



The International Society for Neutron Capture Therapy

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Minutes: Post-Congress Meeting of the Board of Councillors (BOC) – ICNCT-18

Time: 1:10 PM – 3:00 PM Friday November 2, 2018

The BOC meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM. 16 BOC members were present. The agenda was approved and is outlined below:

- Agenda approval
- New BOC completed
- Proposed changes to the Constitution
- Nomination and election of Vice-President
- Election of 4 new EB Member (Technical Congress Chairs)
- IAEA relationships with new ISNCT
- Vote for venue of YBNCT-10
- Other business: rotation of ICNCT

Silva communicated to BOC the appointment of Leena Kaankanranta and Stuart Green as the two members completing the BOC. Agustina Portu asked how to behave if they would not accept the role, Silva replied that Leena had already given her approval in case of nomination, and that Stuart Green would be asked for acceptance. In case of a refusal, EB would nominate another member in an electronic meeting.

Silva resumed the proposed changes to the new Constitution: 1. Add a sentence to say that it is necessary to be an ISNCT member in order to be elected in a Board, and to have at least a post-doc position; 2. Remove the constraint that EB members cannot be also part of BOC, leaving that officers can only serve in the EB; 3. Add that BOC has the right to dismiss and replace a member in case he/she do not participate to meetings for 2 following years, appointing another member in the same technical area. These changes were put to vote and they were accepted unanimously.

With the approval of this amended version of the Constitution, it was then necessary to nominate and elect a Vice-President, who would be also BOC President. Ignacio Porras proposed Akira Matsumura, who was voted by BOC unanimously. The meeting was led by Akira Matsumura since this moment on. As the new Constitution says that officers can only serve in the EB, Ignacio proposed Javier Praena to replace his role as a member of BOC for the remainder of his term. The same held for Akira Matsumura, who proposed to be replaced by the second choice of the Assembly election. As the second in ranking was Leila Vaalavirta, who was not an ISNCT member at the moment, the choice was the third voted: Prof. Hyo Jung Seo, from Korea. It was observed that this choice also enlarged the geographical coverage of BOC members.

Akira Matsumura opened the elections for 4 members of EB, namely, the 4 Technical Chairs of Physics, Medicine, Biology and Physics. For Medicine, Akira Matsumura proposed Prof. Suzuki, who was elected unanimously. For Chemistry, Yuan-Hao Liu proposed Dr Hsu, Kihriata proposed Prof. Nakamura. Votes were 5 for Hsu and 9 for Nakamura (1 abstention, 1 absent at the moment of vote). Nakamura was elected. For Biology, Silva proposed Amanda Schwint, who was voted unanimously. For Physics, Ignacio proposed Yuan-Hao Liu, Saverio Altieri proposed Hiroaki Kumada and Sara Gonzalez proposed Gustavo Santa Cruz. The votes resulted as following: Kumada 6, Santa Cruz 5

and Liu 3 (1 abstention, 1 absent at the moment of vote). In order to align the duration of the EB components, Akira Matsumura proposed to vote again Yuan-Hao Liu as a member at large to serve for 4 years more. He was elected unanimously.

The new EB was thus composed as following:

- *President (Ex-Officio): Ignacio Porras (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Vice-President (Ex-Officio): Akira Matsumura (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Secretary-Treasurer (Ex-Officio): Silva Bortolussi (Term 2016-2022)*
- *Immediate Past- President: Fong-In Chou (Term 2018-2022)*
- *2020 Congress Chair: Javier Praena (Term 2018-2022)*
- *2022 Congress Chair: Michal Grizynsky (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Technical Committee Chair (Physics): Hiroaki Kumada (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Technical Committee Chair (Chemistry): Hiroyuki Nakamura (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Technical Committee Chair (Biology): Amanda Schwint (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Technical Committee Chair (Medicine): Suzuki (Term 2018-2022)*
- *Member at Large: Yuan-Hao Liu (Term 2018-2022)*

Some comments were made on the role of EB and of Technical Chairs, in particular the task of producing reports and guidelines and to foster collaborations and participation of ISNCT members to Society activities. Moreover, the possibility to use the money left from Columbia as a budget of the Society, to be used to contribute to Congress organization but also to finance activities, was suggested. The idea that the EB will decide the Hatanaka award recipient was also discussed and approved. Akira Matsumura observed that the EB should adopt a work plan as soon as possible. Finally, the role of ISNCT in promoting BNCT at different congresses such as PTCOG, ESTRO and ASTRO was underlined.

Akira and Silva resumed the resolution adopted by EB, concerning the relationship between ISNCT and IAEA (see minutes of post-congress EB meeting). A brief discussion followed on the implementation of the reports drafting, in particular the existence of the forum in the ISNCT website that has never been really used, or the communication via e-mail. Altieri suggested to send contents to feed the website and the Facebook page that are still under Pavia's group supervision.

Since no other proposal was received, the BOC members were asked to vote the venue of next YBNCT between Helsinki and Novosibirsk. Votes resulted as following: Helsinki 9, Novosibirsk 7. Helsinki was chosen.

A letter sent by Gustavo Santa Cruz to the BOC members was discussed (included here as reference). This year, for the first time, the rotation of Continents for ICNCT organization has been broken. This leaves America in the situation of remaining without congress for many years. Amanda Schwint proposed to open the next year a call only for American proposals. After a while, if no proposals come from America, the call should be open for all others. This idea was unanimously accepted.

Yuan-Hao Liu made a motion on the opportunity for the next Congresses to give a waiver of the fee for the EB members, to promote the participation of EB members to each ICNCT. Ignacio said that this will be taken into account for ICNCT-19.

As no other questions or ideas arose, the meeting was closed at 3:00 PM.