

International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders

Annual Report - 2012

The International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders (IAPRD) is a non-profit (ANBI) organization composed of members who share a vision to advance science, care, and education related to parkinsonism and related disorders on an international scope. This report reflects the annual review of activities.

The World Federation of Neurology (WFN) requested that our organization no longer be linked in name to the WFN, as this organization is revising its by-laws. Our membership voted on a new name change at the June, 2012 meeting in Dublin, officially changing the name to the International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders. The IAPRD has been asked to participate in a specialty meeting sub-group of the WFN and Ryan Uitti will be participating on behalf of the IAPRD.

Strategic discussions took place in the year with colleagues from the Movement Disorders Society. These discussions led to various options being presented to the membership regarding the future of the organization. Voting took place electronically and in-person in Stockholm on 9 September, 2012. The results determined that the IAPRD will continue as an independent organization. Angelo Antonini was charged with determining future strategic plans for the IAPRD and will be discussing various options to leadership and our members in the coming year.

Educational activities sponsored by the IAPRD were overseen by an Education Committee chaired by Daniel Truong. The IAPRD Bylaws explicitly state providing education concerning movement disorders as a primary aim of the society. To this end, successful educational meetings/planning activities sponsored took place in Tanzania, Romania, Poland, India, Russia, and Viet Nam. Educational courses employ IAPRD members and local neurologists as faculty (without honorarium), and are aimed to deliver improvements in understanding and care of patients with movement disorders throughout the world.

The IAPRD membership enthusiastically support our journal, Parkinsonism & Related Disorders and congratulate Drs. Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek (Co-Editors-In-Chief) and the entire editorial board on their wonderful success and escalating impact factor (PRD Impact Factor (2010: 3.245 to 2011: 3.795). Starting in 2013, the journal will have 12 instead of 10 issues per year with one open access paper available per issue. The IAPRD provides this journal (free of charge) to all attendees of the IAPRD Congress. The journal is also available at a reduced cost for other members of the IAPRD via our website: www.PRDAssociation.org.

The annual financial report for the IAPRD was finalized for 2012 and is posted on the IAPRD web-site. The balance for 1 January, 2012 = EUR 1,042,799.29 and the final balance for 31 December, 2012 = EUR 1,041,221.76. In conjunction with the

establishment of the IAPRD Foundation, which allows disbursement and receipt of funds associated with IAPRD World Congress meetings in a fully transparent manner, the Foundation has a four-person board comprised of the IAPRD President, IAPRD Treasurer, Chair of the current/last World Congress, and Chair of the upcoming World Congress. The balance of this fund, which included revenue and transfers relating to the World Congress held in China (approximately EURO 136,000 EURO), was EURO 240.38 on 31 December, 2012.

Plans for the XX IAPRD World Congress meeting in Geneva, Switzerland (8-11 December, 2013) are firmly in place and will include a large international faculty. The organizing and scientific program planning committees are formulated; the program will be announced and available for viewing on the official IAPRD web-site (www.PRDAssociation.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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