

**ANNUAL REPORT ENDED 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**  
**(AR No. 3/2013)**

**BASIC NEUROSCIENCE CHAPTER (BNC)**  
**MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE (MSN)**

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**1.0 Background**

This is an annual report that covers Basic Neuroscience Chapter activities from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013. The BNC committee members or office bearers for the duration of the report and future activities are:

**Advisor**

Professor Dr. K. Subramaniam

**Protem Office Bearers**

***President*** - Dr. Ling King Hwa (UPM)

***Secretary*** - Dr. Cheah Pike See (UPM)

***Treasurer*** - Dr. Loh Han Chern (UTAR)

**Committee Members**

- Dr. Ong Ming Thong (USM)

- Dr. Thilakavathy Karuppiah (UPM)

- Dr. Suhaili Abu Bakar (UPM)

**2.0 FAONS Student Travel Award to attend ANS 2013 and FAONS symposium in Melbourne, Australia**

The Australian Neuroscience Society (ANS) 2013 and Federation of Asian-Oceania Neuroscience Societies (FAONS) symposium were held in Melbourne, Australia from 3<sup>rd</sup> till 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The FAONS has announced for the availability of student travel grants to attend both the ANS 2013 and FAONS symposium via email on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

BNC-MSN is requested by the President of FAONS, Professor Sarah Dunlop to submit five nominations for the final selection process. The Chapter had circulated the announcement to all MSN members. The Chapter had nominated four postgraduate member students to FAONS

for the competition and two of them were selected for the travel awards:

- a) Miss Hoo Mun Fun (PhD candidate) - UPM (Awardee)
- b) Mr Lee Ming Tatt (PhD candidate) - UPM (Awardee)

The travel grant, which included an equivalent of AU\$1,500.00 for a return economy airfare from the capital city in awardee's country to Melbourne, Australia plus five nights twin-share accommodation and the conference registration fees valued at \$510.

### **3.0 New Members of BNC, MSN**

As updated on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013, the BNC-MSN consists of 73 members as followed (**attachment 1**):

a)	Life member of MSN + BNC member	: 45
b)	Associate member	: 27
c)	Ordinary member	: 1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>= 73</b>

### **4.0 BNC-MSN Education Grant**

BNC-MSN is given RM 15,000 by the central committee of MSN as funding for travel grant. BNC-MSN has proposed rules and regulations for the travel grant of local and international conferences/seminars/laboratory attachment and laboratory visiting (**attachment 2 & 3**). BNC-MSN has proposed rules and regulations imposed during evaluation process of the grant (**attachment 4**). The BNC-MSN has received 3 applications for the first round of the grant (until 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013). BNC-MSN has approved two educational grant (one international – RM 1500 and one local – RM 500). Details of the applications were attached (**attachment 5**). Cover letters have been prepared to announce the result of the Education Grant to the applicants as well as prepare a letter to inform the MSN council about the decision of the Protem Committee of BNC-MSN.

## **5.0 Event organized**

BNC-MSN will co-organise the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neuroscience Seminar together with the Neuroscience Cluster UPM in conjunction with NeuroFair 2013. The seminar will be held from 11-12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, UPM. The poster (**attachment 6**), finalized program for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neuroscience Symposium 2013 (first day) (**attachment 7**) and finalized time table for the NeuroFair 2013 (second day) (**attachment 8**) are as attached.

The seminar is a satellite event for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of MSN that will be held from 14-16<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

## **6.0 Future events**

BNC-MSN has successfully bid to jointly host the 7<sup>th</sup> FAONS Congress year 2017 in Malaysia with the Singapore Neuroscience Association. A joint steering committee will be appointed by both societies to organize the event in 2017.

BNC-MSN proposed to organise an EDU-TOURISM programme to the National Neuroscience Institute (NNI), Singapore and the Biopolis of Singapore (the international research and development centre of Singapore). The committee elected Dr. Thilakavathy to be leading the tour and search for the details of visiting to NNI.


## **7.0 Election of EXCO for BNC, MSN for 2013-2015**

The exco committee meeting has agreed to conduct the chapter election on 11 June 2013 during the Annual General Meeting for the Chapter at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM (12:45pm – 2:00pm).

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Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013