

**ICCP Meeting**  
2008 ASCRS Tripartite & Annual Meeting  
Boston, MA  
Saturday, June 7, 2008

Present: Drs. Graham Newstead, Chair; Richard Billingham, Vice Chair; Stanley Goldberg, Advisor; Raul Cutait, Philip Douglas, Fumio Konishi, John M. A. Northover, Lars Pahlman, Andrew Renwick, Lester Rosen, Fidel Ruiz-Healy, Anthony Senagore, Alan Thorson, W. Douglas Wong,

Guests: Drs. Omer Alabaz, Eloy Espin-Basany, K. Chip Farmer, Paul Goldberg, Khaled Madbouly, T. E. Madiba, Claudio Mattana, R. John Nicholls, Rodrigo Perez, John Poole, Chucheep Sahakitrungruang, Narimantas Evaldas Samalavicius, Samuel Tay, Yehiel Ziv,

Absent: Drs. Julio Garcia-Aguilar and Klaus Matzel

Staff: Heather Heller

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Dr. Graham Newstead called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, June 7, 2008.

**I. Meeting Minutes**

CONSENSUS: Approve the June 2, 2007 ICCP Committee meeting minutes.

**II. Database of ICCP Members & Training Programs**

Continue adding to the ICCP database as a method to retrieve contact information and post meeting announcements for members of the ICCP. Revisions and updated material should be emailed to Dr. Newstead ([grahamnewstead@sydneycolorectal.com.au](mailto:grahamnewstead@sydneycolorectal.com.au)). Dr. Newstead asked the committee if they could submit a one page summary of the training programs currently offered in their country so it can be posted on the ICCP webpage.

**III. Fellowship and Travel Scholars**

The committee received a total of nine applications (6 fellowship/3 traveling scholar). Each application was reviewed, scored and discussed to determine which applicants would benefit the most as a recipient of this award. Selected scholars are as follows:

**Fellowship (\$6,000 each)**

- 1) Benjamin Perakath, MB BS, Vellore, India
- 2) Dr. Shao Wanjin, Nanjing, China

**Traveling Scholar (\$3,000 each)**

- 1) Pankaj Garg, MB BS, Panchkula, Haryana, India
- 2) Lalitha Mahadavan MB ChB, Exeter, United Kingdom

The committee discussed the possibility of revising the criteria to allow more “junior” colorectal surgeons to apply. The committee would like to involve other ICCP international societies to help review applications and suggest nominations.

**IV. ICCP Scholar Application Process**

Currently the time frame from submitting an application to being selected as a scholar and attending the ASCRS Annual Meeting is two years. The committee discussed the possibility of shortening this time frame so that selected applicants would be eligible to attend the current year ASCRS Annual Meeting. This would require an application deadline in December as opposed to March. The committee would then review the applications and select the scholars in January. These scholars would be invited to the meeting in June.

There would be a one year overlap that ICCP would have double the amount of scholars with double the cost.

**MOTION:** Propose to Council the change to the ICCP application process with the understanding that in 2010 the grant amount will be approximately \$36,000 for that one year.

**V. Outreach: International Bowel Cancer Awareness & Prevention Program**

Dr. Newstead discussed the importance of public education and awareness relating to Bowel Cancer. He would like to share materials on the ICCP webpage for international societies to use to help educate the public.

The ICCP committee business meeting concluded at 3:15 pm.