

Minutes of the ICRS General Assembly 2016

Sorrento Hilton Hotel – Ulisse Auditorium
Monday, September 26, 2016, from 17:15 – 18:15

Quorum & Absolute Majority

Total Members with voting rights: 1297

Quorum: 130 Members present

Total Members physically present: 102

Absolute Majority: 53 Votes

(Delayed General Assembly took place from 17:45-18:30)

Nori Nakamura welcomed all present to the General Assembly (GA) 2016, and thanked everybody for attending the ICRS 13th World Congress in Sorrento. 102 members with voting right were present at the start of the GA. The President informed that the quorum of 1/10 of the total membership was not reached, and that therefore the delayed GA would have to be applied as per current Bylaws, Art. 4 A Section 2. The GA decided to start in the meantime with the different reports and to delay any official voting for 30 minutes as required by bylaws.

Opening & President's Report

Norimasa Nakamura reported on past activities during his presidency. The following educational events were held:

2015

ICRS Focus Meeting – Rehabilitation (Zurich, CH) Sept 17- 18, 2015

Inauguration of the ICRS-China (Beijing, China) October 24, 2015

2016

ICRS Focus Meeting – Allograft (Brussels, BE) Jan. 28 – 29

ICRS Summit: Collaboration with OARSI (Kyoto, JP) April 10-11

ICRS World Series & Surgical Skills Course (Sao Paulo, BR) June 06-11

ICRS 2016 - 13th World Congress (Sorrento, Italy) Sept 24 – 27

His key strategic points for his past term of office have been:

- **Global Expansion**, which includes the increasing international presence, the opening of ICRS office in China and the World Series in Sao Paulo (BR) and the ICRS Summit in Kyoto
- **Further refinement as an Academic Forum**, with the meaning of keeping update the latest knowledge and exchange ideas with other specialists
- **Develop of human resources**, with the education of young generation through Committee activities

Nori also reported the "Ongoing project", which include:

- The Cartilage Patient Registry
- A new state-of-the-art platform "EDUCART"
- Patient & Public Education Platform

He finally outlined the strategic meeting which took place in Barcelona on May 3-4, 2016 and where 2 intensive days of important discussion about the further development of society has been conducted.

Address by the Incoming President

Ken Zaslav thanked Nori for his great leadership during the past term and afterwards introduced himself with a short overview of his personal involvement with the ICRS over the last 20 years.

In Barcelona, during the strategic retreat, a revised mission and vision statement has been defined as follows:

- ▶ **Mission:** *Advancing the Science & Education of the Prevention & Treatment of Cartilage Disease Worldwide*
- ▶ **Vision:** *The ICRS is the main forum for international collaboration in cartilaginous tissue research. Recognizing that there is a continuum from cartilage injury to degenerative joint disease we bring together basic scientists, clinical researchers, physicians and members of industry, engaged or interested in the field of articular biology, its genetic basis and regenerative medicine. We seek to improve our patients' quality of life, decrease their disability and reduce the impact of degenerative joint disease on healthcare systems worldwide.*
- ▶ **Objectives:** *To provide continuing education and training to physicians and scientists with an active interest in the prevention and treatment of joint disease*
 - *To improve patient care through regenerative medicine approaches.*
 - *To promote the exchange of ideas and information to further define the role, direction and goals of biological reconstruction as a specialty within Orthopaedics.*
 - *To create a permanent source of funds in order to sponsor education, basic science, clinical research and technical assessments of developments in joint repair*
 - *To meet regularly to encourage communication of issues vital to joint disease*
 - *To support education and research for the benefit of the discipline*
 - *To foster integration of basic and clinical science*
 - *To facilitate the translation of that science to healthcare and clinical practice*
 - *To promote high standards in the practice of biologic joint reconstruction and its rehabilitation*
 - *To promote cartilage research and repair to young doctors, investigators and researchers through worldwide training programs, fellowships and grants.*
 - *To provide electronic and online educational resources for our members.*
 - *To provide comprehensive educational resources about cartilage and joint disease for the general public.*
 - *To encourage the appropriate recognition for the research and the treatment of degenerative joint disease among industry, patients and the general public.*
 - *To work with regulatory bodies to encourage new technologies and innovation for our patients*
- ▶ **Actions** to be taken to achieve our mission:
 - *Reassess and optimize governance and committee structures*
 - *Review and update our educational programmes and fellowships*
 - *Maximize and stabilize our financial foundation*
 - *Broaden scope of funding sources/ design a fun*
 - *Establish estate planning opportunities*
 - *Continue meetings with international regulatory bodies*
 - *Publish new ICRS consensus papers and guidelines*
 - *Encourage greater submission of manuscripts to CARTILAGE*
 - *Increase basic science membership and involvement*
 - *Encourage full utilization of the ICRS registry by all members*
 - *Provide electronic and online educational resources for our members and comprehensive objective educational resources about cartilage and joint disease for the general public.*

Ken concluded his presentation by announcing the ICRS Heritage Summit, (30 years after the first ACI and 20 years' anniversary of the ICRS) which will take place in Gothenburg from the 29th June to the 1th July.

Approval of Minutes GA Chicago

Ken informed that the delayed GA will start officially since 30 minutes already past: A motion was held to approve the minutes from the last GA in Chicago. A vote was held and the GA minutes from Chicago were approved unanimously.

Approval of the Election Process

Alberto explained the election process for the Executive Board and presented the election results. There was only 1 nomination (Tom Minas) for the position of 2nd Vice President therefore Tom was elected by acclamation. There were 2 candidates for the position of Secretary General (Gian Salzmann & Elizaveta Kon). An electronic vote was held among the entire membership and Elizaveta won this election by a majority of votes. The new EB 16-18 therefore consist of:

ICRS Executive Board 2015-2016



President	Vice President	2 nd Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary General	Past President
Nori Nakamura	Ken Zaslav	Alberto Gobbi	Tom Minas	Elizaveta Kon	Christoph Erggelet
Japan	USA	Italy	USA	Italy	Switzerland



Elizaveta Kon explained the election process for the General Board 2016-2018 and presented the election results. Furthermore, she explained that the EB decided to assign two new Deputy Co-chairs to each standing committee. All committees and committee members for the new term of office are listed on the ICRS website.

Elected & Appointed Chair of the Standing Committees



Yingtang
Ao



Leela
Biant



Mats
Brinberg



Brian
Cole



Susan
Chubinskaya



Christian
Lattermann



Emmanuel
Papadostas



Lisa
Fortier



Andreas
Gomoll



Alan
Getgood



Marcel
Karperien



Jos
Maida



Stefan
Neherer



Tim
Spalding

A motion was held to approve and ratify the past election process. A vote was held and the elections were ratified unanimously.

Report of the Secretary General

Elizaveta reported furthermore that 2 new standing committees were created. The Registry Steering Committee, chaired by Leela Biant and the YSOS Committee, chaired by Alan Getgood (Young Scientists & Orthopaedic Surgeons.) Elizaveta presented the proposed committees members of the 2 committees.

A motion was held to approve and ratify the creation of the 2 new standing committees. A vote was held and the 2 new committees were ratified unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ken Zaslav presented the financial report 2015 on behalf of Tom Minas who was excused for the GA. Ken explained that the society made an overall loss of 198.674,00 Swiss Francs during the year 2015. He explained that this was due to several factors such as less sponsoring income, less participants and higher as well as unexpected expenses in Chicago. Furthermore, the Swiss Mäxi Grant of 500 K, brought by Stephan, had improved considerably the ICRS finances during past years. Tom explained that despite this overall loss, the Chicago meeting was a profitable one and the society is still financially healthy. An independent Auditor Review by BDO was shown to the GA. It informing that nothing irregular has been found and that the accounting has been done according to Swiss law. *"...based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not comply with the Articles of Association and Swiss law, Zurich".*

A motion was held to approve the financial report 2015 and to grant discharge to the EB/GB and Executive Office. A vote was held and the Financial Report 2015 / Discharge was approved unanimously

Ratification of the ICRS 2018 World Congress Venue Selection

Alberto Gobbi reported that the next world congress should take place in Asia to reach out to new areas. The executive office has evaluated various venues throughout Asia during several months. A report on the preliminary findings was presented to the Executive Board. It was decided to pursue several venues in Kuala Lumpur and Macao and a site visit was held in both cities. A second more detailed report was submitted to the EB/BG and a vote was held. The GB/EB approved Macao 2018 as the host city and recommend to the GA to ratify the selection of Macao. A short video was shown about Macao

A motion was held to approve and ratify Macao as the host city 2018. A vote was held and Macao 2018 was ratified unanimously.

Cartilage Patient Registry

Leela Biant, Chair of the Registry Steering Committee and Chris Erggelet, chair of the Registry Advisory Board gave a short introduction of the ICRS Patient Registry

- it will be multi-language, containing the articular cartilage injury data, natural history and treatment. The start is in English but 4 languages will be added in short term.
- It can collect all non-arthroplasty procedures e.g. bracing, injection, osteotomy, ligament surgery.
- It is free of charge to patients and members.
- Secure, encrypted. Hospital pack available
- Common core data set, but surgeon can bolt on additional scores just for their patients
- Surgeons can access their own data any time
- Registry can absorb existing datasets

Leela finally invites members to visit the ICRS/ Amplitude Registry stand for more information and demonstration.

Short reports by the Standing Committee Chairs

The standing committee chairs gave each a short report on their committee activities during the past term of office.

Any other business

The executive board thanks the executive office for the job done and welcomed the new Assistant Executive Director Valentina Zigrino. There were no further questions and the General Assembly was closed by Nori and Ken at 18:45

Minutes recorded by Lei Ji, Valentina Zigrino and Stephan Seiler

September, 26th September 2016