



General Assembly 5th November 2010

La Palm Beach Hotel, Accra (Ghana) – Aday Kesie 13.00-13.45

Present: Society President A Dodoo, and about 60 other members of the Society and delegates.

A Dodoo opened the General Assembly by welcoming members and requesting approval of the agenda, and approval of the Reims minutes (posted on the ISoP website isoponline.org) which were accepted by the General Assembly.

I) President's Report

A Dodoo outlined some of the activities that had occurred during the year:

- 10th Annual Meeting of ISoP Accra and 10th Anniversary of ISoP
- New Executive Committee
- Very successful courses in Belgrade
- Stable finances
- National Chapters (Welcome Africa!)

II/ Financial report

D McCarthy presented an overview of the current Society finances. The balance on 30th September 2010 stood at 28.000 euros. Treasurer confirmed:

- Annual Meeting in Reims and training courses in Belgrade gave a good return;
- 3 bursaries for the training courses in Belgrade; 5 bursaries for Accra & 10 fee waivers for local participants Accra
- Dedicated conference website is active
- ISoP Secretariat Ltd now fully functional with 2 Directors (B Edwards and D McCarthy). Sophie Spence now full time employee with full employment rights and pension scheme.
- ISoP Registered in Geneva and on our way to becoming a charity registered in Switzerland

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

III/ Membership Services

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration with 450 members from 57 countries for the year 2010.



He also thanked Rosie Stather, editor of ISoP's official journal 'Drug Safety', for her continued collaboration.

A Dodoo mentioned ISoP's plans to create an ISoP Page on LinkedIn 'Members only' section of the website isoponline.org (on-going).

The Society's membership fees are frozen next year but A Dodoo explained the need to change the fees structure, for consultation to members. The Assembly approved the membership fees for 2011.

IV) Honorary members

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

Mary Couper, Andrew Herxheimer, and Chalbi Belkahlia (who was not attending the meeting)

The Assembly unanimously approved the nominations.

Mary Couper, Andrew Herxheimer and Raja Benkirane on behalf of Chalbi Belkahlia received their certificates and warmly thanked the Assembly.

V/ Globalisation

After the successful training courses in Belgrade, the 10th Annual meeting in Accra, the 11th Annual meeting will be held in Istanbul, Turkey (26-28 October 2012). Training courses are being developed in Asia and Belarus.

A Dodoo warmly welcomed the creation of the African chapter of ISoP coordinated by Rachida Soulaymani, and confirmed the following chapters: Italy, Western Pacific, Mexico, Switzerland, Latin America, and Africa. Many others chapters are in development and A Dodoo 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 EMA.

President A Dodoo and the Secretary General of CIOMS, G Sjölin-Forsberg announced an annual lecture to be sponsored by CIOMS at the ISoP Annual Meetings. This collaboration brings ISoP (member of CIOMS) and CIOMS closer together and the first lecture would be delivered during the ISoP 2011 meeting in Istanbul.

VI/ The future

A Dodoo mentioned the next ISoP training courses which should take place in Belarus next May, and before introducing U Hagemann, chair of the Scientific Committee (and the Local organizer to



present the 11th Annual Meeting at the closing session), he mentioned the venue for the 2012 meeting, which should be held in Cancun, Mexico, and invited bids for 2013 Annual Meeting which will be decided in March 2011.

U Hagemann presented the structure and organisation of the 11th ISoP Annual Meeting, 26-28 October 2011 with the creation of the Scientific Committee, and some proposed topics as: General pharmacovigilance issues, e.g. ethics, risk perception, medication errors, off-label use, Pharmacology and pharmacovigilance: surrogate parameters, gender aspects, monoclonals, pharmacogenomics, Epidemiology and statistics: Signal detection, post authorisation studies, registers, vaccines, Special patient groups: children, elderly, compassionate use, and pre conference courses etc

Finally President thanked the ISoP 2010 organizers for their work in making this annual meeting a success: Mimi Delese Darko and her team. A Dodoo and Executive Committee gave to Sophie Spence a long service award (10 years) with a contribution of £500.

The meeting closed at 13.45

Signature:

Alexander Dodoo, President

Eugene van Puijenbroek, Secretary-General