

MINUTES OF THE 4th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR OROFACIAL PAIN AND RELATED DISORDERS METHODOLOGY (INFORM) HELD IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE 100TH GENERAL SESSION OF THE IADR, AND THE 5TH MEETING OF THE IADR ASIA PACIFIC REGION, ON THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022 11:00AM-12:00PM (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, US), VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE PLATFORM (ZOOM).

(30 Attendees)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Network's President, Michail Koutris, welcomed all members and guests to the business meeting and expressed gratitude for the continued support of members during the challenging past several months. Committee Chairs Thomas List (Nomination), Jean-Paul Goulet (Governance/Nominating), Chris Penlington (Education), and Flavia Kapos (Secretary/treasurer) unfortunately could not be present, Michail Koutris relayed their apologies.

2. Minutes from 2021 Business Meeting

The minutes of the previous business meeting of 15 June 2021, held virtually, were shared via email with INfORM members by Michail Koutris along with the invitation for the 2022 business meeting. He invited the audience to come forth with comments, questions, or objections regarding the 2021 business meeting minutes, and hearing none, motioned to accept those as true and accurate record.

3. Financial Report

The financial report previously prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer, Flavia Kapos, was presented, regarding the 2021 financial activities of the Network. Expenses included payment of the Investigator Award and one-time ECR Small Grants. Membership fees, translation fees (paid by groups working on the DC/TMD translations to a third-party external revision service), and Investigator Award sponsorship from Quintessence constituted our income.

4. Committee Updates

Michail Koutris shared information reported by Committee Chairs.

Communications

Communications updates were reported by Iacopo Cioffi, including the Network's presence on Facebook (facebook.com/INfORMIADR – 341 followers) and Twitter (@INfORM_IADR – 182 followers; managed by Juan Fernando Oyarzo and Justin Durham). Recent posts about INfORM activities and the DC/TMD for children had 151 and 249 engagements, respectively. Additional potential ideas proposed to schedule posts on Facebook twice a month.

Data Management

Data Management updates were reported by Anna Lövgren, the new Chair of the Committee. There were no activities since the last business meeting due to COVID-19 and the transition of Chairs. Flavia Kapos will join the committee. Registers are being developed with the TMJ association/FDA (contact person Flavia Kapos) and with the Facial Pain Association/FPA (contact person Don Nixdorf).

Examiner Training and Reliability

Examiner Training and Reliability updates were reported by Per Alstergren. Since the last business meeting, there was a two-day course for the full DC/TMD and reliability assessment day at Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan. The Nihon University also became a new Training Center. Currently, there are a total of six active training centers: Malmö (Sweden), Umeå (Sweden), Aarhus (Denmark), Leipzig (Germany), Oulo (Finland), and Tokyo (Japan). Two new centers are in planning phase: Brazil and Singapore. The future challenges are to establish guidelines for training in Brief DC/TMD and for adolescents and DC/TMD for children.

Early Career Researchers' (ECR)

ECR updates were reported by Flavia Kapos and Sonia Sharma. Winners of the 2021 ECR small grant provided a slide with project updates (Julia Palmer from Newcastle UK and Iryna Hryvanko Daline from UNC Adams school of Dentistry). The Committee organized the first guided discussion session with Per Alstergren and Michail Koutris as mentors, which took place virtually on June 14th, 2022, in association with 2022 IADR General Session activities. Plans for the Committee in 2022-2023 include to add members, continue to facilitate ECR participation in INFORM activities, and explore ECR funding initiatives (e.g., support for IADR meeting attendance, small grants).

Education Committee

Education updates were reported by Chris Penlington, the inaugural Chair of the recently established Committee. There are four current members (in addition to the Chair), with good international representation (Adeyinka Dayo, Andre Almeida, Alberto Herrero Babiloni, and Emma Beecroft). Two additional members were suggested by one member to address geographic gaps. The Committee's first project will aim to suggest minimum recommended educational standards for dentists working with TMD, and to recommend content for orofacial patient-facing resources and information. Committee members are collating existing recommendations and guidelines.

Governance

Governance updates were reported by Jean-Paul Goulet, including ongoing revision of the Network's by-laws (more details ahead). The governance structure of the Network was reviewed, including elected officers, and appointed positions (e.g., Committee Chairs and Event Organizers). On April 2022 the Bylaws were finalized (thanks to Flavia Kapos) after a 30-day period open for comments from the membership (received feedback from 4 members) and are ready for approval. The recommendation of the Committee was to ratify 2022 INFORM by-laws. The by-laws were ratified by the membership.

Investigator Awards

Investigator Awards updates were reported by Don Nixdorf and Justin Durham (per by-laws, Vice-President and immediate past President). The competition is scheduled to take place virtually on June 22, 2022, for the INfORM Investigator Awards by Quintessence Publishing and Journal of Oral & Facial Pain and Headache, including the Samuel F. Dworkin Predoctoral Award and the Barry J. Sessle Postdoctoral Award. Given the number of eligible candidates, the competition will combine both predoctoral and postdoctoral levels, and a single winner will be selected (for the award that corresponds to their career stage).

Nominations Committee

Nomination updates were reported by Thomas List and Jean-Paul Goulet. The board of elected officers between 2020 and 2024 was presented. Elected officers for 2022-2023: Birgitta Häggman-Henrikson (President), Don Nixdorf (President-Elect), Rosaria Bucci (Vice-President), Flavia Kapos (Secretary-Treasurer), and Yoshihiro Tsukiyama (Councilor). Special gratitude was expressed to all who contributed with the organization of the 2022 meeting: Program Coordinator (Michail Koutris), Group Program Chair (Anna Lövgren), abstract reviewers (Julia Palmer, Roberto Rongo, Don Nixdorf).

Taxonomy

Taxonomy updates were reported by Don Nixdorf and Mark Drangsholt. Past activities including participation in the publication of the International Classification of Orofacial Pain (ICOP), supported by INfORM and other groups such as the International Association for the Study of Pain, American Academy of Orofacial Pain, and International Headache Society. Plans for 2022-2024 included to assemble a group to develop a version of the DC/TMD focused on endodontic patient population, using the general format of the Brief DC/TMD. The suggestion is for Iryna Daline to lead the group since she is both OFP and Endodontics specialist, along with members representing both disciplines.

Translations & Protocols

Translations updates were reported by Birgitta Häggman-Henrikson, including the completion of one new DC/TMD translation (Arabic) since the last business meeting, and over 10 other ongoing translation projects. Up next, the Committee plans to develop translation guidelines for the DC/TMD for children and adolescents. Roberto Rongo joined the Committee. A map was presented, showing the global spread of INfORM members, the presence and status of DC/TMD translations (included in Journal of Dental Research by Lobbezoo et al., 2022 – in press).

Website

Website updates were reported by Juan Fernando Oyarzo and Richard Ohrbach. A timeline and action plan were presented. The Website Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, has decided to maintain an externally hosted INfORM website, in addition to the IADR-hosted website due to the needs of the Network to store online documents and have

autonomy to maintain the INfORM website. The Committee plans to transition from the current University of Buffalo-hosted website (<https://ubwp.buffalo.edu/red-tmdinternational>) to a new URL (e.g., inform-iadr.org), expected to launch by the Fall of 2022.

5. Working Group Updates

A summary of ongoing INfORM-Sponsored projects was presented, including the Brief DC/TMD and the DC/TMD for children and adolescents. The Brief DC/TMD has 1 symposium scheduled for the 2022 IADR General Session, and the manuscript is in advanced stages of preparation. The DC/TMD for children and adolescents has had two published papers (Delphi part I and part II), and has two more manuscripts currently under review (Full and abbreviated protocols for DC/TMD for children and adolescents)

6. Overview of INfORM Activities at 2022 General Session

Information about INfORM-Sponsored activities at the 2022 IADR were presented. There were 23 accepted abstracts, 3 interactive talk sessions, 2 virtual ECR guided discussion sessions, 1 investigator award competition, and 2 symposia (Chewing Over Bruxism; Brief DC/TMD: Axis I, Axis II, and Implementation in General Dentistry).

7. INfORM 2023 Planning

The upcoming IADR General Session is scheduled to be held in Bogotá, Colombia, on June 21-24th, 2023. INfORM members were called to volunteer for Scientific Program Chair, abstract reviewers, symposia/workshop organizers, and INfORM reception organizers. Interested members were encouraged to contact INfORM leadership for more information.

8. Any Other Business

Birgitta Häggman Henrikson thanked all INfORM members for their contributions, and in particular, the volunteers in the 2022 IADR General Session (Scientific Program Chair/Group Program Coordinator [buddy system]: Anna Lövgren and Michail Koutris; Abstract Reviewers: Julia Palmer, Roberto Rongo, and Don Nixdorf), as well as INfORM leaders stepping down (President: Michail Koutris, Governance/Nominations Committee Chair: Jean-Paul Goulet, Data Management Committee Chair: Corinne Visscher)

Michail Koutris thanked all attendees on behalf of the INfORM Executive Committee and adjourned the meeting with well wishes for the 2022 Session and hopes for an in-person meeting soon.