

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY
of
INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

Annual General Meeting

Chairman: Gajja Salomons

Held at the The Windsor Convention & ExpoCentre at 1pm in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
on Wednesday 6th September 2017

The list of SSIEM members, including SSIEM Council members who attended is available from the Administrators at the Registered Office.

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Rome)

Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Rome, Italy on 7th September 2016 were received and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2 Matters arising from the previous meeting: There were none.

3 Honorary Treasurer's Report (Anny Brown)

The Honorary Treasurer's Report for 2016 had been circulated in advance with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the Statement of the Financial Activities of the Society.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Society's accumulative reserve stood at €2,277,743 on the 31st December 2016 a small increase due to the very successful Rome symposium and the continued success of the Societies journals. Membership of the Society had grown even after the implementation of the new two-tier subscription rates.

The Society in 2017 would need to make changes to its contracts so that they are covered under the law of the United Kingdom. The Society's Council will discuss this further.

Developments in progress to be funded from reserves:

- ERNDIM development and support
- ETAC and NAMA support & collaboration
- Support for Vademecum app
- Financial support available for Parent organisations and support groups will be available twice a year
- MetabERN granted €30,000 in 2016
- JIMD contract is being renegotiated
- SSIEM Council wish to explore innovative initiatives to support i.e. scholarships to attend National meetings.

Budget: SSIEM Membership for 2016 still had approximately 16% unpaid, but still had members representing 76 countries.

The acceptance of the SSIEM Accounts were proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Prof Peter Clayton and carried by a show of hands unanimously by the members.

The Treasurer concluded by mentioning the tremendous support of the Administrative Office led by Nic Law whose contribution is invaluable for the officers. The Honorary Treasurer's report was adopted by the attending members.

4 Honorary Secretary's Report (Manuel Schiff)

The Honorary Secretary's report had been circulated with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Secretary highlighted the ongoing and future collaborative projects with the newly created metabERN lead by Maurizio Scarpa.

5 JIMD Report (Eva Morava)

The Journals report was presented by Eva Morava (EM), Editor-in-Chief, and had been circulated with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. The number of submissions was steady in 2016 at 473 and for 2017 it is estimated to be 477. The JIMD is being extensively read.

Themed issues are in preparation.

Growing Impact Factor (IF) to 3.970 (2016).

Ranking of JIMD as 38 of 138 titles in Endocrinology and Metabolism (52/128 last year); 43/166 titles in genetics and hereditary (55/167 last year); 25/128 in medicine research and experimental (first year).

There is a major concern regarding the JIMD Report. Still JIMD Report does not have an IF. There will be a discussion with SSIEM members: questions will be sent to see what's more important for members? Full Open Access just to share our papers or a second journal with potentially IF (but low).

Good news: negotiation with Springer: an improved financial offer (in process).

Social media interactions for JIMD readers will be encouraged.

The Archibald Garrod Award, with a prize of €1,500 for the best clinical series paper of the JIMD in the last year. The 2017 prize has been awarded to Dr. Terry Derks for the paper "*Glycogen storage disease type III: diagnosis, genotype, management, clinical course and outcome*".

6 ETAC (Education, Training & Advisory Committee) Report (Andrew Morris)

The ETAC Report was presented by Andrew Morris (AM) (Chairman of ETAC) and had been circulated with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. Courses were again very well attended by both clinicians and biochemists. The 2017 course took place in Lyon. The next SSIEM Academy will be on 21-23 April 2018 in London Heathrow. AM is talking with Nadia Belmatoug (metabERN) to promote joint education initiatives between SSIEM and metabERN. This could start with E-learning on UCDs and hyperNH3.

7 MetabERN: Details discussed in previous agenda items.

8 SSIEM – Special Interest Groups

Lesley Robertson representing the SSIEM Dietitians Group stated that the group had a good meeting at ICIEM congress and that the group representing 59 different countries. The Dietitians Group is looking for two new members. The group also introduced a Webinar which was quite successful and received good feedback. American dietitians will link.

Fanny Mochel representing the adult group reported that there was a very good meeting on the opening day of the ICIEM congress. The recently published book on adult IEMs is well distributed with positive feedback. A themed issue of JIMD on adult IEMs is almost ready. There is a project for a dedicated European course for adults. It was announced at last year meeting, that Robin Lachmann would be stepping down and would be replaced by Carla Hollak unfortunately this has not happened as neither Carla nor Robin could attend the ICIEM congress.

9 Future SSIEM Symposia

The 2020 meeting will be in Freiburg.

The ICIEM in 2021 will be hosted by the Australian Society in Sydney.

The call for a bid for SSIEM 2022 will be launched in January of 2018.

10 IOC Report

IOC is composed of 2 SSIEM members, 2 SIMD members, 2 Australasian Society members and subgroups. At this meeting, Roberto Giuliani gives the chair to Kaustuv Bhattacharya (Sidney) and Gajja Salomons will take the position of secretary from Janis Fletcher.

11 Council Officers/Election of Council Members

The Chairman announced that Ute Spiekerkotter was stepping down. Advisory council and council were asked to suggest names to replace her taking into account gender, specialty, country etc. Dulce Quelhas (Porto, PT) was therefore proposed by Gajja Salomons and was seconded by Andrew Morris.

12 Election of Auditors

Anny Brown asked approval of the members to appoint Auditors Buzzacott LLP, which was proposed by Peter Clayton and seconded by Lesley Robertson and carried by a show of hands unanimously by the members.

13 Any other business: There was none.

The Chair called the AGM to a close at 13.50 h.

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