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BASIC NEUROSCIENCE CHAPTER (BNC)
MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE(MSN)

1.0 Background

This is an annual report that covers Basic Neuroscience Chapter activities from 1st May 2014 until 15th May 2015. The BNC committee members or office bearers for the duration of the report and future activities are:

EXCO Members

Chair - Dr. Cheah Pike See (UPM)
Secretary - Assoc. Prof. Dr.Muzaimi Mustapha (USM)
Treasurer - Dr. Norshariza Nordin (UPM)

Committee Members

- Assoc. Prof. Dr.Thilakavathy Karuppiah (UPM)
- Miss Hoo Mun Fun (UPM)
- Mr Tong Chih Kong (UPM)

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

All EXCO Members for BNC-MSN was last elected at the Annual General Meeting for the Chapter at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM (12:45pm – 2:00pm) on 11th June 2013. Election of new Chapter EXCO members is due at the Annual General Meeting on 5th June 2015.

3.0 APSN 2016 & ISN-APSN Neuroscience School 2016

BNC-MSN Committee meeting on 5th Dec 2014 took note of the Chapter's successful bid to host the Asian-Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN) 2016, with support from the Malaysia Convention Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB). (**Attachment 1**)

Chair of BNC-MSN had been appointed to lead the Steering Committee for APSN 2016. During the meeting on 26th February 2015, the remaining members of the Committee were appointed and they are the life-long members of BNC-MSN from various institutions in the country who were deemed appropriate to make up the committee list. (**Attachment 2**)

BNC-MSN Committee had opted to run APSN 2016 as a conference organiser. The proposed allocation for the net profits where the provision of returns was agreed as 25% to APSN, 75% to BNC-MSN [25% of it will be channelled to MSN; 50% of it will be channelled to BNC-MSN]; if otherwise, APSN will bear 0% of the loss, and MSN will bear 100%.

BNC-MSN, through UPM Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, will host APSN-MSN Neuroscience School (Aug 22-26, 2016).

4.0 Members of BNC, MSN

As updated on 15th May 2015, the BNC-MSN consists of 110 members as followed (**attachment 3**):

a)	Life member of MSN + BNC member	: 47
b)	Associate member	: 50
c)	Ordinary member	: 13
	Total	= 110

5.0 BNC-MSN Education Grant & MSN 2015 Travel Grant

BNC-MSN had received allocation of RM 15,000 by MSN Executive Committee as funding for this education grant. As of 3rd Dec 2014, the allocation was used in full with one final approved application (international event – RM1300; details of application in **attachment 4**). Prior assessments by independent reviewers were obtained as required, and were deliberated by BNC-MSN Committee members on 5th Dec 2014. Applicant was informed in writing; reviewers were given letter of appreciation, and a written notice to the MSN Council of the application outcomes.

BNC-MSN Travel Grant for members to attend MSN 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting was opened online from 21st Jan – 28th Feb 2015. Upon the closing date, 9 applications were received and assessments made by BNC-

MSN Committee members. All 9 applications were approved for posters presentation at MSN 2015 (details in **attachment 4**).

6.0 Event organized

BNC-MSN had successfully co-organised the Brain Awareness Week (22-23 March, 2015) together with the Neuroscience Cluster UPM. Details of event are summarised (**attachment 5**).

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Basic Neuroscience Chapter, MSN

Approved by,



(DR.CHEAH PIKE SEE)
Chair
Basic Neuroscience Chapter, MSN

Date : 18th May 2015

Attachment 1

SUPPORT LETTER

Malaysia Convention

& Exhibition Bureau (BETAM)

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Date: 22 July 2014

Ref: MyCEB/SA/02(317)

Dear Prof. Dr. Andrew,

THE 13th MEETING OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY (APSN) 2016 IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

On behalf of the government of Malaysia, we wish to support this bid for the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences (MSN), to host the 13th Meeting of the Asian-Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN) 2016 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Malaysia is a warm and friendly country that enjoys a sunny tropical climate all year long. It is strategically located in the South East Asia and is easily accessible from all corners of the globe. Delegates are also attracted by Malaysia's unique mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and other indigenous cultures as well as its variety of pre and post conference touring options including heritage sites, tropical rainforests and idyllic island resorts.

Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia is a modern metropolis with state-of-the-art convention facilities and offers international standard accommodation that suit to all budget levels. We hope the 13th Meeting of the Asian-Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN) 2016 will attract a large number of participants including neuroscience professionals, researchers and scholars from the Asia Pacific region which will ultimately encourage and provide greater opportunities for the neuroscience communities to gather to discuss on current issues, new ideas and development for the future industry.

We are confident that with Malaysia's vast experience and expertise in hosting international conferences, your prestigious event will meet its expected outcomes.

We look forward to discussing your requirements further and to the opportunity of welcoming the delegates of the 13th Meeting of the Asian-Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN) 2016.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

MALAYSIA CONVENTION & EXHIBITION BUREAU

ZULKEFLI HJ SHARIF
Chief Executive Officer



Attachment 2

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 13TH MEETING OF APSN 2016
ASIAN-PACIFIC SOCIETY FOR NEUROCHEMISTRY
26th Feb. 2015**

Local committee members for APSN 2016 were elected.

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Dr. Chau Deming
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Attachment 4

BNC-MSN Education Grants 2014 (BNC-EG-009/2014)

Awardee : Miss Nanthini a/p Jayabalan

Institute : Department of Neurosciences, School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Science Malaysia (USM).

Type of award : International event (RM 1300.00)

Event & venue : 3rd International Anatomical Sciences and Cell Biology Conference
(IASCBC) 2014, Tzu Chi University, Hualien, Taiwan

Mode : Poster presenter

BNC-MSN EDUCATION GRANTS FOR 2015 - 9 awardees

Type of award : Local event (RM 500.00)

Event & venue : 26TH Annual Scientific Meeting of Malaysian Society of Neurosciences,
5-7 June 2015, Ipoh Perak, Malaysia.

Mode : Poster presenter

Awardee 1 : Miss Angeline Leong Jia Wen

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 2: Mr Hadri Hadi bin Md Yusof

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 3: Miss Lim Chai Ling

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 4: Miss Melody Leong Pui Yee

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 5: Mr Lee Han Chung

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 6: Mr Shahidee Zainal Abidin

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 7: Dr. Zuraida Zainun

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 8: Miss Tan Kai Leng

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Awardee 9: Mr Usman Bala

Institute : Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Neuro Fair 2015
In conjunction with Global Brain Awareness Week

Activities

- Guided tour to Anatomy Museum
- Brain Science Video Screening
- Mind Challenge Competition
- Building the brain

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Time: 8.30 am to 3.00pm
Venue : Foyer, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences

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