

General Assembly 01 November 2012

JW Marriott Resort & Spa, Cancun (Mexico)

Tulum D&E - 13.45-14.30

<u>Present</u>: Society President A Dodoo, and about 150 members of the Society and delegates ISoP 2012.

In his last GA as President, A Dodoo opened the General Assembly by welcoming members and requesting approval of the agenda, as well as approval of the Istanbul GA minutes which were accepted by the General Assembly. The Istanbul GA minutes had been posted on the ISoP website for several months prior to the GA so members had hopefully had the chance to read and digest it.

I) President's Report

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

- 12th Annual Meeting of ISoP in Cancun
- Successful spring courses in Berlin
- First ever ISoP EC Strategy Meeting
- Membership questionnaire
- Stable finances
- > 500 members
- National chapters (Welcome South Eastern European Chapter!)
- Executive Committee election

II) Elections 2012

Prof Dodoo addressed the results of the elections of the Executive Committee and Officers conducted by the Nominations Committee headed by Nicholas Moore (Chair of the Nominations Committee and Past President).

The results were announced:

Retiring members:

Elliot Brown, Mira Harrison-Woolrych, Marie Lindquist, Deirdre McCarthy, Eugene van Puijenbroek, Ugo Moretti

Welcome to:

Andrew Bate, Ian Boyd, Brian Edwards, Kenneth Hartigan-Go, Gunilla Sjolin-Forsberg, Marco Tuccori, Ian C K Wong

Re-elected:

Luis Alesso, Ulrich Hagemann, Hervé Le Louet, Yola Moride

Past President: Alexander Dodoo



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

He thanked the 2012 nominations committee and then welcomed the new elected officers and executive committee as follows:

Hervé Le Louet, President Yola Moride, Vice-President Brian Edwards, Treasurer Ulrich Hagemann, Secretary-General Ian C K Wong*, Vice-Treasurer/Secretary-General and

Luis Alesso, Andrew Bate, Ian Boyd, Kenneth Hartigan-Go*, Gunilla Sjolin-Forsberg, Marco Tuccori

and

Alexander Dodoo (who became Past President)

* Kenneth Hartigan-Go and Ian C K Wong were not present at ISoP 2012 or the GA but sent their apologies

III/ Globalisation

After the successful training courses in Berlin, the 12th Annual meeting in Cancun, Mexico, with 3 joint sessions (CIOMS, FIP, ISPE), the 13th Annual Meeting will be held in Pisa, Italy (1-4 October 2013). The venue for the 14th Annual Meeting has not been confirmed. Training courses are being developed in Asia.

A Dodoo warmly welcomed Katarina Ilic, coordinator of the South Eastern European chapter (SEEC). Many other chapters are in development and A Dodoo invited members to contact ISoP Administration, if they would like to start a chapter in their country.

IV/ Membership services

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration with ISoP now having more than 500 members from 61 countries for the year 2012. He thanked her for the excellent support she gives to the ISoP EC and the entire membership of ISoP.

He also thanked Nitin Joshi, new editor of ISoP's official journal 'Drug Safety', for his collaboration as well as Helen Roberton who just stepped down as Editor of the journal. He expressed gratitude to the publishers of Drug Safety for their long-term support for ISoP.



A Dodoo invited members and EC members to participate actively in the new LinkedIn ISoP Group/ 'Members only' section of the website isoponline.org

The Society's membership fees are frozen for 2013.

V) Honorary members

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

Lynda Wilton (who was not attending the meeting) and Ronald Meyboom.

The Assembly unanimously approved the nominations.

Ronald Meyboom received his certificate and warmly thanked the General Assembly.

President Dodoo then thanked the ISoP 2012 organizers for their work in making this Annual Meeting a great success: Everardo Vazquez and his team.

VI/ Financial report

For her last year as treasurer, D McCarthy presented an overview of the current Society's finances prepared by the accountants in Geneva. The balance on 30th September 2012 stood at – 11,628 EUR.

Treasurer described the general financial situation for this year, which showed a loss mainly due to the no return of the ISoP 2011 Istanbul float and explained the need to get more income from other sources apart from subscriptions, and in view of the losses, the amount of funds set aside for bursaries would be reduced from 10,000 Euros to 5,000 Euros.

A Dodoo asked if there were any questions from the General Assembly. There were no questions and the accounts were accepted by the General Assembly.

VII/ Training programme (ETP)

With more advanced training courses on the agenda, A Dodoo mentioned the next ISoP training courses which will take place in Singapore next spring (March 2013).

A Bate will succeed H Le Louet as the new leader of the ETP programme.

VIII/ Strategic development plan and planning for the future



A Dodoo and M Lindquist reported that EC members and the 3 past presidents of ISoP met in Berlin during the Spring Course in June 2012 for a Strategic Meeting to define the wider ISoP strategy, and propose a view of the future direction for ISoP and to hand over to the next EC members.

M. Lindquist led the production of a document 'ISoP strategic development plan' based on the informal record of the Strategic Meeting and this document will be available to ISoP members on the website.

Following the ISoP Strategic Meeting, a survey among ISoP members taking into account the regional needs was conducted in September 2012. The survey, kindly edited by E van Puijenbroek, was sent to all ISoP members and focused on:

- The relevance for future strategy of our society's objectives as mentioned in the statutes
- Topics to be presented at the future meetings and courses of ISoP. The topics were divided into
 - o Regulation and legal requirements
 - o Clinical pharmacology
 - o Signals

The meeting closed at 14.30

- o Risk management
- o Communication and education
- o Special meeting topics
- Special topics and comments and other thoughts that could be added as free text.

E van Puijenbroek pointed out the rather low response from membership and from comments, and therefore it was not always clear if responses to the questionnaire were a view on future strategy (goal) or a reflection on current policy.

Full report of this survey will be available for download at ISoP website (members area).

A Dodoo briefly introduced the next Local Organising Committee to present the 13th Annual Meeting at the closing session and invited bids for 2014 and 2015 Annual Meetings.

Signature:	Date:	
Alexander Dodoo, President		Eugene van Puijenbroek, Secretary-General