

**ANNUAL REPORT ENDED 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014**  
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**BASIC NEUROSCIENCE CHAPTER (BNC)**  
**MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE (MSN)**

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**1.0 Background**

This is an annual report that covers Basic Neuroscience Chapter activities from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The BNC committee members or office bearers for the duration of the report and future activities are:

**Advisor**

Professor Dr. K. Subramaniam

**EXCO Members**

***Chair*** - Dr. Cheah Pike See (UPM)

***Secretary*** - Dr. Muzaimi Mustapha (USM)

***Treasurer*** - Dr. Norshariza Nordin (UPM)

**Committee Members**

- Dr. Thilakavathy Karuppiah (UPM)

- Miss Hoo Mun Fun (UPM)

- Mr Tong Chih Kong (UPM)

**2.0 Election of BNC-MSN EXCO Members (2013-2015)**

Ahead of the 24<sup>th</sup> MSN Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Kuching, Sarawak, the BNC-MSN had conducted the Annual General Meeting for the Chapter at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM (12:45pm – 2:00pm) on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013, in which new EXCO Members had been elected in place of the BNC-MSN Protem Committee.

**3.0 Edu-Tourism to National Neuroscience Institute (NNI), Singapore & BNC-MSN NNI Education Grant**

Further to BNC-MSN Committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2013 on the matter, NNI had since agreed to the visit which is due to take place on 12-14 June 2014.

As a strategy to promote participation of MSN members, BNC-MSN Committee had submitted a working proposal and funding application to MSN Executive Committee on 5 Mac 2014 (**attachment 1**). The requested RM7500 was approved by the Executive Committee on 17 Mac 2014 and allowing travel grant for up to 15 MSN members (worth RM500 per member) which was opened as BNC-MSN NNI Education Grant online application, from 28 Mac 2014 (**attachment 2**). A total of 13 applications were received on the closing date, 27 April 2014.

#### **4.0 Members of BNC, MSN**

As updated on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014, the BNC-MSN consists of 87 members as followed (**attachment 3**):

a)	Life member of MSN + BNC member	: 47
b)	Associate member	: 39
c)	Ordinary member	: 1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>= 87</b>

#### **5.0 BNC-MSN Education Grant**

BNC-MSN had received allocation of RM 15,000 by MSN Executive Committee as funding for this education grant. On the closing date 15 October 2013 for the second round of application, 3 applications were received. Prior assessments by independent reviewers were obtained as required, and were later deliberated by BNC-MSN Committee members on 21 October 2013. All three applications were approved (international events – RM 1500; details of applications in **attachment 4**). Applicants were informed in writing; reviewers were given letter of appreciation, and a written notice to the MSN Council of the application outcomes.

On the closing date 15 April 2014, the first round of application in 2014, 2 applications were received and assessments made by independent reviewers, both for international events. Decision for these applications is due to be made on BNC-MSN Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

## **6.0 Event organized**

BNC-MSN had successfully co-organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neuroscience Seminar together with the Neuroscience Cluster UPM in conjunction with NeuroFair 2013. The seminar was held from 11-12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, UPM. Details of event are summarised here (**attachments 5-7**).

## **7.0 Future events**

BNC-MSN has successfully bid to jointly host the 7<sup>th</sup> FAONS Congress year 2017 in Malaysia with the Singapore Neuroscience Association (SNA). BNC Steering Committee for this event has been set up to involve Dr. Michael Ling King Hwa (UPM), Dr. Thilakavathy Karuppiah (UPM) and Dr. Muzaimi Mustapha (USM). They will meet SNA counterparts during Edu-Tourism NNI visit on 13 June 2014 for further deliberation.

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