Minutes of Acute Pain SIG business meeting  
16th World Congress on Pain – Yokohama  
Wednesday 28th September 2016  

Present:

Dan Carr   (USA)  Esther Pogatzki-Zahn   (Germany)  
Stephan Schug   (Australia)  Patricia Lavand’homme   (Belgium)  
Jane Quinlan   (UK)  Babita Ghai   (India)  
Erika Sirsch   (Germany)  Irmela Gnass   (Germany)  
Norm Buckley   (Canada)  Audun Stubhaug   (Norway)  
Suzanne Cartwright   (Australia)  Tove Heger   (Norway)  
Gillian Chumbley   (UK)  Marcus Komann   (Germany)  
Elizabeth Ogboli Nwasor   (Nigeria)  Olaide Gbadebo   (Nigeria)  
Debra Gordon   (USA)  Robert Hurley   (USA)  
Robert I. Cohen   (USA)  Ruth Zaslansky   (Germany)  
Winfried Meissner   (Germany)  

Jill Treby and Jenn Blenkle from IASP (International Association for the Study of Pain) staff  

Apologies:

Allen Finlay  

1. APSIG satellite meetings  

There have been two successful APSIG satellite meetings before each Pain World Congress: one in Buenos Aires and one in Yokohama.  
Stephan Schug thanked Dan Carr for organising such excellent meetings. Dan thanked IASP for their support for the satellite meeting, and thanked Bob Cohen for filming the satellite meetings.  

There followed a discussion as to whether we should expand the satellite meetings for a wider audience and advertise it more widely. Maybe IASP could help with publicity? Bob C said that the Placebo SIG held their satellite in the evening and it was well attended (120). However, Gill C felt that the days of the World Congress are long enough already, and that the full day for the satellite allowed much discussion around the topics, allowing more engagement from the audience.  
Esther P-Z agreed that we should keep the same pattern with a separate day. Should we charge a small fee to encourage commitment to the satellite meeting?  

2. Global Year against Pain after Surgery (GYAPAS)  

1st January 2017 will mark the start of IASP’s Global Year against Pain after Surgery and this will be a collaboration between IASP and EFIC. Fact sheets are being produced with some overlap from 2011, and Dan C asked for volunteers to review them. The post op pain book will need to be updated. Other activities for GYAPAS e.g. videos of discussions re post op analgesia, and any other ideas of spreading the word across the world, would be useful. Esther P-Z suggested holding a satellite SIG meeting at next year’s EFIC meeting (September in Copenhagen) particularly as it is GYAPAS. The satellite could be held one day before the meeting.
We shall ask EFIC but APSIG will arrange the meeting. Chris Wells is the current EFIC president, with Bart Morlion as president elect.

3. Newsletter and links with other groups

Dan C thanked Bob Cohen for taking over the newsletter and doing it so well, and encouraged submission of articles.

It was suggested that we should have more liaison with WFSA (World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists) at an IASP level or with APSIG. Dr Sean Chetty would be happy to provide that liaison. TBC

Dr Elizabeth Ogboli Nwasor is happy to act as liaison with the IASP Education SIG. TBC as regards bye laws

4. Election of committee

The term of office has finished for current committee members (4 years).

Dan Carr will be stepping down as Chair, and was thanked for all his work.

Esther pointed out that other SIGs have the vice chair as chair in waiting, but APSIG have historically had vice chair as immediate past chair, so it would be wise to change to the other model.

All present were invited to volunteer for the available positions.

- Esther is happy to be Vice Chair, while Stephan very kindly agreed to be Chair again
- Brendan has stepped down as Treasurer, so Audun Stubhaug will become Treasurer
- Jane Q will stay as secretary
- Babita will become co-editor of newsletter with Bob Cohen, then after next issue Bob will step down and Bob Hurley will become the other co-editor
- PainOut liaison officers are Winfried and Ruth
- Narinder Rawal has now retired

All present supported the new appointments with unanimous agreement.

**Appointed officers 2016-2020:**

- Chair: Stephan Schug
- Vice chair: Esther Pogatzki-Zahn
- Treasurer: Audun Stubhaug
- Secretary: Jane Quinlan
- Newsletter co-editors: Babita Ghai with first Bob Cohen, then Bob Hurley
- Liaison with PainOut: Winfried Meissner and Ruth Zaslansky
- Liaison with the Education SIG: Elizabeth Ogboli Nwasor

Minutes completed by Jane Quinlan (APSIG Secretary) on 19/8/17, based on contemporaneous notes taken on 28/9/16