



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PHARMACOVIGILANCE

General Assembly 19 October 2005

EDSA Shangri-La, Manila, Philippines – 13.40-14.15

Present: Society President G Velo, and about 30 other members of the Society.

The President opened the General Assembly by welcoming members and requesting approval of the agenda, and approval of the Dublin GA minutes which were accepted by the General Assembly.

I/ Financial report

The Treasurer B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 30th September 2005 stood at 37,000 euros.

The treasurer described the financial situation for the coming year which showed a positive and healthy balance.

Wikke Walop (Canada) wondered about the amount of contributions from governmental agencies only (and not included as a separate item grouped under Academics).

The accounts were accepted by the Assembly.

II/ President's Report

Professor Velo outlined some of the activities that had occurred during the year:

- 5th Annual Meeting of ISoP Manila
- Successful course in Barcelona
- Changes of by-laws
- Honorary members
- Membership consolidated

He thanked Paula Marquez for the success of the training course in Barcelona, last February. Professor Velo, on behalf of the Executive Committee, proposed to the General Assembly the nomination of the following honorary members:

Professor Ron Mann
and
Professor Sir Mike Rawlins

The Assembly unanimously approved the proposal.

III/ Internationalisation and Affiliations

The President thanked the ISoP 2005 local organisers for their work to organise the successful first ever pharmacovigilance meeting in Asia.

After the change of statutes, Professor Velo confirmed that international organisations which have similar interests to the Society and wish to collaborate with the Society may become Affiliate Members to ISoP. An application should be made in writing to the President.

ISoP is affiliated to European Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT) and Professor Velo recalled the continuation of the networking with relationship with the WHO (approval to become NGO) and informed the Assembly about the membership application to IUPHAR Clinical Pharmacology division.

IV/ Partnerships and National Chapters

Organisation of common symposia and workshops with EACPT, ISPE and IUPHAR (CPT 2008) and joint session with the WHO during the next ISoP Annual Meeting in Liege, Belgium.

The President confirmed that ISoP members in one country have now the possibility to form groups to facilitate the organisation of meetings, training courses, or other activities related to the missions of ISoP. At least 10 members are needed to constitute a national chapter.

V/ Membership and Website

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration. The total membership is stable with 365 members in 43 countries around the world.

The President encouraged suggestions from the members for ISoP Star.

N Moore spoke about some improvements for the Society website isoponline, particularly the new server to host the site.

VI/ Elections to the ISoP Executive Committee for 2006

On proposal of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly in Manila has elected the 2006 Nominations Committee, as follows:

Professor Ralph Edwards, Chair
Dr Suzette Lazo
Dr Lynda Wilton

Professor Velo explained that the Executive Committee has decided that the Past President of the Executive Committee (not elected member) becomes President of the Nominations Committee.

Professor Velo explained also that the elections to the Executive Committee will take place next Spring. There will be 11 vacancies to be filled, and paid-up members with appropriate skills and experience who would like to put themselves forward as a candidate are invited to contact now directly the Nominating Committee (contact the ISoP Administration office with any queries administration@isoponline.org)

II/ The future

In the absence of Paula Marquez, who was not able to come to Manila and Chair of Education and Training programme (ETP), Brian Edwards reported to the Assembly the last updates about the project. A short ETP meeting was held on the 17 October. A questionnaire will be coming out requesting information about courses from the ISoP members/WHO/IUPHAR, J Beckmann will extend the content of the modules in the curriculum.

The President mentioned the next ISoP training course which will take place in Sevilla (Spain) on 2nd - 3rd February 2006. The subject of the course will be 'Assessment and Management of Drug Liver Toxicity & Copying with Audits and Inspections'.

He also mentioned the venue for the 2006 meeting, which will be held in Liege, Belgium from 11th – 13th October and recalled that the Local Organiser Xavier Kurz already gave a presentation of the city of Liege, and introduced some preliminary themes and social programme during the closing session of the Annual Meeting.

Bids for 2008 Annual Meeting, hopefully in South America, will be discussed in Sevilla during the next Executive Committee meeting in February.

The meeting closed at 14.15

Signature :

Date: 20 November 2005

Professor Giampaolo Velo, President