

IFSTP Executive Committee
Teleconference Meeting
October 6, 2015

Minutes

In Attendance: Takanori Harada, President; Robert Maronpot, Secretary-General; Maria Dagli, Vice President & IFSTP Councilor to LASTEP; Venkatesha Udupa STP-I; Xiantang Ling, CSOT-STP; Jun-Wen Qiao, CPA-STP, Bhanu Singh, Webinar Committee Chair, and Stephanie Dickinson, Executive Director.

I. Review & Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Accept the minutes as presented.

Motion Second.

Motion Carried.

II. IFSTP Sponsored Meetings & Programs

1. LASTEP/IFSTP Joint Meeting

Maria provided an update on the plans for the upcoming joint meeting which will be entitled the "World Congress on Environmental Toxicology." The meeting dates have been changed to April 24-27, 2017. Board members were asked to send suggestions for possible speakers to Maria. Maria will work on a flyer for the meeting to distribute at the upcoming ACVP/STP meeting. She will send a copy around to the Board for review.

2. Webinar Committee Update

Bhanu reported that the committee has successfully organized three webinars so far and two more are planned. The goal of the committee is to organize 10 webinars (two per society) over the course of the year. The next webinar will be held in November and hosted by NLSTP on regulatory views on pathology results. The last webinar of the year will be held in December and hosted by STP-I on ocular pathology. Bhanu will be stepping down as Chair at the end of the year. The Committee has proposed that Satish Panchal be appointed the new Chair effective January 1, 2016. The E.C. approved this appointment. The issue of increasing the WebEx license from 100 participants up to 500 participants was discussed. Stephanie explained that WebEx does not offer a license for 500 participants, the next license offered is for 1,000 participants and the cost is almost triple of the current license. With the exception of the ESTP webinar, no more than 100 participants have signed up for any one webinar. With the ESTP webinar, we were able to accommodate

everyone who registered by asking individuals from the same company to share one registration and less than 100 signed on the day of the actual webinar. It was decided at this time to stay with the 100 participant license and the webinar committee should keep the E.C. updated if registration numbers begin going over 100.

III. Treasurer Report

Lars was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report. He asked that the E.C. discuss how to finance the cost of webinars beyond 2015 and the idea of IFSTP hosting a scanned slides database for training purposes. The E.C. agreed to continue to cover the cost of the webinars for one more year. In 2017, all participating societies will be asked to contribute to the costs. A proposal to the members should be sent out next year explaining that in 2017 financial support will be needed to continue to run webinars.

The proposal for IFSTP to establish a virtual platform which would contain a collection of classical and relevant findings in toxicologic pathology was discussed. Member societies could upload educational materials that could be freely shared with other societies and their members. The E.C. agreed that the system would require sufficient hardware and software support and would also require hiring an outside vendor to set up and maintain the platform. This would be quite expensive and would require financial support from IFSTP members. Bob agreed to draft a letter to go out to all member societies gauging their interest in the project. If the proposal is well received, the E.C. will begin looking into logistics and associated costs.

IV. Discussion of IFSTP Member Services and Future Roles

Taki reviewed the new initiatives IFSTP spearheaded in 2015 which included webinar programs, support for the international STPs president meetings, coordination of the endorsement for the OECD guidelines and trainee awards. Other ideas for initiatives in 2016 were discussed including creating a global meeting calendar and co-sponsoring additional meetings and courses. The global meeting calendar is something that could be done via the IFSTP website, but member society input would be needed to keep the calendar updated. This idea will be further explored. Supporting additional meetings and courses will need to be considered after IFSTP is more solvent and begins collecting revenue.

V. ESTP Trainee Award Winner

Taki announced that Jessica Kemmerling of Bayer Pharma AG was selected as the IFSTP Trainee Award winner for her poster "Rat subacute 4-week oral toxicity study in the context of translational research by four immunomodulating compounds."

VI. Member Society Reports

1. JSTP Report

Katsu reported that the number of members that have the board certification of JSTP is 345. Younger members under education including students who do not have board certifications of JSTP is 598. The 15th Annual JSTP Educational Seminar will take place in Osaka, on November 15, 2015. The 28th Slide Conference will take place in Kagawa on January 27, 2016 and the 32nd JSTP Annual Meeting will take place in Kagawa on January 28-29, 2016.

2. STP-I Report

Udupa reported that the first workshop to train pathologists appearing for Indian Board of Toxicologic Pathology (IBTP) Examination was held in July. A second workshop will be held October 10-11, 2015. The examination will be take place November 21, 2015. The next STPI Conference will take place in October 2016 in Pune, India.

3. CPA-STP Report

Jun-Wen reported that two regional slide reading conferences were successfully conducted in Shanghai and Beijing in June. The meeting in Beijing had about 60 attendees and the meeting in Shanghai attracted about 30 attendees. The first nationwide toxicology pathology meeting after the establishment of CPA-STP has been planned to occur in November in Shanghai with estimated 150 attendees. This meeting will provide training focusing on the toxicology pathology of respiratory & reproductive systems to the Chinese pathologists.

4. CSOT-STP Report

Xiantang reported the first North China regional slide-reading conference was held in Beijing in June 2015. The second North China regional slide-reading conference will be held in Beijing in Oct 2015. The 7th National Congress of the Chinese Society of Toxicology was held on August 25-28, 2015, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and included a special session on toxicologic pathology. Xiantang gave a plenary presentation on "Toxicologic Pathology: Progress and Challenge" at the general session.

5. LASTEP Report

Maria reported the 5th Annual Symposium was held last April. The 6th Annual Symposium will be held in April 2016 and the LASTEP/IFSTP joint meeting will be held in April 2017. The LASTEP hosted a webinar on July 1 on endocrine disrupters. Ricardo Ochoa and Jeffrey Wolf were the presenters. The webinar was presented in Spanish.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in January during the JSTP Annual Meeting.

Submitted by,
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