



INTERNATIONAL NEUROTOXICOLOGY ASSOCIATION

INA News

September 2010

President's Message Looking Forward to INA-13

We look forward to the INA-13 meeting in Xi'an, China from June 5–10, 2011. INA and the Scientific Committee on Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) will jointly sponsor this meeting. It will be the 11th International Symposium on Neurobehavioral Methods and Effects in Occupational and Environmental Health (NEUREOH-11). The theme of the conference is "*Neurotoxicity and Neurodegeneration: Local Effect and Global Impact*". There will be five plenary symposia, 12 parallel symposia, entertainment and travel to historic sites. This is the first time that the INA biannual meeting and NEUREOH triennial meeting will hold a joint meeting. The event will provide an exciting opportunity for scientific exchanges among scientists in Asia, Europe and the Americas, and across different disciplines in neurotoxicology. This historic meeting will convene in Xi'an, an ancient city situated in the spectacular heartland of China and home to the Museum of the First Emperor of China, Qin emperor, and his terra-cotta warriors and horses. See the INA web site or <http://www.chntox.org/xinc2011/> for more details. Look for the call for abstracts, which will be coming out soon. Finally, we are seeking financial support for the Xi'an meeting. If you have any ideas or sources, please email me (dafox@uh.edu) or Dr. Wei Zheng (wzheng@purdue.edu).

This summer, I attended the ICT XII (IUTOX) meeting and represented INA at the IUTOX business meeting in Barcelona, as I am the INA Councilor. The meeting was very successful with outstanding scientific sessions and wonderful food, great weather, entertainment and sightseeing in beautiful Barcelona. The Spanish Society of Toxicology (AETOX) did an excellent job of organizing the Congress. Equally exciting was the election and installation of the new members of the Executive Committee:

President: Dr. Daniel Acosta, Jr., USA

President-Elect: Dr. Herman Autrup, Denmark

Vice President: Dr. Jun Kanno, Japan

Secretary-General: Dr. Elaine Faustman, USA

Treasurer: Dr. Heidi Foth, Germany

Directors: Dr. Mumtaz Iscan, Turkey, Lewis Smith, United Kingdom, Emanuela Corsini, Italy, Mary Gulumian, South Africa, and Dr. Laura Cecilia Börgel Aguilera, Chile.

Please remember to vote for the INA-14 meeting site (see below) and officers (look for an email ballot on both later this year). Try to attend the INA business meeting at the 50th Annual Society of Toxicology meeting in Washington DC. An update on all of INA's activities will be provided.

Best Regards – Don Fox

Outgoing President's Message Looking Back at INA-12

The major event that occurred while I was President of INA was, of course, the 12th meeting of the society (INA-12) in Jerusalem, Israel from June 7-12, 2009. There were more than 100 registrants from around the world. Many of the non-members who attended their first INA meeting eagerly joined the society either during or after the meeting. Both novices and veterans expressed how much they enjoyed the conference on both a scientific and personal level. The overall theme of the meeting was "*Gene-Environment Interactions in Neurotoxicology*". Yoram Finkelstein, chair of the local organizing committee, and the other members of the local committee including Yona Amitai, Yedidia Bentur, Eli Richter and Uri Wormser deserve primary credit for the success of the meeting. The organization of such an international meeting is a great deal of work, and all of us who attended are in debt to our diligent hosts. I would also like to thank Don Fox, who chaired the INA-12 Scientific Advisory Committee and the members of that committee including: Michael Aschner, Philip Bushnell, Larry Fechter, Yoram Finkelstein, Carey Pope and Cristina Sunol. They assembled a strong scientific program based on the excellent symposium proposals submitted, and the selection of Professor Hermona Soreq for the Hooisma Memorial Lecture. I also must thank the members of the finance committee who faced the difficult task of raising money during the economic downturn including: Sandra Allen, Michael Aschner, Philip Bushnell, Yoram Finkelstein, Don Fox, Jan Lammers, Abby Li and Cristina Sunol. The donations of sponsors help support all aspects of the meeting, including the Student Symposium, one of my personal favorites. Special thanks go to the organizations that were able to provide financial assistance. A list of the generous sponsors is provided below.

Sponsors of the INA-12 Meeting

Iowa Center for Advanced Neurotoxicology (ICAN) and Eugene and Linda Lloyd Chair Endowment
Israeli Coalition for Public Health
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences
Regulatory Science Associates
Sandown Scientific
Society of Toxicology
Syngenta
TNO Quality of Life
U.S. EPA: The ORD Human Health Research Program

The proceedings of INA-12 are now assembled and will be published in a special issue of the journal *NeuroToxicology*. It will be available soon on-line and in hard copy (Volume 31, Issue 5). The editors of the proceedings include Yoram Finkelstein, Donald A. Fox, William Boyes, and Michael Aschner. The cover of the issue is a great reminder of the wonderful time had by all. In addition, be sure to look for the photomontage in the special issue with snapshots from the meeting.

I want to thank the membership of the INA for giving me the honor to serve as President. It was truly a pleasure. The INA is a great organization and attending the meetings provides a unique opportunity to meet and interact with neurotoxicologists from around the world. I know I

leave the organization in good hands with Don Fox, the current President and Jordi Llorens, the President-Elect. The strength of the organization, however, comes from the members. This is particularly true for those who attend the meetings, bring their latest interesting and important research to show, and engage their colleagues. I look forward to seeing you all in China in 2011.

Best Regards – Will Boyes



Incoming President Don Fox awards plaque of appreciation to Will Boyes



Jerusalem tour

Previews of Xi'an, China



Terra-cotta soldiers



Mt. Hua Shan



JeanGuo hotel



Xi'an city wall

INA-14 Venue Options

It's not too early to decide on INA in 2013. At the 2010 business meeting, two proposals were brought forth. Details about these venues will be placed on the INA website, and a vote will be forthcoming.

Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands (lead, Didima de Groot, Jan Lammers, Remco Westerink, and Erik de Vries)

The theme would be "*Developmental Basis of Health and Disease*". The meeting would be held at the end of April. INA would have considerable support from the Dutch scientific associations, holding costs relatively low. Given its central location, airfare is also reasonable. This stand-alone meeting, like previous INA meetings, encourages intellectual interactions and camaraderie.



Cape Town, South Africa (lead, Roberto Lucchini)

As will occur in 2011, this meeting would be held jointly with ICOH. Dates are flexible but would be held in March, after SOT. This new continent would open interactions and capitalize on scientific input from African colleagues who typically are unable to attend our meetings. Costs would be similar to those incurred at US meetings.



Breaking News

INA member and Secretary Phil Bushnell has accepted an offer to serve as Editor-In-Chief of *Neurotoxicology and Teratology*, one of Elsevier's premier neurotoxicology journals. Congratulations, Phil!

Current INA Officers

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Upcoming Business Meeting

INA will hold a business meeting at the annual Society of Toxicology meeting. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 9, at 5:00 pm in Meeting Room 18 at the Renaissance Hotel.

Web Support Needed

We are currently looking for someone who can help set up and maintain the INA website (<http://www.neurotoxicology.org>). If you have some experience with website design and maintenance, and wish to join the fun by helping out with this effort, please contact Don Fox or Phil Bushnell.

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

INA Treasury December 31 2008

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| Dutch Accounts | € 43,443 |
| US Account* | US \$ 4,954 |

INA Treasury December 31 2009

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| Dutch Accounts | € 59,091 |
| US Account* | US \$ 5,097 |

* currently kept by Carey Pope

Note: In 2009, start-up funds for INA-12 to the amount of € 10,000 have been transferred back to the INA account

2009 Detail

Balance in the Dutch accounts of INA on December 31 2008

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| INA account | € 101.10 |
| INA savings | € 30,980.55 |
| Subtotal | € 31,081.65 |
| Jacob Hooisma Memorial Fund** | € 12,360.74 |
| Total | € 43,442.39 |

Balance in the Dutch accounts of INA on December 31 2009

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| INA account | € 12,210.92 |
| INA savings | € 33,669.73 |
| INA PayPal*** | € 432.22 |
| Subtotal | € 46,312.87 |
| Jacob Hooisma Memorial Fund** | € 12,777.67 |
| Total | € 59,090.54 |

** excluding the 2005 € 750, 2006 € 1000, and 2009 € 750 donations by TNO, which are still in the INA account

*** PayPal account opened in 2010

February 16, 2010

Jan Lammers, Treasurer

Business Meeting Minutes

INA Business Meeting
Minutes
March 10, 2010
(at the SOT meeting, Salt Lake City, UT)

1. President Don Fox introduced the Council members present (Boyes, past- president; Bushnell, Secretary; Crofton, website coordinator; Llorens, President-elect; Pope, US account treasurer)
The members of the INA Executive Council for 2009 – 2011 are listed in Appendix 1.
2. President Fox called for approval of the minutes from the 2009 business meeting.
3. Carey Pope presented the treasurer's report from Jan Lammers (not present). The summary report is attached as Appendix 2.
 - Payment of dues now yearly (€25) via PayPal. Several members reported that the bugs in the payment process appear to have been resolved.
 - INA is not certified under the IRS 501(c)3 statute as a tax-exempt organization, because it is incorporated in The Netherlands.
4. INA-12 Meeting update (Yoram Finkelstein)
 - a. Publication of proceedings – Yoram is serving as guest editor for the special issue. Eleven manuscripts (one from each session chair and 3 others) have been submitted to NeuroToxicology and are in various stages of review. All remaining manuscripts should be in the editor's hands by April 1; accepted mss will be held until the issue is complete.
5. Membership Report – Secretary Phil Bushnell reported that the current membership list contains 230 full members and 53 students. Twenty-one new members joined since 2007, and one retired. Members come from 36 countries on all continents except Antarctica; two-thirds are male and ages range from 27 to 78 years.
6. A proposal to change to the By-Laws to add a student representative to the Council was discussed. The purpose would be to provide representation of student members on the Council to encourage student membership in the INA and to facilitate their retention as full members. Issues:
 - Do the By-Laws need amending?
 - How would student be selected (election or appointment?)
 - How to identify candidates (target full members in academic positions)
7. Update on INA-13 in Xi'an, China. Organizer Wei Zheng was not in attendance, so Don Fox provided a synopsis of the meeting, which will be held jointly with the Neurotoxicology and Psychophysiology Subcommittee of the International Committee on Occupational Health (ICOH). Issues:
 - Review process for symposium proposals: Presidents Fox and Roberto Lucchini will receive proposals; both societies will review them.
 - INA and ICOH will plan joint sessions together; each society will organize independent parallel sessions on its own.
 - Suggestion from floor (Abby Li) – need a clear process for planning joint sessions that will facilitate integration of the problems, approaches and results from each society.
8. Proposals for INA-14

- A. Standalone INA meeting in The Netherlands, proposed by Didima de Groot, Jan Lammers, Remco Westerink, and Erik de Vries, presented by Didima.
 - a. Theme: Developmental Basis of Health and Disease.
 - b. Dates: End of April, 2013
 - c. Advantages: Netherlands is home of INA (“INA is coming home!”); Maintains intimacy of INA; End of April is beautiful in Holland; Support from Dutch Tox Assoc.; Leeuwenhorst Conference Center; Low cost (€1000 – 1300 all incl.); Central location and easy travel access should enhance attendance.
 - d. Disadvantages: Location in Europe does not expand INA venues; stand-alone meeting does not draw on ICOH expertise and membership; INA will have to handle all logistics.
 - B. Joint meeting with ICOH in Cape Town South Africa, presented by Kent Anger, representing Roberto Lucchini for the SNCP.
 - a. Dates: March 2013, after SOT
 - b. Advantages: African venue to attract new scientists and ideas and expand horizons to African issues and S African states (Tanzania, Zimbabwe, etc.); Emphasize local issues (all local presentations welcome); Meet with ICOH: Draw on their expertise and members; Local organizers have good record of success in previous meetings; Dates flexible; Costs similar to U.S.
 - c. Disadvantages: Timing (SOT and teaching duties for some in March); Two consecutive meetings with ICOH may jeopardize the independence and intimacy of INA; Themes not ready yet; Safety issues (parts of Cape Town are of dubious safety).
 - C. Both groups will prepare a visuodigital presentation to be posted on the INA website, which will provide a basis on which the membership will vote on the venue for INA-14.
- 9. Items from the floor – none.
 - 10. Meeting was adjourned by Don Fox.

Phil Bushnell, Secretary