



International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders

Annual Report - 2013

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 participate in a specialty meeting sub-group of the WFN. The first meeting took place in Vienna this year; IAPRD leadership intend to continue to be involved on behalf of members.

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 India (multiple), Italy, Morocco, Romania, Russia (multiple), Tanzania and Vietnam. Additional programs are in preparation for March, 2014 in Karachi and June, 2014 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Educational courses employ IAPRD members and local neurologists as faculty (all 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 Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek (Co-Editors-In-Chief) and the entire editorial board on the journal's wonderful success. Submissions have continued to increase, having more than doubled in the past 5 years. 12 editions were published for the first time in 2012, and the journal currently provides open access to selected articles. The impact factor is strong (3.3 in 2012) and the journal is available in >8000 institutional libraries. The IAPRD provides the 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 2013 and is posted on the IAPRD web-site. The balance for 1 January, 2013 = EUR 1,041,221.76 and the final balance for 31 December, 2013 = EUR 977,348.61. 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 will eventually include revenue and transfers relating to the World Congress held in Geneva, was EUR 1240.38 on 1 January, 2013 and EUR 546.20 on 1 January, 2014.

The XXth IAPRD Congress on Parkinsonism and Related Disorders took place in Geneva Switzerland, 8-11 December 2013. The Congress was a success from both scientific and educational perspectives, with a large international attendance. Over 40% of the registrants were aged 40 and under. Proceedings of the Congress were published in Parkinsonism & Related Disorders Vol 20 #1 with contributions from plenary speakers available to the Congress participants at the time of the Congress.

Our annual administrative meeting took place in Geneva Switzerland on 9 December at the IAPRD Congress. At this meeting Irena Rektorova was elected as Secretary, taking Ryan Uitti's place on the Executive Board. The balance of the board is composed of Erik Wolters as President, Angelo Antonini as Treasurer and Zbigniew Wszolek and Jon Stoessl as Councilors. Additionally, 7 new full members were elected to the IAPRD.

Plans for the XXIst IAPRD Congress meeting in Milan, Italy (5-9 December, 2015) are being formulated and will include a large international faculty. The scientific program will be formed following receipt of suggestions from membership. Details of the program will subsequently be announced and available for viewing on the official IAPRD web-site (www.PRDAssociation.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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