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IAPRD Annual Report for 2017

The International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders (IAPRD) is an independent, international, nonprofit, professional association of clinicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals who are interested in movement 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 2017.

The current board members are Dr. Daniel Truong (President, 2015-2019), Dr. Elena Moro (Treasurer, 2018-2022), Dr. Hubert Fernandez (Secretary, 2018-2022), Dr. Jon Stoessl (Councillor, 2010-2018), and Dr. Vincenzo Bonifati (Councillor, 2015-2019). Past President, Dr. Erik Wolters, has served as interim Treasurer as duties shift to Elena Moro. Dr. Mary Ann Chapman continues as the Executive Director to run the administrative function of the association. Mr. Frans Wolters continues as the Webmaster and Data Protection Officer. The IAPRD officers and new committee members are listed on our web page at <http://www.iaprd.org/>.

The IAPRD 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 sponsored a successful educational program entitled "Current Status of Clinical Practice in Movement Disorders" in Uzhgorod, Ukraine, in April 2018. The Program was organized by Prof. Alexander Pulyk at Uzhgorod National University, Assoc. Prof. Andreas Puschmann, Lund University, Sweden, and Prof. Zbigniew Wszolek, Jacksonville, USA. Approximately 70 neurologists, general practitioners, and postgraduate students from the entire Transcarpathia Region in Western Ukraine attended the meeting. The program consisted of presentations from international

experts on various aspects of movement disorders, as well as specialist discussion of Ukrainian patients with rare or unusual movement disorders.

The organizational activities for the upcoming XXIII World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders are underway. The Congress will be held in Lyon, France, from 19-22 August 2018 and has an educational focus. Dr. Elena Moro is the Congress Chair, Dr. Hubert H. Fernandez is the Chair of the Scientific Program Executive Committee, and Dr. Tanya Simuni is the Chair of the Scientific Program Committee. Congress Travel Awards are sponsored by the IAPRD and the Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Foundation, and are intended to promote participation in the Congress by young researchers worldwide, under the age of 35. The Congress organizer is Interplan. Scientific program and other information is available on the Congress website: <http://www.iaprd-world-congress.com/>.

Given the success of the IAPRD's educational programs and lecture series during past World Congresses, we have expanded our educational offerings with an open-access platform that allows eCME-accredited 'education on demand'. This program is known as PRDportal.org and operates at <https://www.prdportal.org/>. The portal was developed by Christian Baumann and Erik Wolters, who currently serve as the Editors-in-Chief. The portal is maintained by evidentia.med, with which 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 also sponsors the journal *Parkinsonism & Related Disorders*. At the end of 2017, long-time Co-Editors-in-Chief, Ronald Pfeiffer and Zbigniew Wszolek and Managing Editor, Susan Calne, stepped down from their positions. The IAPRD thanks these individuals for their hard work on the journal and congratulates them on the journal's success, with the impact factor increasing from 1.90 in 2008 to 4.48 in 2016. The IAPRD also thanks the outgoing Associate Editors Jonathan Carr, Eng-King Tan, and Robert Rodnitzky. The new Co-Editors-in-Chief are Hubert Fernandez and Vincenzo Bonifati, and the new Associate Editors are Yaroslau Compta, Irene Hegeman Richard, Zoltan Mari, Andreas Puschmann, Irena Rektorova, Janis Miyasaki, and Ergun Uc. The IAPRD provides the journal free of charge to full members and attendees of the IAPRD Congress.

The IAPRD issued 4 quarterly newsletters in 2017 (Editorial Board listed in each newsletter; available at <https://www.iaprd.org/publications.html>). The IAPRD also continues to maintain an online forum that allows discussions among full members on topics related to IAPRD business. Social media accounts for 2017 included Facebook and Twitter, on which updates on IAPRD activities were posted.

The annual financial report is available on the IAPRD website. The balance for 1 January 2017 was 1,174,341.78 EUR and the final balance for 31 December 2017 was 1,010,212.95 EUR. The balance of the IAPRD Foundation, which allows transparent disbursement and receipt of funds associated with IAPRD World Congress meetings, was 226.50 EUR on 1 January 2017 and 203.92 EUR on 1 January 2018. The Executive Board of the Foundation consists of Daniel Truong, the IAPRD President, Elena Moro, the IAPRD Treasurer, and Erik Wolters, the IAPRD Past President.

Our last annual administrative meeting (Annual General Meeting) was held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November, 2017. IAPRD President Dr. Daniel Truong announced that the IAPRD Board voted to hold IAPRD Congresses annually instead of biennially. Dr. Truong presented his ideas about expanding the IAPRD membership to include younger colleagues and working toward a dues-paying membership. Members discussed changing the Board structure to include a President Elect, President, and Past President, each of whom would serve one 2-year term. These proposals would require changes to the bylaws, which were deferred until the issues could be further considered. Members voted to hold the 2019 Congress in Montreal and the 2020 Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held during the XXIII World Congress on Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders in Lyon, France in August, 2018. During the meeting, Jon Stoessl will step down from his position on the Board, where he has served for 8 years. The IAPRD thanks Dr. Stoessl for his service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, International Association of Parkinsonism & Related Disorders