

Minutes

16th Biennial Business Meeting of the International Society for Plastination held in Beijing, China, July 27th, 2012

1. **Call to Order**

The 16th Biennial Meeting of the society was called to order at 4:45 PM by the president Carlos A. C. Baptista. There were 32 members present at the ISP meeting. The quorum was established and the agenda was approved without alterations.

2. **Reading and approval of the minutes of the 2010 conference**

The minutes were approved as read/printed in ISP journal volume 24; 15-16 (2009-2012)

3. **Report of the Officers:**

a. **President's Report:**

Death of ISP Members Announced:

Russell Barnett: It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of our colleague and fellow plastinator Russell Barnett. Russell was an Anatomy Museum Preparator in Otago, NZ and a very active member of the ISP. Russell retired several years ago. Ming Zhang, who worked closely with Russell for many years, said that he dedicated much of his post-retirement time to painting. Several other members expressed their sorrow and related their close relationship with Russell during his career.

Jorge Galindo: It is with great sadness that I learned recently of the death of our good friend Professor Jorge Galindo. Dr. Galindo was a professor in Mexico and has been a member of ISP since 1986 and a constant participant of the ISP conferences. The last time Dr. Galindo was with us was in Heidelberg in 2008. His enthusiasm for plastination and teaching has been a model for all of us. In Heidelberg, if you remember, he displayed a fine specimen on Kaposi's sarcoma of the stomach. We will miss his friendship and presence.

b. **Treasurer's Report:**

Revenue and Expenses

Ameed Raof reported the following: Balance July 1st, 2012 (\$21,829.28); deposits \$22,860.33; expenses \$1,031.05. Deposit from members 2012 \$3,600.00; 2011 \$3,375.00; 2010 \$2,428.00; Expenses 2012 \$1,031.00; 2011 \$5,587.28; 2010 \$2,132.14.

Membership

New members in 2010: 20; 2011 16; 2012 38. Total renewed membership 168: Members from Murcia Workshop 2010 (27), 2011 (16), 2012 (38). Members from the Interim Meeting 2011 (11).

4. **Journal of Plastination Report**

Ming Zhang reported that the review process for the journal has been slow. In a council meeting prior to the business meeting it was suggested that a special issue of the journal could be published. The special issue would contain the abstracts and reports of the meetings in Hawaii, Toledo and China. This issue would be appropriate since it would be the first issue with the new name of the Journal of Plastination. The President made an appeal to members with backgrounds in scientific review to step forward to serve on the editorial board of the journal.

5. **Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

6. **Old Business**

President Carlos Baptista reported on the two previous meeting of the ISP:

The 15th International Conference on Plastination

The 15th International Conference on Plastination took place in the city of Honolulu, Hawaii, US in July 2010. This was a memorable meeting because it was the first time the ISP International Conference on Plastination was taking place together with another scientific conference. The meeting took place with the 27th Annual Scientific Meeting of the AACA. Participants from more than 25 countries and six continents were represented. The conference program

was designed to integrate the fields of plastination and anatomy education. We were honored to have a phenomenal group of distinguished guest speakers such as Dr. Arthur F. Dalley, II, Dr. Charlene M. Moore, Dr. C. Mackenzie Brown and Dr. Carlos Machado. The local host Scott Lozanoff and his team also organized a superb post-graduate course/workshop.

The 10th Interim Conference on Plastination

The 10th Interim Conference on Plastination took place in the city of Toledo, Ohio, USA in July 2011. Keeping up the tradition of the Interim meetings, the meeting was organized as a workshop and platform presentations. There were 70 participants representing 22 countries. We were grateful to have a phenomenal group of distinguished guest speakers. We were honored with the presence of Drs. Gunther von Hagens, Vladimir Cheremisky, Christoph von Horst, Kees de Jong, Mircea-Constantin Sora, Ameer Raof and Robert Henry. This was a very special meeting because it was the first time Dr. von Hagens attended an interim meeting. A new polyester resin (P50) to be used on sheet plastination of body slices was introduced by Dr. von Hagens. The use of soft PEM was introduced as a polymer to impregnate fetuses and brains to minimize shrinkage.

7. New Business

12th Interim Meeting on Plastination (2013)

President Baptista informed the members that there were no candidates to host the Interim meeting in 2013. The Interim meeting traditionally has been held in the US and the format consists of a workshop and platform presentations. After the successful 9th Interim Meeting held in Michigan we had to cancel the meeting in St. Marteen because of lack of attendance. In 2011 we also did not find a volunteer to host the meeting so I decided to host one in Toledo, Ohio. It was a tremendously successful meeting. Once again we found ourselves in the same dilemma. It is alarming that there is no interest in hosting the Interim meeting. If no candidate steps forward, the Interim meeting for 2013 will be cancelled.

17th International Conference on Plastination

Dmitry Starchik presented a detailed concept for St. Petersburg to host the 17th International Conference on Plastination in 2014. It will be the first International Conference on Plastination in Russia. The conference will be hosted by The International Morphological Centre. After casting their votes, St Petersburg, Russia was unanimously chosen to host the Conference in 2014.

8. Reform of Bylaws of the Society:

Because of changes in technology (specifically in regard to elections and communications between the administration and the membership) President Baptista suggested a reform or update of the bylaws be done before the next Conference in 2014. For that purpose a committee assigned by the President will be established. The motion to reform the bylaws was made by Craig Goodmurphy and seconded by Ameer Raof. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Report of Elections:

Anthony J Weinhaus, Ph.D., Director of the Program in Human Anatomy Education at the University of Minnesota coordinated the Elections of the ISP officers. Nominations were opened until June 30, 2012. Elections were held electronically during the first week of July.

In the absence of Anthony Weinhaus the report was given by Constantin Sora. The results of the election of officers, which had been held over the internet was announced as follows:

President: Carlos A C Baptista
 Vice-President: R. Latorre
 Treasurer: Ameer Raof
 Secretary: Christoph von Horst

10. Distinguished Member Award:

President Baptista on behalf of the Board presented the Distinguished Member Award to Dr. Andreas H. Weiglein, Professor from the Institute of Anatomy, Medical University of Graz, Austria for his lifetime contribution for the advancement of the International Society for Plastination and the field of Plastination.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.