

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY
of
INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

Annual General Meeting

Chairman: Peter Clayton

Held on Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 14.00 at the ICIEM Meeting in Barcelona

The SSIEM Council and seventy-five members attended.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from two members.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Birmingham)

Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Birmingham, UK on Wednesday 5th September 2012 were received and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising not covered on the Agenda.

4 Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer's Report for 2012-2013 had been circulated in advance with Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the Statement of the Financial Activities of the Society. The Treasurer reported that there was a modest increase in subscription income as membership increased by 55 and an increase in the royalties received from the Publishers. Expenditure increased due to an increase in administrative and governance costs associated with the Symposium being held in Birmingham, travel scholarship support and Journal expenditure due to the increase in the page budget. The net affect, inclusive of a small surplus from the Birmingham Symposium resulted in a small increase in the accumulated fund by €54,186 to €872,899. The Treasurer recommended that the subscriptions should not be increased for 2014 and, as a consequence, had proposed a deficit budget, subject to a cost neutral outcome for the ICIEM Symposium in Barcelona.

There followed a brief discussion on how to make the subscription fee equitable for members coming from over 70 different countries whose salaries varied so greatly. It was suggested that Council might consider grouping countries according to the World Bank Classification of Countries and adjust the subscriptions accordingly. The Chairman agreed that Council should review this and other similar suggestions.

5 Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary's Report had been circulated with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Honorary Secretary sadly had to report the death of four senior members of the Society during 2012-2013; Syb Wadman, Ed Wraith, Selma Snyderman and Leonard Sinclair.

The 2012 Symposium in Birmingham was attended by more than 1500 delegates. The reintroduction of the sponsored meetings during the programme was received with mixed views by the delegates. Council has agreed to limit the meetings in number and duration and to ensure that they do not clash with other events during the week. With over 880 abstracts submitted to the ICIEM meeting, attended by more than 2500 delegates, the abstract selection committee, chaired by Peter Clayton had considered ways of grouping the abstracts according to the reviewers' scores to facilitate delegates in locating the highly ranked posters in a dense programme which provides little dedicated time for poster viewing. It was clear that this requires further thought. It was suggested from the floor that the abstracts might be made available on line approximately 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

The Secretary concluded by acknowledging the support of all those who give of their time to enable the Society to fulfil its aims and objectives, particularly those working in the SSIEM Office and on the website.

6 JIMD Report

The Journals Report had been circulated with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. Johannes Zschocke (JZ), Editor in Chief, reported that the Impact Factor for 2012 was now 4.07 having increased from 1.57 over the past eight years and that the number of submitted articles continued to increase. JIMD Reports continued to develop and was now accessible through PubMed Central; it becomes freely available 12 months after publication. He expected the on-line journal to be awarded an Impact factor in 2015.

JZ stated that Council, on the recommendation of the Editorial Board had abandoned the idea of publishing a third journal "JIMD Adult", an on-line open access journal. Following consultation it was agreed that there was ample opportunity to publish articles of interest to physicians managing adult patients with IEMs within the two existing journals. He also stated that the editorial team had no plans to publish the JIMD on-line only, even though this might reduce publishing costs.

7 ETAC Report

The Education and Training Advisory Committee (ETAC) Report was presented by Vassili Valayannopoulos (chairman). Feedback from the SSIEM Academy Meeting, held in Lyon in April was very positive. The Course was over subscribed. It was agreed to continue with the present format, the course now being in the middle of the second cycle. The next Academy Course will be held in Paris on the 1st/2nd April 2014, registration opening during November. Again there will be a nominal charge of €60.00. From the floor, it was pointed out that the SSIEM course differed from the NAMA course in that the participants on the former comprised of clinicians and scientists already in specialist training whereas the later accepted clinicians with little background knowledge in the speciality. The courses were therefore complementary.

ETAC had again received no formal requests to assess training centres on behalf of the European Academy of Paediatrics. Professor Jean-Marie Saudubray had stepped down as senior advisor to ETAC and had been replaced by Professor John Walter.

8 SSIEM – Special Interest Groups

It was noted that Frederic Sedel had stepped down as Chairman of the SSIEM-Adult Metabolic Physicians Group and has been replaced by Robin Lachmann; Carla Hollak had been nominated

to represent the Group on Council when required. The Chairman thanked Frederic Sedel for his support in establishing the Group.

9 Website Report

Not discussed due to time.

10 Future SSIEM Symposia

The Honorary Secretary reported that expressions of interest to host the SSIEM Symposium in 2018 will be sought during 2014. The Society has approved the following venues:

- SSIEM Annual Symposium, Innsbruck, Austria, 2014
- SSIEM Annual Symposium, Lyon, France 2015
- SSIEM Annual Symposium, Rome, Italy 2016
- ICIEM International Symposium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2017

11 IOC Report

The Chairman thanked the outgoing IOC Chairman Cornelis Jakobs and the local organising committee for organising a most successful ICIEM meeting on behalf of the joint partners. Council would elect another representative, along with Peter Clayton, to represent the Society on the IOC in due course.

The Chairman again confirmed that the SSIEM was fully committed to support the next ICIEM meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 2017. However, Council has yet to make a definitive decision for 2021. It was noted that just 250 SSIEM members attended the ICIEM meeting in San Diego. One proposal was to hold a smaller meeting in September in association with ERNDIM in the year of an ICIEM meeting for the benefit of the membership, many of whom are unable to travel outside greater Europe. Council will continue to seek the views of the membership

12 Council Officers/Election of Council Members

There was one vacancy on Council, following the retirement of Viktor Kozich after completing two terms. Professor Ivo Baric from Zagreb had been nominated and was duly deemed to be elected. Council will be seeking nominations for the position of Honorary Secretary during the coming year.

13 Corresponding Members

The Council and Corresponding Members meeting was held on the previous day; there were no substantive items to be brought forward to the AGM.

14 Election of Auditors

Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP, Birmingham was proposed for re-election as auditors to the SSIEM by the Chairman and seconded by Johannes Zschocke. This was carried unanimously by the members.

15 Any other Business

There was no other business.

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