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## **IAPRD Annual Report - 2016**

The International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders (IAPRD) is a nonprofit independent, international, professional association of clinicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals who are interested in motor behaviour and behavioural motor disorders including Parkinson's disease, secondary parkinsonisms, hyperkinetic and hypokinetic movement disorders, and more generally any disorder affecting muscle tone and motor control. This report reflects the activities of 2016.

The current board members are Dr. Daniel Truong (President, 2015-2019), Dr. Angelo Antonini (Treasurer, 2011-2018), Dr. Irena Rektorova (Secretary, 2013-2017), Dr. Jon Stoessl (Councillor, 2010-2018), and Dr. Vincenzo Bonifati (Councillor, 2015-2019). Dr. Mary Ann Chapman was appointed as the Executive Director in 2016 to run the administrative function of the association. The first IAPRD Newsletter (edited by Karen Frei with the help of Mary Ann Chapman and the editorial board) was released and sent to all IAPRD members at the beginning

of 2017. The IAPRD officers and new committee members are listed on our web page <http://www.iaprd.org/> . Our membership forum is open for full members in order to enhance on-line discussions and the exchange of views and ideas.

The organizational activities for the upcoming XXII World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders are underway. The Congress will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 12 November to 15 November 2017. Dr. Daniel Truong is the Congress Chair, Dr. Hubert H. Fernandez is the Chair of the Scientific Programme Executive Committee, and Dr. Elena Moro is the Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee. Invitations have been sent to all plenary and invited speakers. The submission deadline for abstracts is 15 July 2017 and abstract acceptance notifications will be sent in mid-August 2017. Congress Travel Awards are sponsored by the IAPRD and the Melvin Yahr International Parkinson's Disease Foundation, and are intended to promote participation in the Congress by young researchers worldwide, under the age of 35. The Congress organizer is Interplan. For scientific program updates, please check <http://www.iaprd-world-congress.com/> .

The IAPRD now has two educational committees: the European and North American Educational Committee, chaired by Alberto Albanese, and the Asian and Oceanic Educational Committee, chaired by Roongroj Bhidayasiri. We successfully completed an educational event in Havana, Cuba on March 16-17,

2017. The activity was carried out in cooperation with CIREN (International Center of Neurological Restoration). The delegation was headed by Dr. Daniel Truong, accompanied by Drs. Elena Moro, Erik Wolters, Hubert Fernandez and Carlos Singer. The first day offered an overview of Cognitive and Motor Interactions of Movement Disorders, Deep Brain Stimulation Update, Myoclonus and Differential Diagnosis of Tremors. The second day consisted of a live patient Botulinum toxin workshop. Over 100 attendees from surrounding neurological services were in attendance.

Given the success of the educational programmes and lecture series during our World Congresses in the past, it was decided to further expand our educational programme with an open-access platform allowing eCME-accredited 'education on demand'. To that purpose, IAPRD approached Evidentia AG, which is highly experienced in online education, and agreed on the unmet need for such an educational portal, free of charge for the neurological community. IAPRD will nominate two editors-in-chief (for the first years Christian Baumann and Erik Wolters), to join Evidentia's representative and be responsible for the development and production of the portal. IAPRD will share profits but not eventual losses in the start-up phase; for the first years, beginning with the launch of the platform in mid-2017, IAPRD will receive 10,000 USD/year; this amount will be renegotiated in 2020.

The IAPRD congratulates the co-editors-in-chief, Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek, the associate editors Robert Rodnitzky, Vincenzo Bonifati, Jonathan Carr, and Eng King Tan, the managing editor Susan Calne, and the editorial board of our journal *Parkinsonism & Related Disorders* for their hard work and ongoing efforts in 2016. The latest (2015) Impact Factor is 3.794. The IAPRD provides the journal free of charge to all attendees of the IAPRD Congress; the journal is available at a reduced cost to other members of the IAPRD via the IAPRD website. The annual financial report is available on the IAPRD website. The balance for 1 January 2016 was 1,045,426.19 EUR and the final balance for 31 December 2016 was 1,152,892.90 EUR. The balance of the IAPRD Foundation, which allows transparent disbursement and receipt of funds associated with IAPRD World Congress meetings, was 241.50 EUR on 1 January 2016 and 221.50 EUR on 31 December 2016. The Executive Board of the Foundation consists of Daniel Truong, the IAPRD President, Angelo Antonini, the IAPRD Treasurer, and Erik Wolters, the IAPRD Past President.

Our last annual administrative meeting took place in Berlin, Germany, in June 2016. During this meeting, thirteen new members were elected to the IAPRD (in alphabetical order): Drs. Sun Ju Chung, Bulent Elibol, Joseph Friedman, Hyder A. Jinnah, Dariusz Kozirowski, Prakash Kumar, Brit Mollenhauer, Thomas Muller, Adib Saberi, Gholi Shahidi, Huifang Shang, Marie Vidailhet, and Yih Ru Wu.

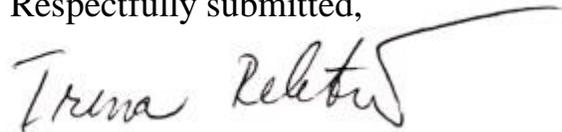
IAPRD president Dr. Daniel Truong presented his ideas about the new organization of IAPRD and expressed the need to increase membership among younger doctors as well as to support strong IAPRD membership in Asia. Dr. Truong presented a comparison of four cities suggested as venues for the next World Congress after Vietnam, including Miami, Amsterdam, Berlin, and Lyon. The on-site voting indicated the preference of IAPRD members to hold the next Congress in Europe rather than North America. The Lyon Convention Centre in France was chosen as a venue. Dr. Erik Wolters, the past IAPRD president, proposed adaptations of the IAPRD bylaws in terms of extending the board and modifying the voting procedure.

Later discussions among IAPRD board members addressed other important topics such as the frequency of future IAPRD meetings (biannual vs. annual), their financial coverage and feasibility, and their specific format, as well as the change in status of IAPRD to a dues-paying organization with an unlimited membership. In order to address all these crucial issues, the Bylaws Committee (headed by Dr. Mark Hallett) and the Strategic Planning Committee (headed by Dr. Hubert Fernandez) were established.

The next annual administrative meeting will be held during the XXII World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November 2017. During the AGM, Irena Rektorova will step down

from her position on the board. Dr. Rektorova has served the IAPRD for four years, and the membership thanks her for her service. Forum participation and member suggestions for the next IAPRD Secretary vacancy are much appreciated. The exact date of the AGM will be announced in time and relevant material distributed to all IAPRD members to allow for high membership participation. Important decisions on the future of IAPRD will be made.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irena Rektorova". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of a long, horizontal, slightly curved line that extends to the right.

Irena Rektorova, M.D., Ph.D.

Secretary, International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders