

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY
of
INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

Annual General Meeting

Chairman: Peter Clayton

Held on Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 12.30 at the SSIEM Meeting in Birmingham

The SSIEM Council and seventy-two members attended.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from three members.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Geneva)

Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Geneva, Switzerland on Wednesday 31st September 2011 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 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 the outcome for 2011 was supported by the very successful SSIEM Symposium in Geneva. While this revenue was not guaranteed on an annual basis he anticipated that there would be a small budget deficit for 2012 due to increased administration costs and an increase in the SSIEM Travel Scholarship fund to €22,000. Therefore, he proposed a small increase in the membership fee to €130 with no change in the membership fee for those under 35 years of age or for retired members. This was approved by the show of hands. The Honorary Treasurer's report was adopted. The Chairman noted that this was Dr Jim Bonham's final Reports. He recorded that Dr Bonham took over the position as Treasurer at short notice and had made a significant contribution to the running of the Society during the past four years, particularly relating to the new administrative arrangements of the Society.

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 reported that a number of changes had been introduced to the Symposium by the Local Organising Committee and supported by Council.

These included the re-introduction of the satellite sponsored meetings. The new ABPI guidelines had necessitated a number of changes to the social events, particularly the Thursday afternoon excursions. Council recognised the importance of networking and therefore agreed to support these for its members but non-members were now required to register and pay for the excursions separately. He also stated that Council had agreed to appoint Ralph Kerschbaumer as Corporate Liaison Officer in order to establish a more permanent relationship with corporate partners and parent /patient groups. Ralph has extensive experience in conference, exhibition and event management. The Honorary Secretary's report was adopted.

6 JIMD Report

The JIMD Report had been circulated with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. Johannes Zschocke (JZ), Editor in Chief, reported that the Impact Factor for 2011 was 3.6. The total number of submissions had continued to increase and was now in excess of 400, 25% published in JIMD and 33% in JIMD Reports. He confirmed that the two Journals were working well. He acknowledged that Council had agreed to provide additional secretarial support to the Managing Editor to copy with the increasing workload. There had been agreement with Springer to increase the Page Budget to 1020 pages; this had resulted in a 20% increase in cost. The Editorial Board had agreed to be more strict on the length of published articles.

Professor Zschocke raised the issue of publishing a third journal "JIMD Adult" having become aware of plans of another publisher's intention to print a journal catering for adult IEMs. The proposal was to publish an open access, author pay journal with an independent editorial team linked to the JIMD through the Editor in Chief. It was the general view of members that those working with adult IEM were well served by the Journal but the profile within the adult IEM speciality could be improved with specific relevant reviews and an annual issue relating to adult IEMs. It was considered too early to consider a further journal.

There were no proposals to change the editorial team for 2012. The Chairman again thanked the Editors, Communicating editors and Dr Verena Peters, the Managing Editor for their contribution in making the Journals such a continued success.

7 ETAC Report

The Education and Training Advisory Committee (ETAC) Report was presented jointly by Vassili Valayannopoulos (chairman) and Andrew Morris (secretary). Andrew Morris began by stating that the Academy Course was a joint venture between the SSIEM and ERNDIM. It was now in its 5th year, having completed the first 4 year cycle. The next course was due to take place in Manchester in early October, with places still available on the clinicians' course. In 2013, the Academy Course was scheduled to take place in Lyon on the 16th and 17th April. He stated that ETAC had no immediate plans to change the overall syllabus but they might consider tailoring a course for Adult clinicians if approached by the SSIEM-Adult Group.

Vassili Valayannopoulos stated that ETAC had received no recent formal requests to assess training centres on behalf of the European Academy of Paediatrics. He confirmed that Professor Jean-Marie Saudubray would be stepping down as senior advisor to ETAC following the Manchester Course.

8 SSIEM – Adult Metabolic Group

Not discussed due to time.

9 SSIEM – Dietitians' Group

Not discussed due to time.

10 Website Report

Not discussed due to time.

11 Future SSIEM Symposia

The Honorary Secretary reported that Council had received two expression of interest to host the SSIEM Annual Symposium in 2016. Following presentations by Professor Ans van der Ploeg on behalf of Rotterdam and Dr Carlo Dionisi-Vici on behalf of Rome at the Council and Corresponding members meeting, they recommended Rome as the venue for the 2016 Annual Symposium following a secret ballot. This decision was endorsed by the members.

The Society had approved the following venues:

- ICIEM International Symposium, Barcelona, Spain 2013
- 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

Council will seek expressions of interest to host the 2016 Annual Symposium during the coming year.

13 IOC Report

The Chairman stated that the scientific programme for the 2013 ICIEM Symposium to be held in Barcelona, Spain was nearly complete and all other arrangements for the meeting were well advanced.

14 Council Officers/Election of Council Members

The Chairman announced that Dr Jim Bonham would be stepping down as Honorary Treasurer following the meeting and that Ms Anny Browne had agreed to take over this position. Ms Browne had been co-opted onto Council for the past year and had successfully shadowed Jim Bonham.

15 Corresponding Members

The Council and Corresponding Members meeting was held on the previous day - 16 Corresponding Members attended. The members endorsed Rome as the location for the 2016 SSIEM Symposium.

16 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 by the members.

17 Any other Business

None.

Signed:

Date:

