

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY
of
INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

Annual General Meeting

Chair: Gajja Salomons

Minutes: Manuel Schiff, Honorary Secretary

Held virtually at 16:00 GMT on Friday 10th September 2021

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Lut de Baere, Dr Ann Bowron, Dr Janice Fletcher, Dr Daniel Gomes, Prof Christian J Hendriksz, Prof Viktor Kožich, Mr Matar Al-Maney, Dr Julie Saba.

1 Minutes of the previous meeting (virtual, 3 December 2020)

Minutes of the previous meeting, held virtually on 3rd December 2020 were received and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Anny Brown and seconded by the Helen Michelakakis.

2 Matters arising from the previous meeting

There were none.

3 Nominations of Directors/Trustees

Two excellent bids were received by Council for the new Editor-in-Chief of JIMD and the bid from the existing team was deemed more appropriate and therefore nominated.

Shamima Rahman was proposed as Senior Editor-in-Chief and a Director/Trustee of the Society as of 1st January 2022 by Helen Michelakakis. Shamima will sit on the Council as an ex-officio Council member. Matthias Baumgartner will be Editor-in-Chief, but will not sit on Council. Shamima will be Senior Editor-in-Chief for the first three years and Matthias for the subsequent term if the bid is renewed. Grant Mitchell seconded the proposal.

4 Honorary Treasurer's Report (Philippa Mills)

The Honorary Treasurer's Report for 2020 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 2020 of 705,128 euros with expenditure of 795,559 euros after unrealised investment gains the Society has a net deficit of 34,476 euros.

The unrestricted fund stood at 2,734 million euros as of 31st December 2020 which is very encouraging.

The SSIEM investments in sterling government bonds (400,000 GBP Pounds sterling) have been transferred to the ethically managed fund of 699,364 GBP to total 1.1 million GBP. This is a long-term strategy to future-proof the society and provide funds to support and develop the aims of the SSIEM. From September to December 2020 the portfolio return was 7.5% (with a benchmark of 1.5%).

The SSIEM continues to support ERNDIM, ETAC and the case database.

The Society has travel scholarships, the membership support fund, the patient group support fund and the guidelines development fund which we would appreciate being disseminated via the membership.

The SSIEM has developed new initiatives in 2020. SSIEM has had the first Dieticians Educational Meeting and Adult Working Group Educational Meeting. The new website continues to be expanded and updated.

Membership Standard and Subsidised High Income fees remained the same for 2021 which was agreed at the 2020 AGM. Membership fees will not be changed for 2022 but will be reviewed for future years.

COVID-19 has again affected many activities and finances. However, early decisions have saved some funds. While the postponement of the Freiburg Symposium has incurred a loss of €144,336, the Virtual Meeting brought an income of €108,729. SSIEM invited sponsorship for the Members Handbook for the first time in 2021, bringing in additional income. SSIEM has been able to carry forward the deposit for the ETAC meeting to now be held in 2022.

Postponement of ICIEM until November 2021.

The projected deficit for 2021 is €585,512, although it is anticipated to be substantially less at about €150,000.

The SSIEM has set up its own administration team as of 1st January 2021 comprising of Nic Law (0.8 FTE) and Caroline Hankinson (0.6 FTE, increasing to 0.8 FTE).

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Jerry Vockley.

The Treasurer paid a very big thank you to Nic and Caroline in the SSIEM Office, Ralph and Tobias at S12!, the ETAC office, and also to Anny Brown.

5 Council to tender for the Societies Auditors/Accountants for 2022 Audit

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 2021 which was seconded by Anny Brown.

6 JIMD Report (Verena Peters on behalf of Eva Morava, EiC)

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

This year the JIMD Impact Factor has increased to 4.982 (4.036 in 2020) and JIMD is ranked in the top 30% of its peers.

119 articles were printed in JIMD and 75 articles were published in the open access journal "JIMD Reports". Submissions have come from 48 countries, with the majority for JIMD from the USA, China, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and United Kingdom, and the majority for

JIMD Reports from the USA, Canada, UK and Australia. The number of submissions during COVID-19 has been huge, but the number of articles that went under review has not changed significantly.

Themed issues in the last 12 months have been a great success.

New developments: A congress issue is planned for articles coming from the 14th International Congress of Inborn Errors of Metabolism (ICIEM) in November 2021; A themed issue on “Barth Syndrome”, has been prepared; A collaboration between JIMD and the Journal of Internal Medicine, has compiled a special, free access, online collection of 14 articles on “Inherited Metabolic Disorders in Adults” sourced from both journals.

The Editor-in-Chief would like to congratulate and thank the whole editorial team

7 ETAC 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 was cancelled in 2021, but a virtual mini academy for approximately 100 participants over two days with 3 lectures and 5 parallel workshops with 8 cases took place in April. Feedback was very positive.

The next SSIEM Academy is planned for April 2022 as a face-to-face meeting for 80 trainees (40 clinicians & 40 laboratory scientists) over 2 days with lectures, workshops and case presentations by trainees.

ETAC is also active in the accreditation process for metabolic training sites with 2 places – Göttingen and Hanover – to be visited in November 2021.

8 Future SSIEM Symposia

Freiburg 2022 - is progressing.

Jerusalem 2023 - is progressing.

Porto 2024 - reservation of the venue.

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

Adult international SSIEM course 2021 – held virtually over 2 days in September. It included 21 short lectures, totalling 8 hours of teaching time.

Adult Virtual Symposium to be held on 17 September 2021

Competencies for specialists in adult metabolic medicine – conceptualized and developed by the SSIEM Adult Metabolic Physicians Group and collated into a guidelines document.

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

Regulations for the Dietitians Group have been approved by Council.

Two members of the Dietitians Group are stepping down. An email will be circulated to search for future recruitments.

The Dietitians Group’s first educational event took place in June 2021 (PKU): with more than 50 applications and only 30 selected. It consisted of a series of meetings designed to improve the skills of less experienced colleagues. It was a successful meeting which attracted 7 new members. The next course will be in January 2022 and will focus on Maple Syrup Urine Disease.

The Dietitians Group will have a dedicated session during the 2021 SSIEM virtual meeting and will have collaborations at the ICIEM 2021 Conference.

The SSIEM Dietitians Group is arranging it's first research meeting which will be taking place virtually in March 2022.

The Dietitians Group hope to circulate Newsletters to the members of the group.

11 AOB (Gajja Salomons)

Next year (Sep 2022) Gajja Salomons will leave her position as Chair of SSIEM. Manuel Schiff was nominated as the next Chair and Helen Michelakakis was nominated as the next Secretary.

The Chair called the AGM to a close at 16.30 GMT.

Signed:

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