

ESO ILC Committee – Annual Report 2016

JM Wardlaw Chair

Requests for endorsement: There have been fewer requests than in 2015-16. In 2016-17, the ILC assessed 14 requests for endorsement and approved 11 without qualification, one with qualification, one was declined and in one further details are awaited. In the request approved with qualification (Univ of Rome, Sapienza, Neurointervention Course in 2 parts) the ILC's requested more explicit involvement of stroke neurologists in the teaching faculty. The request that was declined (ISNEREM Toxin Academy Courses, Istanbul, International Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine) was because there was only a short section relevant to stroke and the relationship to industry was unclear.

Fast track process: The Chair approval process appears to be working well. Of the 14 requests above, seven were requests for recurrent annual meetings or where the case was straightforward and therefore were endorsed by the chair without further discussion by the Committee. The rest were referred to the Committee.

Revised rules: The revised guidelines on endorsement introduced in 2015, also appear to be working well, resulting in a noticeable reduction in the number of applications that required clarification.

Meetings: The ILC met in person at ESOC 2016, Barcelona and will meet in person at ESOC 2017, Prague.

Outreach: We continued to negotiate a collaboration agreements with the **Chinese Stroke Association** (latter nearing resolution; a joint CSA-ESO session will be held at ESOC 2017). We had an unproductive attempt to establish a collaboration agreement with the **European Society of Cardiology** which has been abandoned. The **template for developing collaborations** has been applied in other ESO negotiations.

Membership: Joanna Wardlaw (Chair, UK), Paule Cotter (Eire), Peter Schellinger (Germany), Hawraman Ramadan (UK), Georgios Tsivgoulis (Greece), Ayrton Massaro (Brasil), Ming Liu (China), Joseph Broderick (USA), Nevsat Uzner (Turkey), and Kristina Hoogaard (Denmark). Paule Cotter and Georgios Tsivgoulis are at the end of their 4 years and will demit at ESOC 2017. JM Wardlaw is resigning from the Committee as of ESOC 2017 due to other committments.

Georgios Tsivgoulis volunteered and was unanimously supported to take over as chair at ESOC 2017. Three new members will be invited to join as of ESOC 2017: Aleksandra Pavlovic (Serbia), is from the list of persons who had spontaneously expressed interest in joining; four individuals were nominated by the ILC but two were in countries that are already represented so the other two will be approached (Sami Curtze, Helsinki, Finland, and Maurizio Paciaroni, Italy) to maintain a good range of country representation across Europe.