

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY**  
*of*  
**INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM**

**Annual General Meeting**

Chair: Gajja Salomons

Minutes: Manuel Schiff, Honorary Secretary

Held at 19:00 G.M.T. on Thursday 3rd December 2020 online

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr Anne Green, Dr Grace Poon, Dr Bianca van Maldegem, Dr Bruce Barshop and Dr David Rosenblatt

A 30 seconds silence was observed in memoriam of those SSIEM Members and associated individuals who passed away in 2019-2020. A visual presentation of some of those individuals was displayed.

**1 Minutes of the previous meeting (Rotterdam)**

Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands on 4th September 2019 were received and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Honorary Secretary.

**2 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

There were none.

**3 Honorary Treasurer's Report (Philippa Mills)**

The Honorary Treasurer's Report for 2019 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 the income for 2019 of 2.6 million euros with expenditure of 2.3 million euros giving the Society a net surplus of 348,865 euros.

The unrestricted fund stood at 2.768 million euros as of 31st December 2019 which is very encouraging.

The acceptance of the accounts were proposed by the Chair and seconded by Helen Michelakakis.

The SSIEM investments are 400,000 sterling government bonds and a ethically managed fund of 500,000 euros.

The SSIEM continues to support ERNDIM and ETAC.

The Society has a Travel scholarship and SSIEM membership support fund available which we would appreciate being disseminated via the membership.

The SSIEM has developed new initiatives in 2019. Patient group support fund, support to attend conferences – travel bursary; new website; guideline developments; and in 2020 there was a very successful academy in India and support for the case database.

Membership Standard and Subsidised High Income fees increased for 2020 by ten euros which was agreed at the 2019 AGM. Membership fees will not change for 2021 but will be reviewed for future years.

The effect of COVID-19 caused the postponement of the SSIEM Symposium in Freiburg at a loss of 159,339 euros. However, it has been agreed to move this Symposium to 2022. The 2020 Virtual Symposium could give a surplus of 80,000 euros. The deposit paid for the 2020 ETAC meeting has been carried forward to a future academy. With the postponement of the ICIEM conference until November 2021 this will unfortunately mean that the SSIEM will need to hold an AGM in August or early September.

It is anticipated that the overall deficit for 2020 is expected to be approximately 372,000 euros.

The SSIEM is setting up its own administration team, moving from the ACB. The SSIEM administration team will start from 1st January 2021 comprising of Nic Law (0.8 FTE) and Caroline Hankinson (0.6 FTE).

On behalf of Council, the Honorary Treasurer proposed that SSIEM use Buzzacott LLP as auditors and authorize the SSIEM Directors to determine their remuneration for 2020 which was seconded by Anny Brown.

A big thank you to Nic, Cheryl, Caroline, the Admin Team in the SSIEM Office and a special thank you to Anny Brown, (former SSIEM Honorary Treasurer), for her terrific and valuable contributions.

#### **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 Honorary Secretary reported that nominations for the election of two Council Members had been received. The Council would like to thank the outgoing Council Members Prof Katrin Ounap & Dr Antonia Ribes for their invaluable contributions to the Council. Nominations had been received for the two available positions and the SSIEM Council would like to propose the following two individuals for the available council positions. Dr Ángeles García Cazorla from Spain and Dr Risto J Lapatto from Finland. The nominations were proposed by the SSIEM Council and seconded by Eva Morava.

#### **5 Council to tender for the Societies Auditors/Accountants**

The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the SSIEM tender for the Societies Auditors for 2021. This was seconded by the Chair.

#### **6 JIMD and JIMD Reports (Eva Morava)**

The Journal's report was presented by Eva Morava, Editor-in-Chief, and had been circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Amazing papers were sent in 2019. Stable in terms of number of submissions and there are about 500 submissions in 2020. The Impact Factor slightly decreased from 4.287 to 4.036 but was still above 4. This was due to the bumper issue that was published with more than 60 papers in the same issue in the last issue of the year. These papers had a year-less time to be cited.

New developments: virtual issues with other journals: Neuropathology and applied neurobiology; JIMD and Journal of Internal Medicine IEM in adults planned for 2021.

Podcast/Social media editor: James Nurse: 12 Podcasts. High Twitter activity

Educational aspects: project with Terry Derks: in progress.

New category: drug developments: news from the FDA.

Views from inside section: Shamima Rahman.

JIMD reports: still does not have an IF: due to the fact that this is a book series. Good citations and amazing downloads.

The Editor-in-Chief would like to congratulate and thank the whole editorial team including James Nurse, the new social media editor.

## **7 ETAC (Education, Training & Advisory Committee) Report (Johannes Häberle)**

The ETAC Report was presented by Johannes Häberle, Chairman of ETAC, and had been circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

SSIEM Academy in India (January 2020), coordinated by Andrew Morris: very successful and not very expensive.

SSIEM Academy was cancelled in 2020 and the 2021 academy would also be cancelled but there will be a virtual mini academy in 2021 for approximately 100 participants over two days with 6 lectures and 5 parallel workshops.

ETAC is also active in the accreditation process for metabolic training sites with 2 places – Gottingen and Hanover – to have been visited but these have had to be postponed to 2021.

## **8 Future SSIEM Symposia**

Freiburg 2022 - need to wait for a couple more months for clearer situation.

Jerusalem 2023 - is progressing.

Porto 2024 - reservation of the venue.

ICIEM 2021 – The conference has now been moved to November and will now be a hybrid meeting. It is not so clear on how the event will function. Kaustuv Bhattacharya from the organising committee has confirmed it will run from Sunday to Tuesday in November for approximately 500 people, mainly from Australia, New Zealand and surrounding countries. For the rest of the world it would be a virtual meeting. Unfortunately the original venue, the Opera House, has been cancelled.

## **9 SSIEM – Special Interest Group, Adult Metabolic Physicians Working Group (Fanny Mochel)**

Training program for adults: Sandra Sirrs and Annalisa Sechi.

SSIEM adult course Paris 2019 was a very successful course but unfortunately the 2020 course has been cancelled.

SSIEM Paris course for adults in 2021 will be a pre-recording online course on biochemical and clinical knowledge over 2 days. The course will be in October 2021 with applications to start March-April 2021.

## **10 SSIEM – Special Interest Group, Dietitian Group (Julio Rocha)**

Lesley Robertson Chair (retiring), and Corrie Timmer, Secretary, for 6 years, have stepped down from their positions. Following SSIEM policy in February 2020, applications were invited for these positions. We received 6 responses but unfortunately, due to Covid-19, there was a delay

in the voting procedure. In July 2020 only 3 of the 6 candidates were interested in continuing to be elected which made it possible to fill all the roles on the committee. More recently, a colleague declined to continue, so that at this moment the SSIEM-DG committee is composed by the following, some of them with new roles according to a new structure: Júlio César Rocha (Chair) from Portugal, Charlotte Ellerton (Business Secretary) from UK, Alice Dianin (Education coordinating role) from Italy, Carolyn Dunlop (Website Manager) from UK, Anne Daly from UK, Helle Vestergaard from Denmark, Marjorie Dixon from UK, and Valentina Rahelić from Croatia.

**The Chair called the AGM to a close at 20.05 h GMT.**

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