OCNS Members Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Jeju, Republic of Korea

1. Overview and Approval of the Agenda
2. Report from Astrid Prinz on OCNS Membership

Astrid provided quantitative data regarding membership numbers. She also discussed member benefits including:

* eligible to vote for directors,
* ability to sponsor two abstracts for each meeting,
* reduced meeting registration,
* eligible for travel awards to the CNS meeting
* eligible for travel awards to computational neuroscience schools,
* free access to the Encyclopedia for Computational Neuroscience,
* reduced journal subscription fees and book discounts.

There was a suggestion to give a larger discount on registration to people who are members for two years. Future plans for OCNS include looking at the meeting structure, preparing for future meetings, and increasing membership numbers.

1. Treasurer Report from Volker Steuber

Volker provided an overview of the income and costs for this year. Overall the OCNS is financially healthy. Astrid added information about the purpose of the year-to-year balance, indicating that the goal is not to increase this balance but instead to have enough to cover one year’s expenses in case of emergency.

1. Program Committee Report from Tony Burkitt

Tony provided numbers for abstract submissions and their geographic distribution. Tony also discussed the importance of the Poster Sessions and the Poster Awards coordinated by Christina Weaver. He discussed the travel awards (49 applications) and the selection procedure. He thanked Ingo Bojak for coordinating the publication of abstracts by BMC. He also thanked the members of the Program Committee who are rotating off and discussed the process for selecting new members. Tony thanked the members and others who are involved in the abstract review process, which is important to the quality of the conference.

1. Report from CNS 2017 from Erik De Schutter

The dates and location were discussed. Attendees coming from outside of Europe will fly to Brussels and take a train or bus to Antwerp, which is a cultural hub in Europe. The conference venue is the City Campus of the university with a large lecture hall, smaller rooms for workshops, and plenty of room for posters.

1. OCNS Mascots

Astrid gave an overview of the mascots including a photo of the current mascots that are waiting for us in Antwerp. Jaeseung Jeong presented the new mascot from the 2016 meeting, which is a set of Haenyeo dolls. Haenyeo means “sea women” and refers to the female divers in Jeju who are known for their independent spirit and determination.

Recorded by Sharon Crook