

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

**Annual General Meeting**

Chair: Gajja Salomons

Minutes: Manuel Schiff, Honorary Secretary

Held in the Hall Jurriaanse, De Doelen ICC Rotterdam in Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
at 13:30 on Wednesday 4th September 2019

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 (Athens)**

Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Athens, Greece on 5th September 2018 were received and signed by the Chair 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 2018 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 unrestricted funds stood at €2,420,092 giving a surplus for the year ending 31st December 2018 of €465,221.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Peter Clayton and carried by a show of hands unanimously by the members.

The Budgets for 2019 and 2020 have been agreed and there are significant funds for developing the SSIEM providing the money is used wisely.

The treasurer recommended a modest increase of 10 euro be applied to the Standard and Subsidised High Income categories of membership with all other categories remaining unchanged. This was proposed by Jerry Vockley and seconded by Eva Morava and carried by a show of hands unanimously by the members.

Anny Brown asked approval of the members to appoint Auditors Buzzacott LLP, which she proposed and was seconded by Cornelis Jakobs and carried by a show of hands unanimously by the members.

A problem was brought to the attention of the SSIEM in that there were not any family advocacy space at this year's symposium but this would be solved for the next years symposium.

The Treasurer thanked the support received from Ralph Kerschbaumer and from Nic Law & Cheryl Taylor from the Administration Office.

#### **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 initiative and projects especially regarding education and training in distant countries, family support groups and guidelines financial support.

#### **5 JIMD Report (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.

- The JIMD & JIMD Reports now has a new publisher Wiley.
- Slows down a bit the publications turnover at the moment.
- JIMD reports should get an impact factor in coming years.
- All members were encouraged to send high quality papers to both journals and special issue topics for the JIMD were suggested.
- E-learning modules in JIMD reports are to be developed in 2020.

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

The ETAC report was presented by Johannes Häberle, Chairman of ETAC since July 2019, and had been circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Courses were again very well attended by both clinicians and biochemists. The 2019 course took place in Winterthur, Switzerland and the next SSIEM Academy will take place in Amsterdam in April 2020.

The SSIEM Academy is transferring its course to run in India in early 2020 and also Russia later in 2020 with a possible plan of a Latin America Academy.

Accreditation visit to Dublin has taken place and the Academy is developing strong links with North American Metabolic Academy (NAMA). There are new developments for the NAMA lecture.

#### **7 SSIEM – Special Interest Groups**

Lesley Robertson representing the SSIEM Dietitians Group stated that the group had two excellent meetings in Rotterdam, Nutrition and Dietitians Group which were very well attended with excellent speakers.

The Group has 336 members from 29 different countries of which 106 are dietitians and/or nutritionists but need the membership of the group to grow.

The SSIEM Dietitians Group regulations are being prepared and will be submitted to the SSIEM Council for approval by the Júlio Rocha.

The SSIEM Dietitians Group is looking for a new chair to replace Leslie Robertson.

The Group is in the early stages of developing a dietitian's course in 2021 and are in collaboration with their American colleagues to get an international subscription to GMDI.

The SSIEM Adult course is to be held in October in Paris and there is interest for another course in 2020.

## **8 Future SSIEM Symposium**

2020 will be held in Freiburg and is progressing according to plan.

2021 is the joint ICIEM in Sidney.

2022 will be held in Jerusalem.

2023 will be held in Porto.

Bids for 2024 will be requested in January 2020.

## **9 Council Officers/Election of Council Members**

The Chairman announced that Ivo Baric and Andrew Morris were leaving the SSIEM Council and that Heather Allen had stepped down from her position and that Júlio Rocha was proposed by the SSIEM Dietitians Group to replace her. Anny Brown is also stepping down but will stay in position until the new Treasurer is in place and will help with the handover.

The following persons were proposed as the new Council Officers:

Philippa Mills - Honorary Treasurer. This was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Peter Clayton.

The other new Council Officers are:

Giancarlo la Marca

David Cassiman

Júlio Rocha

These were again proposed by the Chair and seconded by Helen Michelakakis.

## **10 International Organising Committee Report**

IOC is composed of 2 SSIEM members, 2 SIMD members, 2 Australasian Society members and subgroups. IOC is looking into the international meetings as the initiative started 20 years ago, aiming at a worldwide contribution. The next ICIEM meetings are 2021 Sidney and 2025 Japan.

## **11 MetabERN Report**

Collaboration between SSIEM and MetabERN is continuing and focusing on teaching/training issues.

## **12 Any other business**

The Chair proposed the following SSIEM members should be awarded with Honorary membership of the Society

– Peter Clayton

– Jim Bonham

– Christine Vianey-Saban

– Anny Brown

The above were unanimously approved by the members present at the AGM.

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

Signed:

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