

Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
Held at the
Conference Centre,
Free University, Amsterdam
On
Thursday 2nd September 2004
at 14.00

Chairman: Dr John Walter
Honorary Secretary: Dr Mick Henderson

1. Apologies for absence

Prof B Clayton
Dr A Green
Dr EA Kvittingen
Prof C Scriver

2. Minutes of the previous AGM, 4th September 2003

These were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters that were not covered by the agenda.

4. Training

Prof Leonard explained that two centres in Germany had been inspected with the help and collaboration of Prof Udo Wendel. The inspections had gone well and been appreciated by the local centres, but the European Board of Paediatrics had criticised this activity for not adhering to its procedures. Prof Leonard explained that to do this would be very costly for each institution. Discussions with the EBP are on going.

5. Honorary Treasurer's report

Dr Shortland presented his report which had been previously circulated with the notice of the AGM.

6. Annual Subscription 2003

Dr Shortland suggested that there was no need to raise the membership subscription this year. This was accepted by the meeting.

7. Honorary Secretary's report

Dr Henderson presented his report which had been previously circulated with the notice of the AGM. In addition he drew members attention to the new Exchange Grant Scheme, full details of which are posted on the website.

8. Publications report

Dr Besley presented his report which had been previously circulated with the notice of the AGM.

9. Web report

Mr Neil Hamilton sent his apologies to the meeting. He had to return home early from the conference due to ill health.

550 abstracts were submitted, but after removal of duplicates 503 remained. Of these 57 have been selected for oral presentation, 384 for posters and 58 accepted as abstract only.

Members were informed of proposed changes to the website and asked for comments to be fed back to council members.

10. Council officers

Dr John Walter stood down as Chair and was thanked for his calm and far sighted leadership of the Society during these last five years. It was the will of council that Prof. Dr Cornelis Jakobs succeed him as Chair. This was agreed by the meeting.

11. Replacement of retiring corresponding members

Dr Brian n, Canada, had completed six years as a corresponding member and was thanked by Dr Walter for his service to the Society. A replacement has not yet been suggested by The Canadian Society.

12. President for 2004-2005

Prof Jean-Marie Saudubray will be President in the year ahead.

13. Election of Auditors

It was proposed by Dr Bonham that HLB Kidson should be re-elected as auditors. This was seconded by Dr Lee and agreed by the meeting.

14. Any other business

The Society has been approached with a request to endorse clinical guidelines drawn up by an expert group. Council had previously discussed this issue, March 2004 minute 10, and decided to recommend that this was not something that The Society was resourced to do. However following debate it was agreed that council would reconsider this position.

15. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 8th September 2005 in Paris (to be confirmed)