

Minutes INA Business Meeting
March, 12, 12.30-1.30pm
Room Presido A & B, Grand Hyatt San Antonio,
600 E. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

Participants: Thomas Guilarte, Christoph Van Thriel, Will Boyes, Lucio Costa, Evelyn Castiglioni, Carey Pope, Jean Harry, Fang Liu, Ellen Fritsche, Ed Levin, Remco Westerink, Harm Heusinkveld, Tim Shafer (via telephone), Helena Hogberg (via telephone).

- Welcome

- Approval of minutes (appendix 2) from INA Business Meeting (Florianopolis, May 2017)

- Minutes are approved by the participants

1) President's report

Remco Westerink

2017 was a good INA year, with a successful INA16 meeting in Florianopolis. There will be a INA-16 special issue in NeuroToxicology, which is progressing fine: 26 submissions, currently 6 accepted, 5 rejected; ~18 expected MS in the final version.

INA17 meeting preparations already in progress, and the recent affiliation of INA-NeuroToxicology will be of considerable financial help. Following several rounds of negotiations, the sponsorship now includes financial support for the conference as well as award money for poster prizes, travel funds and the Hooisma lecture. The INA-NeuroToxicology can also be seen on the website of the journal and INA.

In 2017, it was also agreed to attempt to update the membership list:

Following about 500 e-mails in 2017, we have now a good view on our membership, and the list can be cleaned, i.e. remove everyone who has not been paying dues or responding to communication for the last 5 years.

2) Secretary's report - Membership status and acceptance of new members

Remco Westerink on behalf of Sandra Allen

Current number of members: 108 full members and 10 student members, from 20 countries in all continents except Antarctica.

3) Treasurer's Report

Harm Heusinkveld

INA is doing fine financially. Although money is spent on e.g. the INA meeting, INA's savings have increased over the last 5 years thanks to a number of things.

Firstly, the number of paying members is gradually increasing: Last dues period 105 members paid their dues, which is a record. Secondly, the last years a number of companies paid for being listed on the INA website, money that is earmarked as student support fund: INA was able to pay two student awards from this fund during last meeting.

Last but absolutely not least, INA is being sponsored by Elsevier annually as of 2017. This money is earmarked for the INA meeting and includes money for the Hooisma lecture and INA awards.

To ease dues payment for our members, INA members will receive a PayPal invoice for the 2018-2019 period. This approach has been tested with the INA board members and works very well.

4) Web site update

Helena Hogberg

The website is up-to-date. If something needs to be changed or someone has a better idea for the website Helena asks for someone to take over.

5) Report of INA-16 meeting. Report by the INA-16 Local Organizing Committee

Ed Levin

Successful meeting in Florianapolis (Brazil). Financially speaking the meeting ends positively; the organizing committee still awaits one grant, depending on this grant the balance will be slightly or very positive.

6) Status of INA-17 meeting. Update by the INA-17 Local Organizing Committee

Christoph van Thriel

INA-17 will be organized in Düsseldorf in September 29 – October 3, 2019. Registration will include a full package and is estimated to cost 650 euro, rooms will cost around 90-140 euro per night. A call for proposals is out. The meeting will start on Sunday has no parallel sessions, has student sessions, poster sessions in the evening and the Social Event will be a visit to the Neanderthal. The Hooisma lecture will be given by Deborah Cory-Slechta.

7) Proposals for INA-18 in 2021

The board received only one proposal for INA-18 in May/June 2021 from Durham. The topic is suggested to be "Tox 21". A question is asked whether INA-18 should be a joined meeting with the NTS again. Jean agrees to discuss this with the next president of the NTS.

The proposers are asked to consider organizing the meeting in the autumn (September) instead of May/June. This will be considered.

8) Next INA board member election

Ed Levin

Ed will start the procedure for the INA board member election and proposes to elect council members for 4 years alternating every 2 years. This will ensure a continuity. The participants agree that this is a good idea. Ed will check the by-laws to make sure this is already possible or that by-laws need to be changed.

9) Any other business?

No other business is brought to the table.

10) Close the meeting

Meeting is closed by Remco

Appendix 1. INA Executive Council Members

Current (2017-2019)

Name	Office	Email
Remco Westerink	President	r.westerink@uu.nl
Tim Shafer	President-Elect	timshafer.ina@gmail.com
Ed Levin	Past -President	edlevin@duke.edu
Sandra Allen	Secretary	sandra.allen@regulatoryscience.com
Harm Heusinkveld	Treasurer	Harm.heusinkveld@rivm.nl
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Helena Hogberg	Councilor	hhogber2@jhu.edu
Helena Hogberg	Website Editor	hhogber2@jhu.edu

Appendix 2. Minutes Business meeting Florianopolis:

Welcome (Ed Levin)

Election Results (Ed Levin)

Introduction of New Officers:

President-Elect Tim Shafer

Councilors Roberto Lucchini
Helena Hogberg

Ed Levin: past president, Remco Westerink: President.

Continuing: Harm Heusinkveld (treasurer), Sandra Allen (secretary), Helena Hogberg (website editor)

Thank you to Christoph van Thriel, Pamela Lein and Lucio Costa who ended their serving on the executive committee by June.

INA Meetings (Ed Levin)

INA15 Meeting together with Neurobehavioral Teratology Society Hotel Bonaventure, Montreal

Quebec, Canada June 27-July 1, 2015 – Ed Levin

151 Presentations = 58 talks + 93 posters

175 Registrants

Symposia as well as Platform and Poster Sessions

Publication of Proceedings in NeuroToxicology

INA Monetary Balance for the Conference US\$ -1,827

INA 16 Meeting together with the Neurotoxicity Society

Florianopolis, Brazil, May 20-23, 2017 – Ed Levin

180 Presentations = 96 talks + 84 posters, Over 200 registrants

INA 17: 2019 Dusseldorf, Germany

Chair of Organizing Committee: Christoph van Thriel

