



## **General Assembly 23 October 2007**

**Bournemouth International Center, Tregonwell Hall, Bournemouth  
13.15-14.00**

Present: Society President N Moore, and about 50 other members of the Society.

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

### **I) President's Report**

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

- 7th Annual Meeting of ISoP Bournemouth
- Successful courses in Budapest
- New constitution
- 450 members
- Internationalisation
- Partnerships
- National Chapters
- Looking to the future: more courses, training programme, grants for young researchers, collaboration with ADIS and continued networking with scientific societies

After the launch of the ISoP Western Pacific chapter in Bournemouth, the President announced the official launch “kick-off” of the North American Chapter next year during the Annual Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### **II/ Internationalisation**

After the successful first ever pharmacovigilance meeting in Asia (ISoP 2005, Manila, Philippines), the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

ISoP is currently applying to become a member of CIOMS (Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences)

### **III/ Membership Services**



The President explained the creation of ISO P Secretariat Ltd (with a new address), an ISO P subsidiary which undertakes all ISO P administrative activities. He thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration.

He also thanked Rosie Stather, editor of ISO P's official journal 'Drug Safety', for her continued collaboration and encouraged members and all presenters at the Annual Meeting to submit their work in to 'Drug Safety'.

The President officially announced the launch of the new ISO P website. He also mentioned ISO P's plans to create a 'Members only' section of the website, which would include for example definitions of Pharmacovigilance (joint project with the journal Drug Safety) and a section about pharmacovigilance and related legislation and other official Regulatory documents.

The Society's membership fees will be frozen for next year.

## **IV/ Constitution**

The President summarized matters arising from the General Assembly held on the 30 August in Amsterdam, Netherland (as a quorum to approve the changes of the statutes was not achieved, the Assembly could not vote and it was decided to vote at the General Assembly to be held in Bournemouth in accordance with Article 15.2 of the Statutes). He then presented the amendment to Article 17 of the constitution regarding the liquidation of assets:

*"In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly shall designate one or more commissioners charged with the liquidation of the ISO P's assets. The net worth and assets of ISO P available shall be entirely attributed to an institution of public interest with similar objectives and entitled to a tax exemption. The net worth and assets of ISO P shall, in no case, be returned to the physical founding members or to any other member of ISO P, neither be used partially, entirely or in any other way for their own profit or for any other purpose".*

and asked if there were any questions or objections from the Assembly.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the change of Article 17 of the Statutes.

## **V) Honorary member**

Professor Moore, on behalf of the Executive Committee, proposed to the General Assembly the nomination of the following honorary member:

Professor Ralph Edwards

The Assembly unanimously approved the nomination.

Prof Edwards received his certificate and thanked the Assembly.

President thanked again all retiring Executive Members from the previous EC Board by distributing a certificate to each of them (present were J Beckmann, E Loupi, and R Meyboom) and Prof Daghfous and Dr van Puijenbroek respectively on behalf of Prof Belkahia and Dr van Grootheest.



He then thanked all the ISoP2007 team for their work in making this annual meeting a real success: S Shakir and his team from DSRU (R Walker, G Spragg, L Wilton, and V Marshall), and Z Corbett, J Cass from Hampton Medical and all the others.

President paid tribute to Beje E Wiholm, past President of ISPE and confirmed that an annual lecture in his name will be instituted and the first lecture will be in Buenos Aires during the 8th ISoP Annual Meeting.

## **VI/ Financial report**

Treasurer B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 30th September 2007 stood at -19,000 euros.

He explained that ISOP Secretariat Ltd was exploring the possibility of becoming a UK charity with 2 additional trustees who should be UK residents.

The treasurer described the general financial situation for this year, which showed the main expenditure for establishing ISoP as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Geneva (50,000 euros for the legal fees).

Although, the Society's expenses were higher this year (mainly due to legal fees) the budget for 2008 will allow 10 000 EUR for bursaries.

The treasurer spoke about a new development regarding ISoP collaboration with UK Bodies TOPRA/BARQA/PIPA on training initiatives for the UK and confirmed the creation of a team of volunteers to move forward with this important initiative.

The President asked if there were any questions from the Assembly and the accounts were accepted by the Assembly.

## **VII/ Training programme**

Chairperson of the Education and Training Programme and Vice-President K Hartigan-Go presented briefly the updates of the programme which included a curriculum in collaboration with J Beckmann and the UMC, and the possibility to set up e-learning training courses.

## **VIII/ The future**

The President mentioned the next ISoP training courses which will take place in Bangkok (Thailand) on 17 & 18 March 2008. (2 courses in parallel: Pharmacogenetics and drug safety/Basic concepts in pharmacovigilance).

Before introducing the ISoP 2008 local organisers, he mentioned the venue for the 2009 meeting, which will be held in Reims, France and bids for 2010 Annual Meeting will be decided in Bangkok during the next Executive Committee meeting in March.



R Herrera and L Alesso (Cordoba National University), the local organisers of ISoP 2008, presented the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting entitled 'Strategies for developing pharmacovigilance', which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Sheraton Retiro) from 5 to 8 October 2008.

More information will be soon available on the conference website [www.isop2008.org](http://www.isop2008.org)

The meeting closed at 14.00

Signature:

*Pr Nicholas Moore, President*

*Dr Corinne Pierfitte, Secretary-General*