

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

**Annual General Meeting**

Chair: Gajja Salomons

Minutes: Manuel Schiff, Honorary Secretary

Held in Freiburg Messe, Freiburg, Germany at 13:30 local time on Wednesday 31 August 2022

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

- 1 Apologies for absence had been received from:** Matthias Baumgartner and Ann Brown.  
The SSIEM would like to recognise all those members and individuals involved with IEM that had passed including Prof Dr Claude Bachmann and Prof Anthony Luder.
- 2 Minutes of previous meeting (virtual, 10 September 2021)**  
Minutes of the previous meeting held virtually on 10 September 2021 were received and signed by the Chair as a true record. Proposer by Gajja Salomons and seconded by Fanny Mochel.
- 3 Matters arising from the previous meeting**  
There were none.
- 4 Election of Honorary Officers and Directors/Trustees**  
Two Council members are stepping down as of today: the Chair Gajja Salomons and Fanny Mochel. We have received excellent nominations for replacement Council members, two of whom have been selected, based on experience and diversity within the Council. The nominees are Prof Dr Ina Knerr (Dublin) and Dr Stephanie Grünewald (London) to become Directors/Trustees of the Society. Proposed by Dulce Quelhas and seconded by Eva Morava.  
Previously announced at the 2021 AGM held virtually on 10 September 2021 and now confirmed at this AGM, the Council has invited Manuel Schiff to succeed Gajja Salomons as the Honorary Chair and Helen Michelakakis to succeed Manuel Schiff as the Honorary Secretary.
- 5 Honorary Treasurer's Report (Philippa Mills)**  
The Honorary Treasurer's Report for 2021 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 unrestricted fund increased by €79,466 to stand at €2,813,947 as at 31 December 2021.

The SSIEM investments in the ethically managed fund of 1,184,930 GBP as at 31 December 2021 returned 2.4% over September 2021 to December 2021, however the benchmark was 3.6%. The Financial sub-committee of Council oversees the Society's investments and the long-term strategy to future proof the Society and provide fund to support and develop the aims of the Charity.

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

The Society had given nine awards under the Parent/Carers Societies/Support Group Fund, two SSIEM Travel Scholarships and supported four individuals with membership. Two awards for Guideline development together with organising the SSIEM Adult and Dietitians courses. The total invested for SSIEM initiatives in 2021 of €66,670, compared to 2020 of €21,320.

Membership Standard and Subsidised High Income as identified by the World Bank List of Economies; fees remained the same for 2021. There will be no increase in membership fees for 2023.

Previously the Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine, London provided administration services for the SSIEM (until 31 December 2020) thereafter the SSIEM created its Administration Team. The Treasurer paid a very big thank you to Nic Law and Caroline Hankinson after the first full year of the SSIEM's virtual office, Ralph and Tobias at Studio12 and the ETAC Administrators.

## **6 Council to tender for the Society's Auditors/Accountants**

On behalf of Council, the Honorary Treasurer proposed that SSIEM use Buzzacott LLP as auditors and authorise the SSIEM Directors to determine their remuneration for 2021 which was seconded by Shamima Rahman.

## **7 JIMD report (Shamima Rahman, Senior EiC)**

The JIMD Report for 2022 had been circulated in advance with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

This year's JIMD Impact Factor has decreased to 4.750 from 4.982 in 2020. The five-year Impact Factor is 4.9.

New for 2022: 5 editorial associates have been appointed, Nicola Brunetti-Pierri, Patrick Forny, Kaustuv Bhattacharya, Karolina Stepien and Jirair Bedoyan, to rotate every three months commencing in September 2022 ending November 2023.

James Nurse the social media editor continues to actively promote the JIMD and the JIMD Podcasts.

Gajja Salomons announced that in order to reduce the SSIEM's carbon footprint, and to come into line with most other Wiley journals, we will be adopting a paper-less option as of 1 January 2024. The SSIEM has been behind and we will be aligning ourselves with the rest of the world.

## **8 ETAC Report (Johannes Häberle)**

The SSIEM Education and Training Advisory Committee needs to recruit new faculty members as Henk Blom and Simon Heales are stepping down.

The SSIEM ETAC academy for 2022 was held in Amsterdam with 80 participants (40 clinicians and 40 laboratory scientists) over two days. The feedback from the attendees was that the academy was very successful. The 2023 SSIEM ETAC academy will be held in Manchester.

Certificates for training centres in PMM (Paediatric Metabolic Medicine): European Academy of Paediatrics certification were awarded to Gottingen and Hanover in 2021. Certification for Dusseldorf is being processed in 2022.

The Clinical IEM Syllabus has been updated by Risto Lapatto and Johannes Häberle. An adult metabolic medicine syllabus could be proposed in the future and will be discussed between Johannes Häberle and Fanny Mochel.

**9 Future SSIEM symposia**

Jerusalem 2023 is progressing.

Porto 2024

ICIEM Kyoto 2025

The Honorary Secretary has invited bids for the 2026 SSIEM symposium from the Council and Advisory Council members. The bid proposal should be sent back to Administration Office no later than 24 November 2022. Final voting and subsequent decision will occur virtually in early 2023.

**10A SSEIM Special Interest Group – Adult Metabolic Physicians Working Group (Fanny Mochel)**

The Tuesday morning session for adults is divided in general themes and selected abstracts. There is no longer a need for a parallel session.

The training course for adult metabolic medicine is being organised for 2023.

The Adult group will be looking for new applicants for the secretary position.

**10B SSIEM Special Interest Group – Dietitians Group (Julio Rocha)**

SSIEM Dietitians Group committee is comprised of nine people all of whom are actively involved within the committee with set roles.

SSIEM Dietitians Group will be collaborating with ICIEM for their 2025 congress.

A series of educational training meetings to improve the skills of less experienced colleagues has and are being arranged. The first very successful educational event was held in June 2021 and was on PKU. SSIEM Dietitians Group virtual educational event Maple Syrup Urine Disease had: 38 applications for 30 places over two days in January 2022. The Dietitians Group virtual research meeting was organised in March 2022 and was very well represented. All the 2022 events were very successful. The next scheduled event will be in November 2022 on MMA.

**11 Any Other Business (Gajja Salomons)**

Anita Inwood asked the question if the society should have additional special interest groups i.e., nurses or other healthcare providers. This will be discussed by the Council at their next meeting.

**The Chair called the AGM to a close at 14.30.**

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