



## **Business Meeting: Nutrition, Metabolism, and Dementia**

PIA Chairs: Martha Clare Morris (Academic Chair), Gene Bowman (Industry Chair) and Nikolaos Scarmeas (Program Chair)

### **Marriott Marquis, Salon 15**

**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

**7 – 8:15 a.m.**

## **Agenda**

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### **A. Welcome and Introductions**

**The Founding Chairs (Academic Chair:** Martha Clare Morris, **Industry Chair:** Gene Bowman, and **Programs Chair:** Nikolaos Scarmeas) welcomed and thanked all the attendees and contributors.

Introductions with brief descriptions of background and positions of each followed for both Chairs and attendees.

### **B. Establishment, Background- Mission and Objectives of the PIA**

There was a brief outline regarding the establishment, background-mission and objectives of the PIA. Establishment. The PIA was officially approved as of .....2015.

Background-Mission. There is an abundance of evidence that suggests nutrition and metabolism play a role in cognitive aging and Alzheimer's dementia. However, the field of study is particularly complex and inconsistencies in the literature make the development of any sound public health recommendations a major challenge. This interest group will create a 'hub' within ISTAART to unite scientists and clinicians from both academia and industry who are interested in advancing the field.

Objectives. Initial objectives of the PIA include the following.

- a. Develop and advance clinical and research applications of nutrition in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- b. Develop and submit dedicated research sessions on nutrition and metabolism for consideration at AAIC.
- c. Foster the development of consensus criteria for nutrition and metabolism research and interpretation of findings on AD and related disorders.
- d. Foster the creation of multi-study collaborations around nutrition and metabolism in AD and related disorders.

### **C. Overview and Plans of Administrative Structure**

There was an overview of the current and future administrative structure.

All positions will be elected for 2 year terms.

The Founding Chairs have assumed the roles of Academic, Industry and Programs Chairs.

A Communications Chair remains to be elected, nominations will be requested for email vote after AAIC.

Responsibilities of the Communications Chair may include:

- a. Encourage PIA members to submit individual oral and poster abstract submissions to AAIC.
- b. Take minutes at meeting of the EC and the PIA.
- c. Keep PIA members informed of PIA projects, activities and upcoming meetings.
- d. Disseminate relevant professional information via the ISTAART member newsletter and/or ISTAART/PIA website (with ISTAART staff support).

### **D. Other Plans for 2015**

A significant part of the meeting was devoted to formation of a program committee towards planning a AAIC 2016 Featured Research Session on Nutrition and Metabolism. Various ideas regarding thematic orientation and topic selections were discussed. It will be further elaborated over the next few months via periodic teleconferences and email communications.

### **E. Further Discussion**

There was open ended discussion with all attendees regarding the following broad themes.

- a. What are individuals' thoughts on the biggest impediments to advancing the field?
- b. What are ideas for advancing the field?
- c. Methods for advancing best methods for valid nutrition research.
- d. Ways to increase research funding in nutrition and dementia.
- e. Ways to attract more people to and increase visibility of the PIA.

### **F. Meeting adjourned**

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