



General Assembly

8 October 2004, Conrad Hotel, Dublin, Ireland – 15.40-16.30

Present: Society President G Velo, and 50 other members of the Society.

The President opened the General Assembly by welcoming members and requesting approval of the agenda, which was accepted by the General Assembly.

I/ President's Report

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

- 4th Annual Meeting of ISoP Dublin
- Successful course in Berlin
- Improved management, better finances
- Membership consolidated
- ISoP brochure
- Internationalisation
- Training programme
- Collaboration with Adis

'Drug Safety' becomes the official society journal from January 2005

II/ Financial report

The Treasurer B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 3rd September 2004 stood at 28,000 euros. The treasurer described the financial situation for the coming year which showed a positive balance but stressed that the results would also depend on the outcome of the Dublin.

The accounts were accepted by the Assembly.

B Edwards presented the new membership fees for 2005 as follows:

Full Membership:

Industry: 170 euros; Academics, Universities, Regulators: 120 euros

Student/Emerging countries: 55 euros

Full membership with subscription 'Drug Safety':

Industry: 265 euros; Academics, Universities, Regulators: 215 euros

The Assembly accepted the new membership fees.

III/ Affiliations

Professor Velo explained that ISoP is affiliated to European Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT) and confirmed the continuation of the networking with relationship with the WHO and informed about the plan of a membership to IUPHAR Clinical Pharmacology division.

IV/ Membership

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration.

The President encouraged suggestions from the members for ISoP Star. The total membership is stable with 350 members in 43 countries around the world.

V/ Results of Elections to the ISoP Executive Committee

Before addressing the election result, Prof Velo explained that this year no election has been conducted because only five candidatures were received. The results were then announced:

Retiring members:

Iain Cockburn, Ralph Edwards, Michel Ollagnier, Rachida Soulaymani

Welcome to:

Amer Alghabban, Ken Hartigan-Go, Corinne Pierfitte, Rudolph Schosser and Giampaolo Velo

Continuing Executive members:

Jürgen Beckmann, Chalbi Belkahia, Brian Edwards, Kees van Grootheest, Elisabeth Loupi, Paula Marquez, Ron Meyboom, Nicholas Moore, Ana Maria Corrêa-Nunes, Thierry Trenque

Past President: Ralph Edwards

Founding President: René-Jean Royer

Professor Velo thanked three serving out-going members of the Executive Committee, Rachida Soulaymani, Iain Cockburn, and Michel Ollagnier. He thanked Lynda Wilton for her work as Nominations Officer.

VI/ Statutes

Prof Nicholas Moore summarized matters arising from the extraordinary General Assembly held on the 24 August in Bordeaux (the agenda consisted solely of the approval of the change of Statutes ; as a quorum was not achieved, the Assembly was closed without a vote being taken). During the General Assembly in Bordeaux, one comment on the changes of statutes was received from K van Grootheest who did not agree with the suggested change to article 13.2 (1 day instead of 1 month notice to convene another General Assembly to approve a change of statutes) ; it was then decided to come back to the initial Article 13.2

He presented the modified statutes (i.e. affiliate members, reduced Executive Committee Members, and election to the Executive Committee every 3 years – starting in 2006) and then asked if there were any questions from the Assembly.

No vote has been taken because the General Assembly unanimously approved the changes of the Statutes.

VII/ The future

Training coordinator Paula Marquez presented the 2 days seminar which will take place in Barcelona on 10 & 11 February 2005. The subject of the course will be 'New Challenges in Clinical Safety, Pharmacovigilance and Vaccine Vigilance'

In continuing its move towards full internationalisation, the venue for the 2005 meeting would be held in Manila, Philippines from 17th-19th October. Local Organiser Dr Kenneth Hartigan-Go gave a presentation of the country and city of Manila, and introduced some preliminary themes and social programme.

The following bids had been received for the 2006 Annual Meeting: UK (Bournemouth) and Belgium (Liege).

VIII/ Discussion from Assembly

For more transparency, Sevgi Öksüz (Turkey) wondered about the possibility to post on the ISoP website the minutes of the EC meetings which could be protected by a password, as suggested by Priya Bahri (EMEA).

N Moore agreed in principle for a summary but explained possible legal implications. This should be checked with the EC members.

The meeting closed at 16.30

Signature :

Date: 15 November 2004

Professor Giampaolo Velo, President