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

1.0 Background

The Malaysian Society for Neurosciences (MSN) 22nd Annual General Meeting had approved the formation of a new subspecialty council/chapter known as Basic Neuroscience Chapter (BNC). An inaugural meeting was called to elect the protem committee members a few weeks later. The meeting was held on 18th June 2011 and attended by 15 MSN members. Following members were unanimously elected and appointed to the protem committee:

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)

During the inaugural meeting, the members of the meeting had outlined four main terms of reference for the appointment of the protem committee:

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| Term 1 | To co-organise the 2 nd Annual Neuroscience Seminar held on 23 June 2011 at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM. |
| Term 2 | To strengthen the financial stand of the chapter |
| Term 3 | To increase the number of member of BNC |
| Term 4 | To draft the constitution for BNC and organise the general election for the chapter within a year (revised in the 1 st |

Protem Committee Meeting – CM No.1/2011 dated 21st November 2011).

1.1 2nd Annual Neuroscience Seminar 2011, UPM, Malaysia

On behalf of MSN, the BNC has co-organised the Neuroscience Seminar 2011 together with UPM and NeuroMalaysia Society (NMS). The event has been successfully held on 23rd June 2011 at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM.

The event has attracted more than 300 postgraduate students, scientists, lecturers, nurses, medical practitioners and medical science-related personnel from both local and overseas. In summary, the event has included two plenary lectures, four invited lectures and four oral presentations by Neuroscience Student Awardees. For details, kindly visit <http://medic1.upm.edu.my/jog/neuro/neuro2011/> or refer to **Attachment A**.

The organising committee member also offered two Neuroscience Student Awards based on submitted extended abstract. The judging process involved both internal and external review. Five neuroscientists (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Johnson Stanslas, Dr. Shariful Hassan Sumon, Dr. Ling King Hwa, Dr. Sharmili Vidyadaran and Dr. Aris Mohd Moklas) from UPM have been appointed as internal judges whereas two other neuroscientists (Professor Dr. Harbindar Singh from Monash University and Dr. Azlina Annuar from UM) were invited as external reviewers. The two awardees are as followed :

Clinical Science Category : Miss Emilia Tan (USM)
Fundamental Science Category : Miss Chow Yuh Lit (UPM)

1.2 Recruiting New Members of BNC, MSN

The MSN booth has been set up during the 2nd Neuroscience Seminar 2011. The committee has successfully recruited 50 new members as followed:

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| a) Life member of MSN | : 6 |
| b) Life member of MSN + BNC member | : 12 |
| c) Associate member | : 30 |
| d) Ordinary member | : 2 |

These members also indicated their interests in joining the BNC of MSN. A registry of BNC members is currently held by the Secretary of the Chapter (**Attachment B**).

1.3 Financial Status of BNC, MSN

A total of RM4778.00 has been collected for Basic Neuroscience Chapter account. The money was raised from the 2nd Annual Neuroscience Seminar held on 23rd June 2011 in UPM. All incomes have been declared and submitted to the Prof. Dr. Tan Kay Sin, the Honorary Treasurer of MSN.

1.4 Constitution and General Election for BNC, MSN


During the 3rd Protem Committee Meeting of BNC (No: CM 3/2012) on 12th April 2012, the constitution for BNC, MSN has been drafted with reference to constitution of other subspecialty council/chapters such as Stroke Council and Epilepsy Council. Please refer to **Attachment C** for the finalized constitution.

As advised by Prof. Dr. Hamidon Basri, the President of MSN, the election of BNC committee member shall be carried out prior to the AGM of MSN in Pullman Hotel Putrajaya, July, 2012. The committee has agreed to call for the AGM on 15th June 2012 (Friday), 9:00am – 10:30am in iDEC, Inforport, UPM. A retruning officer and his/her committee will be appointed to conduct the election of the new batch of committee for BNC, MSN.

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