



General Assembly 7th October 2009

Centre des Congrès, Reims (France) - Salle Clovis 13.45-14.30

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

Last year as President, N Moore opened the General Assembly by welcoming members and requesting approval of the agenda, and approval of the Buenos Aires GA minutes which were accepted by the General Assembly.

I) Elections 2009

Prof Moore addressed the result of the elections of the Executive Committee and Officers.

The results were announced:

Retiring members:

Joanne Barnes, Brian Edwards, Kenneth Hartigan-Go, John McEwen, Corinne Pierfitte, Thierry Trenque, Giampaolo Velo

Welcome to:

Luis Alesso, Elliot Brown, Ulrich Hagemann, Mira Harrison-Woolrych, Hervé Le Louet, Yola Moride, Ugo Moretti

Re-elected:

Alexander Dodoo, Marie Lindquist, Deirdre McCarthy, Eugene van Puijenbroek

Past President: Nicholas Moore

Professor Moore thanked all serving out-going members of the Executive Committee Board by distributing a certificate to each of them.

He thanked the 2009 Nominations committee and then welcomed the new elected officers and executive committee as follows:

Alexander Dodoo, President

Marie Lindquist, Vice-President

Deirdre McCarthy, Treasurer

Eugène van Puijenbroek, Secretary-General

Mira Harrison-Woolrych, Vice-Treasurer/Secretary-General

and

Luis Alesso, Elliot Brown, Ulrich Hagemann, Hervé Le Louet, Yola Moride*, Ugo Moretti, Nicholas Moore (who became Past President)

* Yola Moride sent her apologies



II) President's Report

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

- 9th Annual Meeting of ISoP Reims
- Successful courses in Verona, including one workshop on Ecopharmacovigilance
- Stable finances
- Globalisation
- National Chapters (Welcome Switzerland and Welcome South America!)
- Looking to the future: more courses, training programme, grants for young researchers, collaboration with Drug Safety journal, networking with scientific societies and Ecopharmacovigilance

III/ Globalisation

After the successful training courses in Verona, the 9th Annual meeting in Reims, the 10th Annual meeting will be held in Accra, Ghana (3rd-6th November 2010) and the 11th Annual Meeting will be in Istanbul, Turkey (October 2011).

N Moore warmly welcomed Jan-Willem van der Velden, coordinator of the Swiss chapter and the creation of the Latin American chapter of ISoP coordinated by Luis Alesso, and confirmed the following chapters: Italy, Western Pacific, Mexico, Switzerland and Latin America. Many others chapters are in development and N Moore invited members to contact ISoP Administration, if they would like to start a chapter in their country.

ISoP is part of the ENCEPP Advisory Group at EMEA.

IV/ Membership Services

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration with 360 members from 49 countries for the year 2009.

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

He explained that members can have a cheaper Drug Safety subscription online.

N Moore mentioned ISoP's plans to create a 'Members only' section of the website isoonline.org (on-going) and confirmed the creation of the section "history of pharmacovigilance".

The Society's membership fees should be frozen for next year but this would be confirmed by the new Executive Committee. N Moore wondered about the need to have separate membership fees between Industry and regulators/Academics.



V/ Constitution

President N Moore summarized the change of articles of the constitution due to the change of registered address in Switzerland (see Minutes EGA Stockholm 27th April 2009).

According to the statutes, the statutes can be changed only on the proposal of the Executive Committee and at least half plus one of the voting members of the Society must be present at the General Assembly. This took place on 27th March in Verona where a quorum was not reached, so another General Assembly was convened in Stockholm on the 27th April (during ISPE meeting). On this occasion the assembly was valid whatever the number of members present.

The assembled members voted unanimously in favor of the proposed change of statutes (Art 1.2 & Art 1.5):

Article 1.2. "The registered address of ISoP shall be in Geneva, Switzerland."

Article 1.5. "The Executive Committee shall decide upon the administrative address and registered address of ISoP."

and

By-Law- Article 1.5. "All members are informed as necessary of any change in the administrative address or the registered address of ISoP".

VI) Honorary members

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

Dominique Salliere-Virolleaud (who was not attending the meeting) and Giampaolo Velo

The Assembly unanimously approved the nominations.

Giampaolo Velo received his certificate and warmly thanked the Assembly.

President then thanked the ISoP 2009 organizers for their work in making this annual meeting a great success: Thierry Trenque and his team.

President paid tribute to Beje E Wiholm, past President of ISPE and reminded that an annual lecture in his name was instituted at each Annual Meeting, and the second lecture by Professor Bernard Begaud was in Reims during the 9th ISoP Annual Meeting (Friday 08 October at 12.45). At this occasion, Mrs Clairly Wiholm received a commemorative plaque, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

VII/ Financial report

For his last year as treasurer, B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 30th September 2009 stood at 12.000 euros. Treasurer confirmed:



- Annual Meeting in Buenos Aires gave a good return;
- 3 bursaries for the training courses in Verona; 6 bursaries for Reims and increase bursaries budget to 15.000 euros
- ISoP Secretariat Ltd now fully functional with 2 Directors (B Edwards and D McCarthy) and a trustee (G Bowring); have all the necessary management policies in place. Sophie Spence now part time employee with full employment rights and pension scheme. Still exploring possibility to register as charity in the UK.

N Moore asked if there were any questions from the Assembly and the accounts were accepted by the Assembly.

VIII/ Training programme (ETP)

N Moore reported to the Assembly the last updates about the programmes:

Basic pharmacovigilance 1, 2, 3 day-courses

Advanced pharmacovigilance: risk management 1 or 2 day-courses

Adhoc: ecopharmacovigilance, pharmacogenetics, immunopharmacovigilance

Regarding the curriculum headed by J Beckmann (14 chapters), a draft will be finalized at the end of the year. The project of e-learning, engaging ETP members as mentors was still on going and an international certification in PV proposed as well.

H Le Louet will succeed K Hartigan-Go as the new leader of the programme. It has also been decided that D McCarthy will be the co-leader and K Hartigan-Go will join them as consultant.

IX/ The future

N Moore mentioned the next ISoP training courses which will take place in Hong Kong and Serbia, mid year 2010 and before introducing the ISoP 2010 local organiser (to present the 10th Annual Meeting at the closing session), he mentioned the venue for the 2011 meeting, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, and invited bids for 2012 Annual Meeting will be decided in Hong Kong during the next Executive Committee meeting in March.

The meeting closed at 14.30

Signature:

Nicholas Moore, President

Corinne Pierfitte, Secretary-General