

Report of the WONOEP TF of ILAE NeuroBiology Commission June 29th, 2014, Stockholm – Convention Center – 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Invited: A Galanopoulou, N.GarciaCairasco, R Idro, HC Kang, K Kobow, WP Liao, J Noebels, R Sankar, S Moshe

Attending: M. de Curtis, A. Galanopoulou, K. Kobow, R. Sankar, S. Moshe

The meeting of the TF started at 7:30 pm and closed at 9:00 pm. Additional discussion on WONOEP with the Local Organizers followed during the weeks after the TF meeting and are here reported.

Budget issues

A request of 35.000 \$ for the 2015 WONOEP XIII will be submitted to EC before the TF budget deadline is September 15th, 2014. The Commission budget will be approved by the EC in November 2014. Additional funding expected from different sources will be notified to the Scientific and Organizing Committee, to local organizers, to EC liaison and to Donna Cunard.

Web site

<http://www.ilae.org/Commission/neurobio/index.cfm>. The forms for WONOEP XIII registration (see below) and informations on XIII WONOEP will be posted on the website.

WONOEP Initiative

XIII WONOEP was rescheduled for the period August 31st – September 4th 2015 to allow participation of members to the NBC meeting planned for the morning of September 4th at the Istanbul Convention Center, the day before the beginning of the main meeting on Sept. 5th. Details on the location, application, etc. of XII WONOEP are reported in the attached first announcement (see **attachment 1**).

The first call for abstracts will be published through WONOEP mailing list and will be published on ILAE web site and on Epilepsia, Epilepsy Currents, Epigraphs and other epilepsy and neuroscience journals and web sites of neuroscience societies (SfN and FENS). Fund-raising will start soon after.

WONOEP application form (see **attachment 2**) will be available on line on the web site. As proposed by Aristeia, applications and abstracts will be submitted through the registration system of ILAE meeting. This conclusion was reached during a conference call with Finola Quinn. Abstract submission will end of January 2015. By the end of February 2015 abstract selection by WONOEP TF and LOC will be completed. Invitations and fellowships invitations will be sent out by April 1st, 2015.

The format utilized during the last 2 WONOEPs was confirmed: 5 half-day sessions on subthemes that will be identified after abstract selection. Each session will start with a 30-min critical introduction of the subtheme, followed by 8-10 data-blitzes (max 12+3 min. each) and will be concluded by general discussion lead by a panel of discussants. The final subtopics of XIII WONOEP will be defined according to the abstracts that are received. The following themes have been considered: Central and peripheral biomarkers, Biomarkers of co-morbidities, Biomarkers of treatment response, Genetic biomarkers, Biomarkers of epileptogenesis, epileptogenicity, brain injury, seizure, tissue reorganization, etc. The following discussants were proposed for the 5 sessions: A Pitkanen, D Janigro, R Sankar, I Scheffer, T O'Brien, WP Liao, J Jr Engel, D Henshall, N Garcia-Cairasco, K Staley, M Kokaia, W Loescher, AM Vezzani, U Heinemann and G Avanzini.

WONOEP travelling fellowship (3-4) of 300-500 Euro were approved, if the budget allows. Applicants must have obtained their last training degree no more than 5 years before application and will present their own work at WONOEP. Candidates can only apply once in 5 years. If budget will allow, it was also proposed that the evening of the 31st a special lecture on the evolution of biomarker discovery by an expert external to the epilepsy field (Blennow, Alzheimer expert).

XIII Workshop on Neurobiology of Epilepsy - WONOEP 2015

Heybeliada Island, Istanbul, Turkey
August 31st – September 4th 2015

Scientific Organizing Committee

Katja Kobow, Raman Sankar, Filiz Onat, Candan Gurses and Marco de Curtis

WONOEP XIII, a satellite event of the 31st ILAE/IBE International Epilepsy Congress, will take place at the Heybeliada Island, Istanbul, Turkey. The **main topic** of WONOEP XIII is **Biomarkers in Epilepsy**. Abstracts on peripheral and central biomarkers, biomarkers of co-morbidities, response to treatment, genetic biomarkers as well as biomarkers of epileptogenesis, brain injury, seizure, or tissue reorganization will be considered.

Abstract submission opens November 15th 2014 and closes January 15th 2015.

Abstracts of 300 words or less should be submitted as Word files to wonoep@epilepsycongress.org. The abstract submission form is available at the Neurobiology Commission website (<http://www.ilae.org/Commission/neurobio/events.cfm>).

A maximum of 40 abstracts **strictly related to the main topic** will be selected and the authors will be invited to WONOEP after April 1st 2015. Lodging and meals will be provided to the selected participants. Travel costs will not be supported. A WONOEP registration fee of 100 Euros is applied to all selected participants.

Invited speakers are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract also to the 2015 ILAE/IBE International Epilepsy Congress in Istanbul (September 5-10, 2015). The registration fee will be waived if registration to WONOEP is combined with registration and submission of an abstract to the 31st ILAE/IBE meeting (see <http://www.epilepsyistanbul2015.org>). In this case, proof of registration to the ILAE main meeting should be provided before 15th June 2015.

WONOEP 2015 is organized by the **ILAE Neurobiology Commission** and by the **WONOEP Task Force**.

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Attachment 2

WONOEP Abstract Submission Form

***obligatory fields**

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Institution*:

Town*:

Country*:

Email (business)*:

If budget allows, a few travel grants may be awarded to young researchers and clinicians (< 5 years training) presenting their own work. If you apply for fellowship, please provide your age and current position.

Age:

Current position:

Title (150 characters max.)*:

Abstract (300 words max)*: