

ESO ILC Committee – Annual Report 2015

JM Wardlaw, Chair, 30th January 2016

Requests for endorsement: The ILC assessed 17 requests for endorsement and approved all except one. In this one case the financial arrangements were unclear and the Committee was unanimous. Two further initial requests were not processed further as they did not supply the proper information.

Fast track process: During the year, the ILC introduced a process for Chair approval of endorsement requests to speed up the process and reduce demands on the Committee. The Exec endorsed this light touch approach. Chair approval would apply where the request was a repeat request for annual conferences that had previously been endorsed, the format had not changed, the relevant information was provided, and there seemed no other reason not to endorse them. Of the 17 requests last year, three were endorsed by the chair.

Revised rules: Since April 2015, in addition to the fast track endorsement rules above, we have also prepared and implemented revised guidelines on endorsement, approved by the Exec.

Meetings: The ILC met in person at ESOC 2015 Glasgow. We will meet in person again at ESOC 2016, Barcelona.

Outreach: We negotiated collaboration agreements with the **European Academy of Neurology** and the **Chinese Stroke Association** (latter is still ongoing). Peter Schellinger is coordinating a joint session at the **ISC 2016**. We have reached out to stroke organisations across Europe on behalf of ESO – Elvira Pestillo sent a standard letter of invitation to all European National Stroke Societies and relevant organisations. The EAN agreement resulted in the creation of a **template for developing collaborations** which should make future negotiations more easy. I strongly encourage the ESO to make stronger relations with the CSA. Europe is not well represented in China.

Membership: Paule Cotter (Eire), Peter Schellinger (Germany), Hawraman Ramadan (UK), Georgios Tsvigoulis (Greece), Louisa Christensen (Denmark), Ayrton Massaro (Brasil), Ming Liu (China), Two new members were invited and agreed to join: Joseph Broderick (USA) and Nevzat Uzuner (Turkey). Roman Herzig comes to the end of his year as consulting member in Dec 2015, and one member, Louisa Christensen, is at the end of her 4 years serving on the Committee and will be replaced as of ESOC 2016.

Forward: In 2016 and beyond, we will consider devolving more of the activities to the committee members, eg a relevant member from the same region as an endorsement request could take a lead on handling future endorsements in that region. We also continue to look for opportunities to engage with other stroke and related relevant organisations.