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## **IAPRD Annual Report - 2014**

The International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders (IAPRD) is a nonprofit organization that comprises members who share a vision to advance science, care, and education related to parkinsonism and related disorders on an international scale. This report reflects the annual review of activities.

The World Federation of Neurology (WFN) has requested that our organization participate in a specialty sub-group meeting of the WFN. The last WFN Specialty Network Meeting took place in Philadelphia in April 2014; IAPRD leadership intend to continue to be involved in the WFN meetings on behalf of the IAPRD members.

In 2014, successful educational meetings sponsored by the IAPRD were organized by the Education Committee chaired by Daniel Truong. These meetings were held in Siliguri (India, Nepal), Karachi (Pakistan), and Almaty (Kazakhstan) and successfully delivered lectures with real-time translations about developments in the understanding and treatment of patients who have movement disorders. About 150-200 neurologists participated in each of these programs. IAPRD members and local neurologists were employed without honorarium to be the faculty for these sessions. Because of the success of these sessions and to increase the visibility of the IAPRD in 2016 globally, organized master classes for developed countries are also planned. The first class will be held in Brno, Czech Republic, in 2016. This meeting will be organized by Christian Baumann and Irena Rektorova.

The IAPRD membership continues to enthusiastically support our journal, Parkinsonism & Related Disorders, and congratulates the Co-Editors-In-Chief, Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek, and the entire editorial board on the journal's success in 2014. The journal received 983 submissions this year, which is an increase from last year. The acceptance rate for submissions has remained competitive and is approximately 33%. Additionally, the Impact Factor has increased to 4.126. The journal is available to institutional libraries in both print and digital formats, and some articles are available via open access. The IAPRD provides the journal (free of charge) to all of the attendees of the IAPRD Congress and is available at a reduced cost to other members of the IAPRD via our website.

The annual financial report for the IAPRD was finalized for 2014 and is posted on the IAPRD website. The balance for 1 January 2014 = EUR 977,348.61 and the final balance for 31 December 2014 = EUR 1,092,808.36. The balance of the IAPRD Foundation, which allows

disbursement and receipt of funds associated with IAPRD World Congress meetings in a fully transparent manner, was EUR 546.20 on 1 January 2014 and EUR 263.25 on 31 December 2014.

The XXI World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders will take place in Milan, Italy, from 5-9 December 2015. The chairmen of this meeting will be Angelo Antonini and Alberto Albanese. The motto of this Congress will be "Sharing Richness", which fits well with the Association's goal of sharing new developments in the understanding of the aetiology and pathophysiology of motor and behavioural disorders and of sharing developments in therapeutic strategies that can increase the quality of life of patients who have these debilitating diseases. Details of the program can be viewed at <http://www.oic.it/iaprd2015/>.

Our last annual administrative meeting took place in Stockholm, Sweden, in June 2014. Ho Chi Minh City was voted to be the host city of the XXII World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders. The congress is planned for mid-November 2017, and Dr. Daniel Truong will be its chairman.

A strategic partnership with the CINP (The International College of Neuropsychopharmacology, which is the world's global neuropsychopharmacology organization) was proposed by IAPRD president Erik Wolters and the members of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) agreed. The president of the CINP suggested that CINP organize 1-2 of the sponsored scientific sessions of the upcoming World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders in Milan; similarly IAPRD members will organize a program for the next CINP congress in Seoul, South Korea that will take place in 2016.

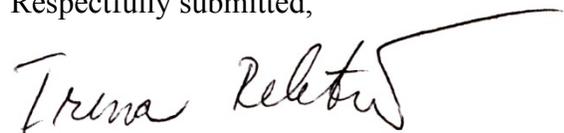
The current board members are Erik Wolters (President), Angelo Antonini (Treasurer), Irena Rektorova (Secretary), Zbigniew Wszolek (Councillor), and Jon Stoessl (Councillor). Seven new members were elected to the IAPRD during the last AGM in Stockholm in June 2014.

**Important changes:** During the AGM in December 2015, Erik Wolters and Zbigniew Wszolek will step down from their positions on the board. Drs. Wolters and Wszolek have served the IAPRD for eight years, and the membership thanks them for their service.

Ron Pfeiffer, chair of the election committee, will send out information regarding the procedures for nomination and election of the new president and a councillor to all full members, and a discussion forum on the topic will be available on our new website: [www.IAPRD.org](http://www.IAPRD.org).

Forum participation and member suggestions for the next IAPRD president and the councillor vacancies are extremely important and very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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