

SIRS General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, 16 April 2012
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm
Auditorium, Firenze Fiera Congress Center
Florence, Italy

Robin M. Murray, Presiding

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Murray called the SIRS General Membership meeting to order. Approximately 65 members were in attendance.

2. 2012 Biennial Meeting Review.

Dr. Murray announced that there were 1641 individuals registered for the meeting from 53 countries.

3. Thank you to Program Committee and Organizers.

Dr. Murray thanked Program Committee Chair Jim van Os and Co-Chair Dawn Velligan, the Program Committee and the Organizers, and Parthenon Management Group for their time and dedication to the Society and the 3rd Biennial Conference. Dr. Murray thanked Lynn DeLisi for her efforts in securing a grant to provide funds for the travel award program. Dr. DeLisi informed the participants that the Travel Awardees have been assigned to be rapporteurs for the scientific sessions to write session summaries to be published by *Schizophrenia Research*.

4. Thank you to Supporting Corporate Members and Educational Grant Providers.

Dr. Murray thanked the 2012 – 2013: Supporting Corporations

- Eli Lilly
- Hoffman La Roche
- Intra-Cellular Therapies
- Janssen
- Lundbeck
- Otsuka
- Pfizer
- Sunovion

Dr. Murray thanked Eli Lilly and AstraZeneca for their educational grants to support the meeting.

5. Introduction of Lynn DeLisi, Secretary of SIRS

Dr. DeLisi informed participants that Parthenon Management Group was hired as the Association Management Company for the Society in 2008 and that their contract has been renewed through 2014. PMG manages the Society and works with Newtowns to organize the Biennial Conference. Dr. Murray reviewed current membership numbers

and compared them to membership numbers from 2010 which were significantly higher. Applicants must include a letter of recommendation from a SIRS member for membership consideration. Dr. Murray asked if this poses a burden to applicants and requested that members email questions or suggestions to him or Dr. DeLisi. The officers will help people find a sponsor if they do not know another member to provide a letter for them.

6. Treasury Report

Dr. Kahn, Treasurer of SIRS, reported that the Society is stable financially. He reviewed the financial statements as of 31 December 2011 and the cash flow projection for 2012 and 2013.

7. Elections for Board of Directors and Officers

Dr. Murray thanked Board Members who were rotating off the Board:

- Mary Cannon
- Wolfgang Fleischhacker
- Philip Harvey
- Shitij Kapur

Dr. Murray welcomed new Officers and Board Members:

- John M. Kane, President
- René Kahn, Vice-President
- Robin Murray, Past-President
- Lynn E. DeLisi, Secretary
- Anthony Grace, Treasurer
- Celso Arango, Board Member
- Patrick McGorry, Board Member
- Herbert Meltzer, Board Member
- Cyndi Shannon Weickert, Board Member

8. Awards presentation

Dr. Murray thanked the Awards Committee for their work in establishing honorific awards and poster awards for the Society. The committee reviewed the applications for honorific award nominees and visited poster finalists' presentations to determine awards winners. Dr. Murray presented the following honorific awards:

- Outstanding Basic Science Research – John Waddington
- Outstanding Clinical/Community Science Research – Philip Harvey
- Rising Star – Paolo Fusar-Poli

Dr. Murray invited Prof. Anthony David from the journal, *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry* to present journal awards:

- 3rd Place - \$100, Lone Vesterager, *Cognitive and Clinical Predictors of Functional Capacity in First Episode Schizophrenia – The Importance of Working Memory*
- 2nd Place - \$250, Lukasz Gaweda, *Further Evidence for an Impaired Discrimination between Imagined and Performed Actions in Schizophrenia*

- 1st Place - \$500, Max de Leeuw, *Hyperactivation in Working Memory Circuits in Siblings of Schizophrenia Patients: an fMRI Study*

Dr. Murray invited Deanna Kelly, Editorial Board Member from *Schizophrenia Bulletin* to present the journal's poster award:

- Best Poster, \$1,500: Sandra Giovanoli, *Synergistic Interactions Between Prenatal Infection and Pubertal Stress in the Development of Schizophrenia-relevant Abnormalities*

Dr. Murray invited Lynn DeLisi and Henry Nasrallah, Co-Editors of *Schizophrenia Research* to present the journal's awards:

- 3rd Place, \$500, Lena Palaniyappan, *Increased Assortativity of Gyrfication based Brain Connectome in Schizophrenia*
- 2nd Place - \$750, Lukasz Gaweda, *Weiden Pu, Morphologica and Functional Abnormalities of Salience Network in the Early-stage of Paranoid Schizophrenia*
- 1st Prize, \$1,000: Qi Li, *Clozapine Administration in Adolescence Improves the Social Function of the Adult Offspring in an Animal Model of the Schizophrenia*

9. Introduction of John Kane, President 2012 – 2014

Dr. Murray thanked John Kane for his service and leadership to the Society and handed over the leadership of the society to Dr. Kane as the president for 2012-2014. Dr. John Kane thanked Dr. Murray for his service to the Society and presented him with a plaque.

10. Adjournment

Dr. Murray adjourned the SIRS Business Meeting.