The International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders (IAPRD) is a nonprofit organization comprised of 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 activities of 2015.

We successfully completed three large educational programs in 2015. All three were developed in close cooperation with national neurological organizations. International and local speakers were selected by the local organizations with input
from the IAPRD educational committee. Professor Kamenova and the IAPRD organized an educational program in Almaty, Kazakhstan on September 7-9, 2015. The IAPRD was successful in engaging the World Federation of Neurology, the European Academy of Neurology and the Asian Oceanic Neurology Association in this effort. Four hundred neurologists participated in the education program in Almaty. In cooperation with Professor Rakhimbaeva Gulnora, the IAPRD also organized an education program in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which was held on May 6, 2015. The program faculty also lectured at the Tashkent Medical Academy. The IAPRD also supported an education program in New Dehli, India co-organized by Professors Ray Chaudhuri, Madhuri Behari and Kalyan Bhattacharya on March 14-15, 2015.

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.

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 as well as the managing editor Susan Calne, and the editorial board of our journal Parkinsonism & Related Disorders for their hard work and continuous efforts in 2015. The latest (2014) Impact Factor is 3.972. 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 attendees of the IAPRD Congress and 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 January 1, 2015 is 1,092,808.36 EUR and the final balance for December 31, 2015 is 1,046,426.19 EUR. The balance of the IAPRD Foundation, which allows transparent disbursement and receipt of funds associated with IAPRD World Congress meetings, was 263.25 EUR on January 1, 2015 and 245.85 EUR on December 31, 2015.

The XXI World Congress on Parkinson’s Disease and Related Disorders took place in Milan, Italy, from December 5-9, 2015. The chairmen of the meeting were Professors Angelo Antonini and Alberto Albanese. The Congress addressed all aspects of movement disorders including basic science, genetics, differential diagnosis and therapeutic interventions via seven plenary sessions and a number of parallel clinical, translational, interactive, educational and oral poster sessions. The Congress hosted 1168 participants from 74 countries and provided 117 travel grants for young participants. A total of 121 faculty members lectured at the
Congress. In keeping with tradition, the full Congress Proceedings were published in Parkinsonism and Related Disorders, see http://www.prdjournal.com/issue/S1353-8020(15)X0012-5.

The XXII World Congress on Parkinson’s Disease and Related Disorders will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from November 12 to November 15, 2017. Dr. Daniel Truong is the congress chairman. For congress updates, see http://www.iaprd.org/congresses_meetings.html.

Our last annual administrative meeting took place in Milan, Italy, in December 2015. During this meeting, Erik Wolters and Zbigniew Wszolek stepped 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. There were two nominees for the position of President and 3 nominees for the position of Counsellor. The voting took place by paper ballot during the meeting. In addition, full members had also been allowed cast their vote via electronic ballot through IAPRD’s forum in the IAPRD website. Dr. Daniel Truong was elected the IAPRD president and Dr. Vincenzo Bonifati the IAPRD Counsellor. The current board members are Dr. Daniel Truong (President), Dr. Angelo Antonini (Treasurer), Dr. Irena Rektorova (Secretary), Dr. Jon Stoessl (Counsellor), and Dr. Vincenzo Bonifati (Councillor). The IPARD officers and new committee members can be
viewed at http://www.iaprd.org/about_us.html. Thirteen new members were elected to the IAPRD including (in alphabetical order) Drs. Dag Aarsland, Angela Cenci, Abderrahmane Chahidi, John Duda, Alberto Espay, Shinsuke Fujioka, Peter LeWitt, Jose Obeso, Serge Przedborski, Martin Rabey, Jan Roth, Jaroslaw Slawek, Mohamad Wasay.

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