realized that FAIS will need substantial help at different levels to proceed with a balanced plan for education in the near future.

- *FIMSA*: the report was presented by Nick King. FIMSA is very active and was involved in teaching and education at different places in the FIMSA region. Especially the help of JSI and ASI were mentioned by Nick. He feels that there is room for improvement of teaching with FIMSA with respect to the middle eastern countries like Iran. Maybe EFIS could help to close the gap. While the 14<sup>th</sup> ICI is being held in Kobe, ASI has already placed a bid for the 16<sup>th</sup> ICI to be held in Melbourne. This again highlights the drive in this region for the field of immunology in general. More details are available in the written report of FIMSA.

## 6. Liaisons and Affiliated Organizations:

- A report was received from *WHO*. Presently there are several collaborations going on. The new contact for WHO is Prof. Fabienne Tacchini-Cottier who is the representative for WHO courses and good working contacts between the education committee and Prof. Tacchini have been established. IUIS has an agreement with WHO on teaching matters. This agreement will need attention later this year for a further update.

- *ICSU*: Gilbert Faure, our representative on behalf of the President and SG, is enthusiastic about the many developments within ICSU. There is much room to expand the awareness for immunology in the forum. Next year there is a special meeting of ICSU in Rome and Gilbert suggests to send at least one or two high ranking immunologists to this meeting. He will send more details about this meeting to Stefan Kaufmann so that appropriate actions can be taken the sooner the better.



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Further, Gilbert is in the process of preparing an application together with Elopy Sibanda that will be submitted for support by ICSU. The deadline for submission is in December 2010.

*ISDI* ( Val Smith): no report received.

*ISIR*: This is the last report by Gerard Chaouat of this highly successful liaison that is presented. As usual, a very enthusiastic report with many achievements in this year as well as Gerard memorizing the very enjoyable time he has had in the several years that he served in the council and thanks his many friends. His detailed report was tabled. He proposes Julia Szekeres-Bartho as his successor. She is a highly motivated scientist with many achievements on her CV. Peter Doherty thanks Gerard for his service to IUIS and to ISIR and wishes him the best.

- *SMI* ( Richard Blumberg): No report received.

- *WAO* (Walter Canonica): no report received.

- *FOCIS* (Gerald T Nepom): No report received but a very active liaison according to information provided by Olja Finn.

**7. Archives:** This institution receives 1,000 USD per year support from IUIS and for this amount they keep all past info from IUIS in their archive which is very searchable for IUIS. More recent documents of IUIS are kept at the VMA in Vienna and it is agreed that Gerlinde will send this electronic information to the managers of our archives as well. The question arises why not all documents are converted to an electronic document. The simple answer is that this is quite expensive.

### **8. Congresses:**

- *14<sup>th</sup> ICI Kobe*: On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July there were 3600 full paying registrants. It is expected that the total number of attendees will be around 6,000. Kiyoshi Takatsu welcomes the council and all others to the meeting and looks forward to a successful and enjoyable congress. Peter Doherty thanks Kiyoshi, and the JSI, again for their ongoing persistence to make this meeting thus far a success. He looks forward to the scientific and social sessions.

- *15<sup>th</sup> ICI Rome*: The organization of this meeting is going on steadily. The congress center seems to be functioning very well as concluded from a successful meeting of Euler with 16,000 attendees that was held at this location recently. Also, the structure of the scientific meeting is already taking shape and like Kobe there will be several scientific sessions, satellite meetings and educational seminars.

### **9. 16<sup>th</sup> ICI-Bid from Melbourne:**

Jose Villadangos, on behalf of the ASI, presents the bid from Melbourne to host the 16<sup>th</sup> ICI in 2016. He gives a full overview of the congress center, how it can be reached from other locations in the world, the costs involved to organize the meeting and the possible revenues for IUIS. The bid is presented in a glossy form as well. The organisation of the congress is in good hands with a local PCO and is heavily sponsored by the government and the local government of Victoria. There is room in the budget to provide quite a number of grants to young investigators. There is sufficient housing at all levels and prices. The congress center is located near the city center of Melbourne and can be reached easily from the airport.



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It is expected that the quality of science will be high. There is strong commitment of ASI members for the bid.

A site visit team consisting of Paola Castagnoli and Moh Daha also reports very favourably about the bid, the location of the congress site and the smoothness of the whole operation.

The vote about this bid strongly (17 yes/1 abstain) favours holding the 16<sup>th</sup> ICI in Melbourne in 2016. At the GA on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August this message will be conveyed to the GA.

Jose Villadangos hopes that the GA will also decide in favour of holding the 16<sup>th</sup> ICI in Melbourne and he asks whether he could then receive a formal letter from IUIS with the decision.

The new ExCo will take care of this matter and then stay in touch with the organizers to draw up a contract for the meeting in Melbourne.

#### **10. Review of other business:**

- *Election of ExCo:* There are 2 candidates for the position of Vice-President, 2 candidates for the position of SG and 2 candidates for the position of Treasurer.

- *Election of Councillors:* from each region there are sufficient candidates on the list and the total of nominations is more than 16, the number of councillors that are required according to the constitution and bylaws.

- *Approval venue 2016* (see above).

**11. Time and venue** 57<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Hotel Portopia, room "Ikuta", Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, 16.00 -18.00 hrs.,.

#### **12. Any other business:**

- *Suggestions for location of the 58th Council meeting:* possible options are ALAI, Peru 2012, and FIMSA, New Delhi 2012. Other options to consider are the US (Washington D.C.) or Europe (London) in order to discuss standardization issues and enhance contacts with diagnostic and other companies, FDA and EMEA.

No other points are raised. The President, Peter Doherty, thanks all councillors for their presence at the meeting and for their contribution to the discussion.

He invites all councillors for the informal dinner meeting later in the evening.

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