



General Assembly 07 October 2008

Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center, 12.45-13.15

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 Bournemouth GA minutes which were accepted by the General Assembly.

I) President's Report

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

- 8th Annual Meeting of ISoP Buenos Aires
- Courses in Bangkok
- Stable finances
- Globalisation
- National Chapters (Welcome Mexico!)
- Looking to the future: more courses, training programme, grants for young researchers, collaboration with Drug Safety journal and continued networking with scientific societies

II/ Globalisation

After the successful training courses in Bangkok in partnership with Thai/FDA and PReMA last March, the 8th Annual meeting in Buenos Aires, the 9th Annual meeting will be held in Reims, France (October 2009) and the 10th Annual Meeting will be in Ghana (October 2010).

President N Moore warmly welcomed Everardo Vazquez, President of the Mexican Pharmacovigilance Association, and the creation of the Mexican chapter of ISoP confirming the following chapters: Italy, Western Pacific and Mexico. Many others chapters are in development.

ISoP is currently member of CIOMS (Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences)

III/ Membership Services

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration with 479 members from 55 countries.



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 also thanked the important number of members who responded to the Drug Safety survey.

President explained that members can have a cheaper Drug Safety subscription online. Also there will be free access to some developing countries thanks to a WHO initiative 'Hinari' and for those who are not eligible they may have the reduced rate from ISoP.

President mentioned ISoP's plans to create a 'Members only' section of the website, which would include for example a section about pharmacovigilance and related legislation and other official Regulatory documents (on-going).

The Society's membership fees will be frozen for next year. President wondered about the need to have separate membership fees between Industry and regulators/Academics.

IV/ Elections to Executive Committee 2009

On proposal of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly has elected the 2009 Nominations Committee, as follows:

Professor Giampaolo Velo, Chair
Mrs Rosie Stather
Dr Lynda Wilton

N Moore reminded that the Past President of the Executive Committee (not elected member) becomes President of the Nominations Committee *ex officio*.

N Moore explained also that the elections to the Executive Committee will take place next Spring. There will be 11 vacancies that need to be filled. Paid-up members with appropriate skills and experience who would like to put themselves forward as a candidate are invited to contact directly the Nominating Committee by 15 February 2009 (contact the Nominating Committee at gpvelo@sfm.univr.it with any queries)

As mail ballot, President confirmed that the vote will be done on-line.

V) Honorary members

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

Joan-Ramon Laporte and David Coulter (who was not attending the meeting)



The Assembly unanimously approved the nominations.

Joan-Ramon Laporte received his certificate and warmly thanked the Assembly.

President then thanked the ISoP2008 organizers for their work in making this annual meeting a great success: Raquel Herrera and Luis Alesso and their team.

President paid tribute to Beje E Wiholm, past President of ISPE and confirmed that an annual lecture in his name was instituted and the first lecture by Professor Ralph Edwards was in Buenos Aires during the 8th ISoP Annual Meeting (Wednesday 08 October at 16.00).

VI/ Financial report

Treasurer B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 30th September 2008 stood at 26,000 euros. Treasurer confirmed:

- Annual Meeting in Bournemouth gave a good return;
- 4 bursaries for the training courses in Bangkok; 4 bursaries for Buenos Aires (but only 3 confirmed)
- Still exploring possibility to register tax free in Switzerland (application for tax exempt status)
- 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

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

VII/ Training programme

In the absence of K Hartigan-Go, Chair of Education and Training programme (ETP), B Edwards reported to the Assembly the last updates about the project in collaboration with the UMC.

A ETP meeting was held on the 06 October where J Beckmann presented a detailed proposal of nine modules of practical training each of which contained a section on materials or tools to be provided to potential participants in a PV course based on the curriculum and a section on tasks to be carried out by the course participants.

A way of delivering the training would be the e-learning programme.

VIII/ The future

President mentioned the next ISoP training courses which will take place in Verona (Italy) and before introducing the ISoP 2009 local organiser, he mentioned the venue for the 2010 meeting, which will



be held in Ghana, and invited bids for 2011 Annual Meeting will be decided in Verona during the next Executive Committee meeting in March.

T Trenque , Director of Pharmacovigilance Regional Centre, the local organiser of ISoP 2009, presented the 9th Annual Meeting, which will be held in Reims, France (Palais des Congres) from 6 to 9 October 2009. The president of the Scientific Committee is M Lindquist from the UMC.

More information about programme, abstracts, and registration will be soon available on the conference website www.isop2009.org (from December 2008).

The meeting closed at 13.15

Signature:

Nicholas Moore, President

Corinne Pierfitte, Secretary-General