



## **General Assembly**

**12 October 2006**

**Palais des Congres, Liege, Belgium – 17.30-18.15**

Present: Society President G Velo, and about 40 other members of the Society.

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

### **I/ Elections 2006**

Prof Velo addressed the result of the elections to the Executive Committee and Officers.

The results were announced:

Retiring members:

Amer Alghabban, Chalbi Belkahia, Jürgen Beckmann, Ralph Edwards, Elisabeth Loupi, Ron Meyboom, Paula Marquez, Ana Maria Corrêa-Nunes, Kees van Grootheest, Rudolf Schosser

Welcome to:

Joanne Barnes, Alex Dodoo, Marie Lindquist, Deirdre McCarthy, John McEwen, Eugene van Puijenbroek

Re-elected:

Brian Edwards, Ken Hartigan-Go, Nicholas Moore, Corinne Pierfitte, Thierry Trenque

Past President: Giampaolo Velo

Professor Velo thanked all serving out-going members of the Executive Committee and the 2006 Nominations committee. He then welcomed the new elected officers and executive committee as follows:

Nicholas Moore, President

Ken Hartigan-Go, Vice-President

Brian Edwards, Treasurer

Corinne Pierfitte, Secretary-General

Deirdre McCarthy, Vice-Treasurer/Secretary-General

and

Joanne Barnes, Alex Dodoo, Marie Lindquist, John McEwen, Eugene van Puijenbroek, Thierry Trenque and G Velo (who became Past President)

### **II) President's Report**

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

- 6th Annual Meeting of ISO P Liege
- Successful course in Seville
- Change of constitution

- Better finance
- Internationalisation
- National Chapters
- Looking to the future: more courses, training programme, grants for young researchers, collaboration with ADIS and continued networking with scientific societies

He thanked Rosie Stather for her precious collaboration.

### **III/ Internationalisation and Affiliations**

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 affiliated to European Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT) and is an associate member of IUPHAR. Professor Velo recalled the continuation of the networking with relationship with the WHO (approval to become NGO).

### **IV/ Partnerships and National Chapters**

N Moore explained the collaboration with scientific societies (partnerships) and particularly with ISPE to have joint session on every ISPE meetings (Lisbon in August 2006 and Quebec in July 2007).

There will be organisation of common symposia and workshops with EACPT, and IUPHAR (CPT 2008).

The Treasurer, B Edwards confirmed that a document about National Chapters was almost ready. ISoP members in one country have 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.

B Edwards invited members to contact ISoP Administration, if they would like to start a chapter in their country (one chapter is already created in Italy and some are in development, such as Germany).

### **V/ Membership**

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

The total membership is stable with 310 members.

The President encouraged suggestions from the members for the newsletter ISoP Star.

### **VI) Financial report**

The Treasurer B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 30th September 2006 stood at 16,000 euros.

The treasurer described the financial situation for the coming year, which showed an additional expense for the new constitution of the society which was budgeted at 30,000 euros for the legal fees. The administration fees have also been increased for the possible change of the Sophie Spence status as employee of the society.

Christopher Anton (UK) pointed out a small confusion in the table – section Expenses (ISoP budget 2007) between GBP and Euros. Priya Barhi (UK) wondered about the deficit balance between incomes and expenses. B Edwards reassured that the society can afford this deficit.

The accounts were accepted by the Assembly.

B Edwards presented the new membership fees for 2007 as follow:

Full Membership:

Industry: 190 euros

Academics, Universities, Regulators: 130 euros

Student/Retired/Emerging countries: 55 euros

Full membership with subscription 'Drug Safety', 2007 edition:

Industry: 290 euros

Academics, Universities, Regulators: 230 euros

Emerging countries, 90 euros (electronic only)

The Assembly accepted the new membership fees.

## VII/ New Constitution

N Moore presented the changes of the statutes with the goal to register ISoP as a charity, which is a more appropriate status for an international society, particularly to obtain donations and grants.

The changes can be summarised as follows:

- Art 2: ISoP pursues exclusively charitable and public purpose objectives;
- Art 9.4, the Executive Committee as a whole (rather than the President) who are responsible for legally representing ISoP and for conducting its affairs.
- Art 11.2 relating to use of financial assets.
- Art 12, the inspectors of accounts (i.e. an auditor) will examine accounts and set(financial) controls
- New Art 13, providing for signatories of papers on ISoP's behalf.
- New article 14 which restricts financial liability to the assets of ISoP and expressly excludes personal liability.
- Art 17, sentence added to provide for an alternative means of distributing ISoP's assets on liquidation (should there be no other societies sharing ISoP's objectives).
- Any future amendment to the statutes would require the tax administration in Geneva to be notified.

As a quorum to approve the changes of the statutes was not achieved, the Assembly could not vote. It was decided to convene an extraordinary General Assembly to be held before Christmas.

## VIII) Honorary members

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

Professor Michel Ollagnier

and

Professor Rene-Jean Royer

The Assembly unanimously approved the nominations.

Prof Ollagnier and Prof Royer received their certificate and thanked the Assembly. Prof Royer thanked N Moore, M Ollagnier, R Edwards, R Mann and also C Belkahia. He congratulated all local organisers of Annual Meetings for their work.

## **IX/ The future**

G Velo mentioned the next ISoP training course which will take place in Budapest (Hungary) on 22 & 23 March 2007. The subject of the course will be 'Immunopharmacology and drug safety'.

He also mentioned the venue for the 2007 meeting, which will be held in Bournemouth, UK and recalled that the Local Organiser Saad Shakir already gave a presentation of the city of Bournemouth, and introduced some preliminary themes and social programme during the opening session of the Annual Meeting.

Bids for 2009 Annual Meeting will be decided in Budapest during the next Executive Committee meeting in March.

R Herrera (Cordoba National University), the local organiser of ISoP 2008, presented the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2008.

The meeting closed at 18.15

Signature :

Date: 13 November 2006

*Professor Giampaolo Velo, President*