

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting March 3rd 2008

Present: Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Alex Susan, Crist Filer, Scott Landvatter.

Also Present: Gary Rotert, John Kennington, Ken Lawrie.

Apologies for Absence: John Allen, Bill Wheeler

1. Journal of Labelled Compounds

Ken Lawrie updated the Board on his perspective on the launch of 'Current Radiopharmaceuticals' and its impact on JLCR. He noted that there is a high degree of GE involvement on the advisory board and the editor is also from GE. KL also stated that while the focus of the new journal is somewhat different to JLCR, its focus of radiopharmaceuticals, which is a rapidly growing field, is an area where JLCR also needs to ensure it continues to be well represented.

KL noted that while the new journal will have a low impact factor for its first few years, JLCR also needs to improve its impact factor to make it more attractive for publications from academia. In response to this he stated that he has held a series of teleconferences with the journal editors and publishers to discuss ideas to improve the journal. One such idea will be to increase the number of review articles to about one per issue. In addition an idea to include regular short review articles from the radiopharmaceutical area will be pursued.

KL also stated over the past year that the editorial boards have been renewed and revised, and there is an interest to appoint an editor from the Asia Pacific region to address the increasing amount of radiopharmaceutical work originating from this region.

KL added that it is planned to establish a set of scientific guidelines for the journal which will be of help to both authors and referees, to ensure consistent standards for articles are maintained. AS also added that 'Current Radiopharmaceuticals' does not appear to be peer reviewed and that authors pay to have their articles published.

DH mentioned that he has had very positive feedback about the 50th Anniversary edition and asked whether the publisher would consider selling individual copies of this edition to interested isotope scientists, who may like to purchase and own their own copy of this edition. KL stated he will take this idea back to the publisher. BM also stated that the 50th Anniversary edition could be made available for sale through the Chicago meeting.

2. Professor John Jones

DH stated he had been in further contact with the University of Surrey Chemistry Department head, Prof. Dave Povey about the idea of setting up a fund in Prof. John

Jones memory to provide financial help for chemistry students. Prof. Povey was receptive to the idea but indicated he needed some guidance on the financial commitment from the IIS before he could explore this idea further. It was agreed that DH and SL should discuss this off line to explore the level of financial commitment from the IIS.

Action: DH and SL to establish a proposed funding amount for the fund.

3. Chicago Update

BM, GR and JK updated the Board on the status of planning for the Chicago meeting. BM presented a proposed budget for the meeting. While very preliminary, projected income through registrations, vendors and sponsorships is around \$337,500. In terms of expenses, which take into account, food, AV, printing and mailing, insurance, security, Plenary and Sponsored speaker expenses, webpage development and an amount due to ITA for a 2005 site inspection, they are projected at \$321,328. In addition, the banquet is projected to generate \$23,750 in reservations and sponsorship against \$22,460 in expenses.

GR stated that the committee is in the process of identifying Plenary and Sponsored Lecture speakers. The committee is actively looking at potential speakers in order to include them in the First Announcement brochure, which needs to be sent out soon.

It is planned, with the help of the IIS Webmaster Slava Levin, to upgrade the IIS website to enable conference delegates to register, book accommodation and submit abstracts 'on line' through the web site. In addition the new webpage will be able to accept credit card payments and as it will be hosted on the IIS Website, it will be available for use at future IIS international symposia.

As regards the website, at the suggestion of AS, the Board consider increasing the amount paid to the webmaster to maintain the website. It was agreed that the webmaster has done an excellent job in maintaining the website and posting information as requested. After a brief discussion it was agreed to increase the quarterly rate by \$100.

In response to a question from DH about the status of the appointing session chairman, GR stated that identification of potential session chairmen is being actively pursued. It was agreed that a mix of experienced and new session chairmen is desirable. It was also agreed that the chairmen should be a mix from North America, Europe and Asia.

DH also stated that he has been approached by Seth Shulman from Bioscan about having a session concerned with 'Biomarker and In vivo Imaging Applications of Isotopes' as a way to attract more scientists from this field to the IIS. BM stated that he

has also been in contact with Seth for suggestions for invited speakers for such a session and will incorporate this idea in the Chicago meeting. It was agreed the area of biomarkers and 'in vivo' imaging is a rapidly growing area and offers the IIS potential new membership.

In response to a question from CF about venues for the 2012 meeting, AS agreed to explore whether any groups from Europe are thinking of hosting the 2012 meeting.

BM also stated that the Board needs to begin consideration for nominees for the IIS and Melvin Calvin awards, which will be given at the symposium banquet. CF suggested that members of the Board forward their suggestions to him for consideration at the next BoT meeting.

AS also suggested that the level of sponsorships needs to be included on the brochure, so companies can include it in their 2009 budgets.

4. Financial Report

SL stated that he had finished his audit of the Edinburgh symposium accounts following receipt of the bank statements from KL. SL stated that a complete audit of the accounts is very difficult and he is seeking further clarification on the two wire transfers made from the Synergy account to pay for the Conference Centre.

Post meeting note:

The 2/23 payment was made to the Bank of Scotland, 153 Portobello High Street to an account 'Isotope' and the 6/8 payment to the Bank of Scotland, 1 Castle Terrace, to an account 'Edinburgh International Conference Centre Ltd'.

SL stated that for Chicago, he will be paying the invoices and maintaining the finances of the meeting in a separate account. This will allow for a complete accounting for the meeting.

SL also stated that he has not received the most recent statement from Synergy. DH stated he will follow up with Synergy.

Action: DH to follow up with Synergy.

5. Secretary's Report

DH stated that the membership forms were mailed out in early December. There are to date 267 paid 2007 members, and when the members from Russia, China and Romania and the life members are included the total rises to 357. This compares to a total of 327 paid and 417 total members in 2007. DH noted that this decline in memberships is

typical in non-symposium years and that it is expected that memberships will rise in 2009 with the Chicago meeting. There are 6 associate memberships in 2008 and were also 6 associate memberships in 2007. In addition due to the three-year membership option, there are 152 paid members for 2009 and 30 for 2010. There are 14 new members in 2008 and 67 members from 2007 who have not renewed.

Chapter / Region	Total
NE US Chapter	112
Central US Chapter	104
UK Chapter	41
Central European Chapter	62
Canadian Chapter	13
Japan /Far East	7
Romania	31
China	29
Russia	25
Total*	424

* Total includes the 67 non-renewing memberships from 2007.

DH stated that it will be important to obtain a complete list of attendees at Chicago with mailing addresses to identify potential new members.

DH also stated he will Email the 2007 members who have not yet renewed.

Action: DH to Email 2007 members who have not yet renewed their memberships.

In response to a question from AS, DH stated that Corina Simeon from the Romanian Chapter has been in contact to pay Associate membership dues. DH also stated that TENEX has also paid for an Associate membership after requesting an invoice.

Action: DH to confer with SL to confirm that wire payments from Romania and TENEX have been received.

DH also stated that he has made an attempt to update one of the databases received from ICI. After removal of incomplete addresses and duplicate entries, the database still has around 4200 names on it. This would be very expensive to send out as a mailed membership drive and due to uncertainty on how up to date the list is, an Email campaign may also not be practical. BM suggested that as a way forward, GR should collect a list of attendees at 6ICI , which could then be used as a basis to recruit more IIS members.

6. Presidents Update

CF stated that he has been working on setting up the election committee for the elections to the 2010-2012 BoT and BoR, which he expects will be completed in about a month. CF is planning to retain about half of the members from the previous election committee and fill the remainder of the committee posts with new members.

7. French Society of Stable Isotopes

It was generally agreed that the IIS would like to increase its membership in the area of stable isotopes and that in general, France is a country where the IIS is under represented. CF suggested that JA could provide more information to serve as a basis for further discussion at the next BoT meeting.

Action: JA to brief the BoT on the French Society of Stable Isotopes.

8. BoR Update

AS updated the BoT on the recent activities of the BoR. AS stated that he will continue his efforts working with the BoR to find ways to recruit new members to the IIS. He stated that he will continue his efforts to explore ideas to increase the number of academics involved in the IIS and to bring the 'Summer School in Nuclear Chemistry' proposal and the 'Student Research Funds' proposal, from BoR member George Ellames to the BoR for further development. In addition, AS stated that he will continue to work with Carlo Chemaly, the organizer of 5ICI and the current organizers of 6ICI to increase the level of awareness of the IIS within the ICI community, particularly within the field of radiopharmaceuticals.

Next Teleconference

The next BoT teleconference will be held in late May/early June 2008. This will be coordinated by CF.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary