

SCD PIA Business Meeting - AAIC 2017

MINUTES

Date: 17.07.2017
Time: 7:00-7:45
Location: Novotel London ExCel, London II
Chairs: Frank Jessen, Wiesje van der Flier
N° of attendees: 36

Achievements 2016/2017:

- 1 published review paper non-pharmacological interventions in SCD (Smart et al.)
- 1 published paper on implementation of SCD criteria in clinical trials (Molinuevo et al.)
- 1 paper on the application of SCD criteria in clinical practice in progress (Jessen et al.), decided on last year, submission by the end of the year
- Item analysis project ongoing, Sietske Sikkes received a dutch grant to support this project
- Successful data sharing and analysis on progression of SCD to non-AD dementias led by the Rosalinde Slot (decided on last year; recently submitted)
- Successful submission of an FRS to the AAIC 2017, estimated number of attendees of the symposium on Sunday, July 16th 2017 : 450
- number of attendees at the SCD PIA scientific session 2017: 81 (more than in any other PIA scientific session)

Organizational issues

- Bylaws for SCD-PIA adapted from ISTAART template

Discussion about the structure of the executive committee:

Proposal by Frank Jessen and Wiesje van der Flier: 3 members (chair, chair elect, past chair), annual votes (organized online by ISTAART) for one new member (chair elect), past chair leave the committee after one year as past chair, term length for everybody: 3 years.

no specified roles, such as communication chair, at present, can be developed in the future

Discussion: rather more than three chairs (Barry Reisberg)

Voting:

3 chairs (11 votes) and 5 chairs (8 votes)

further discussion : 4 chairs, of which one is a student or post doc, who is elected annually

Voting:

Close to unanimously decision

Current chair: Frank Jessen, vice chairs: Wiesje van der Flier, Andy Saykin

After next election: chair: Wiesje van der Flier, past chair: Frank Jessen, two new members (chair elect and student/post-doc member), Andy Saykin agreed to leave the executive committee

Discussion on communication

Some PIAs use e.g. Twitter or a website to communicate within and outside of the PIA, currently, the SCD PIA focuses on common papers and research projects, not additional communication activity is planned at present, the future executive board can develop this topic further

Discussion on new projects:

Potential collaborations and people, who may organize such projects further

- Matthew Baumgart: collaboration on the AA-CDC large data sets on SCD in the general population: suggests that small committee might be formed within the PIA.
- Sietske Sikkes: research on gender, educational, racial and ethnic differences in SCD
- Rebecca Amariglio: Subclinical depressive and anxiety symptoms in SCD cohorts → look for latent factors
- Andrea Tales: Sleep in SCD
- Barry Reisberg: validating staging approach in SCD

People mentioned with the topic will take initiative. They send emails to Frank, who will then ask Keith Fargo to distribute within PIA. After email, people can respond if they want to participate in project, and smaller working groups can be formed.

Other possible fields of interest:

- Stress and cortisol level -> possible interventions with metacognitive therapies
- SCD in ADHD