

Minutes from the ISHLT Junior Faculty Trainee Council Meeting
Thursday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 241 of the Palais des Congres

I. Introduction:

- a. Meeting called to order by Lorriana Leard, Vice-Chair (Chair-elect) of JFTC.
Introductions: This was the second annual meeting of the ISHLT JFTC – purpose of council was described and all in attendance introduced themselves.

II. Unfinished Business:

- a. Workforce Committee Reports: Brief update about each of the workforces .
- i. **Standards and Guidelines:** Report from committee representative Susan Moffatt-Bruce was read by Lorriana Leard, indicating that the project that is currently underway is actually coming up with a Guideline or Standard of how to actually write guidelines.
 - ii. **Registries and Database:** Update was given by committee representative Steven Hays: **Registries and Database** Committee has had one tele-conference and several email communications during the last 8 months. The main issue discussed relates to the establishment of mini-registries. For example Infectious Diseases has been working on setting up a mini-registry. Logistics of how these mini-registries would work were discussed and then developed a set of questions/requirements for mini-registry proposals.
 - iii. **Communications Committee:** Report from committee representative David Markham was read by Lorriana Leard, indicating that the recent work on the Communications committee has been revolving around getting the newsletter going and finding an editor.
 - iv. **Education Workforce Committee:** Report from our committee representative Dan Dilling was read by Lorriana Leard, indicating the following:

In the past year, the Education Committee has had 3 conference calls.
Some of the issues worked on include:

- Helped develop and distribute an Educational Needs assessment survey and will be helping the society utilize the finding to improve the educational offerings.
- One possibility in this direction may be the development of intense and focused courses sponsored by our various councils and focused in areas of “lung transplantation”, “pulmonary hypertension”, etc (currently dubbed “ISHLT Academy”). This would be built on the model of what has been done in Europe through the European Respiratory Society. They may be independent of the annual meeting or tacked on the beginning or the end. The fiscal note is the concern as well as logistics. The idea is still being debated.
- There is a desire to develop a listing of various training programs in transplantation, advanced heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, and transplant basic science training. Committee has helped develop a Institutional Training Survey that will help tabulate programs’ offerings, which when completed would be great for helping prospective trainees find their training programs. That effort may go

further to develop training curricula for each area but there is concern about different systems of training in different countries and inability to standardize.

- As your representation on the Education Committee, Dan Dilling offered a proposal for online textbook reviewing topics in heart and lung transplantation--suggesting that the chapters/topics be co-written with a junior and senior level ISHLT member, preferably from different programs. It was suggested that such articles could be published as e-pages in JHLT and have links from the website. The Committee has asked our council / Dan Dilling to work on a detailed proposal for discussion with Dr Mehra as the incoming journal editor. It was also suggested that these chapters could serve in the development of slide lecture sets that could be used for education purposes by ISHLT members
- v. **Development Committee:** Workforce committee representative Arezu Aliabadi was present at the meeting and informed us that the Development Committee had not yet met.
- b. Awards: Announcement made about the awarding of travel awards.
- c. Fellows luncheon update, organized by Dan Dilling: Fellows Luncheon announced-- scheduled for Friday, April 24, from 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm at ISHLT in Paris, in which we have 3 trainees presenting cases to ISHLT leadership for discussion.

II. New Business

- a. Elections:
 - i. Vice Chair: Nominations for Chair invited via e-mail prior to international meeting and accepted during meeting: Candidates included: David Markham, Kimberly Parks, Hannah Zimmerman. Statements from each of the candidate were read and elections were held via written ballot. David Markham was elected Vice-Chair.
 - ii. Slate of Officers for 2009-2010:
 - 1. Immediate Past Chair: **Cynthia Gries**
 - 2. Chair: **Lorriana Leard**
 - 3. Vice Chair: **David Markham**
 - iii. Election of any Workforce Committee Member replacements
 - 1. Registries and Databases: Steven Hays will be stepping down, election held and **Jenn Matthews** elected to serve the 2 year term.
 - 2. Communications: Since David Markham was elected to Vice Chair, election to fill his position held, with **Pali Shah** elected to serve the 2 year term.
- b. New projects
 - i. Items for JFTC to Sponsor in Chicago next year:

- a) Case Conference / Stump the Professor Symposium
 - Call for Abstracts from trainees
 - Travel awards to trainees selected
 - Multidisciplinary expert panel to discuss cases as unknowns
 - Symposium not just for fellows but to all attendees
 - b) Committee: Cassie Kennedy, Hannah Zimmerman, Pali Shah
 - c) Career Development: Symposium on career development / grant writing / strategies for successful career in heart and lung transplantation.
 - d) Fellows luncheon: For networking – introduction to leadership, strategies to get involved in ISHLT
- ii. Fellowship Training Program Availability: Although this is an issue currently being addressed by the Education Workforce, significant discussion was held at meeting as this was identified as a very high priority. Significant interest from many members of the council expressed their interest in helping with this project.
 - a) JFTC Council would like to be integrally involved in development
 - Identifying which programs have transplant fellowships (or the equivalent internationally)
 - Summarize the structure, requirements, curriculum
 - list of training programs available on the website
 - iii. Website Listing of Job Postings: Our Council would also like to have a website listing on the ISHLT website for Job Postings
 - iv. Web based education: JFTC members identified need for and are interested in working to having evidence based literature / curriculum available on the website on topics in transplantation. Several members interested in working to develop this on website.
 - v. Board Member Liaison: importance of having a liaison to the board raised, given the fact that we have no council members who sit on the board. We need more oversight and direction for this council to be effective.
- III. Meeting Adjourned by Lorriana Leard, with reminder to attend next year in Chicago.