**ISL Affiliates Meeting Minutes, Thursday May 18th, 2021, 1:00-2:00pm, via Zoom.**

**Attendees**: Dr. Neil Charness, Callie Kindelsperger, Bill Edmonds (absent on vacation), Pascal Jean-Pierre, Wally Boot, Alice Pomidor, Lynn Panton, Mark Isaac, Mike Duncan, Nick Gray, Damaris Aschwanden, Judy Delp, Julia Sheffler, Miles Taylor, Zhe He,

* ISL working on updating our social media page (Facebook) and shooting for a post daily. Please let Bill Edmonds know of any updates or projects or awards for our Facebook project.
* ISL still sending out FOA Announcements when they come in.
* Dr. Miles Taylor is the new Director of the Pepper Institute and is taking over for Anne Barrett in the Fall. We are pleased to have her fill the role & look forward to working with her.
* Dr. Charness recently named Distinguished Researching Professor at Florida State University’s 2021 Faculty Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 4-22-21. Charness, the William G. Chase Professor of Psychology and director of the Institute for Successful Longevity, received the honorary title of “Distinguished Research Professor” and a one-time award of $10,000. The designation recognizes and honors outstanding research, scholarly and creative activity among FSU faculty having national and international visibility and the rank of full professor.
* Dr. Aaron Wilber has been awarded a $2.2-million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study sleep-related brain function in Alzheimer’s disease, a progressive disorder that affects memory and behavior in millions of Americans. Wilber, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, will receive the grant, awarded through the NIH’s National Institute on Aging, over the course of the next five years. Wilber’s team — including research scientist Shawn Moseley and graduate students Sarah Danielle Benthem and Alina Stimmell, and co-senior investigator Benjamin Clark from the University of New Mexico — will assess the relationship between spatial learning and memory and the brain’s dynamics during sleep. Using mouse models, they will examine these dynamics within and across the hippocampus and parietal cortex, brain regions involved in spatial navigation learning and memory.
* The 2 award winners for this year’s ISL Planning Grant were Drs. Bradley Gordon & Jennifer Steiner. Both applications have received funding & we wish them the best of luck on their projects.
* ISL recently hosted an Age Director’s meeting for the 2021 GSA conference that took place on Thursday, Feb. 25th, from 2-3pm EST.
* Also recently hosted a GSA Interest Group meeting on April 2nd, headed by Patricia Heyn to discuss developing training for younger generations on gerontological issues & the topic of ‘taking over’ for the older gens.
* Upcoming ISL Fall 2021 Brown Bag Speakers (In-Person)
  + Damaris Aschwanden, Monday, September 20th, 12-1pm, PDB Room A211
  + Dr. Aaron Wilber, Monday October 4th, 12-1pm, PDB Room A204
  + IPE Journal Club, Monday November 8th, 12-1pm, location TBD
  + Dr. Amy Ai, Monday, December 6th, 12-1pm, PDB Room A211
* ISL’s Spring Speaker Dr. Bo Xie recently presented on Thursday May 13th at 3:30pm to a total of about 44 people, in Zoom. The link to her presentation will be made available soon once it’s been edited.
* ISL recently met with Dr. Eren Ozguven to discuss the potential for a possibly hybrid session for next year’s NSF Workshop and Transportation Day. Looking at April 7th and 8th for tentative dates. Planning sessions are underway, and we will know more details soon.
* Bylaws
  + Need to be thinking about bylaws for the institute using a template being developed for Institutes & Centers. We hope to get out a rough draft to you sometime before our next Affiliates meeting in July.
* ISL is hoping to start thinking about Student Poster Day possibly held next spring in person as a live event—start looking into reserving rooms for the event?
* City of Tallahassee Wellness & Retirement Conference was originally scheduled for this September, however, Brian with the City of Tallahassee is considering moving the event to next spring while COVID precautions are still in effect. ISL should know more details hopefully in the summer when a virtual Zoom session planning committee meeting is hosted.
* Dr. Charness presented a keynote presentation at virtual conference entitled "Technologies for Active and Independent Living in Old Age", online on February 10-11, 2021, in the framework of long-term (eng)aging! project. Czech Republic.
* March 25: Keynote address in William F. Forbes Lecture Series, University of Waterloo, Canada.
* CHI Workshop May 8-9th.
* APA Science advocacy virtual visits to congress offices yesterday.
* Talk to NEXT community group, Birmingham, MI, June 17.
* Capital Health Plan’s Savvy Seniors June 18.
* Human Factors Workshop (likely July 31st, but date not yet set in stone).
* CREATE workshop in Bordeaux, France, Sept. 23-24, 2021.