
Minutes of the Joint Meeting of SSIEM Council and Corresponding Members

Held at 12:30 pm Tuesday 3rd September 2002
University College, Dublin

Present

Kim Bartlett, Gerard Berry, Guy Besley, Ubaldo Caruso, Carlo Dionisi Vici, Orly Elpeleg, Fumio Endo, Roberto Giugliani, Mick Henderson (*Hon Secretary*), Elisabeth Holme, Cornelis Jakobs, Philip Lee, Eva Pronicka, Jean-Marie Saudubray, Susan Schwietzer, Sylvia Stockler-Ipsiroglu, Isabel Tavares de Almeida, Kurt Ullrich, Georges Van den Berghe, Christine Vianey-Saban, Antonio Velazquez, John Walter (*Chair*), Bridget Wilcken, Jiri Zeman.

1. Apologies for absence

Graham Shortland, Frans Trijbels


2. Minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday 4th September 2001

These were agreed to be a true record and endorsed as such by John Walter.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. The International Meeting Brisbane 2003

Bridget Wilcken reported progress  date.

- Planning for the scientific programme is almost complete. All speakers for the plenary sessions have confirmed their availability. Details have been posted on the website.
- An abstract book will be produced as an additional volume of the JIMD and distributed to SSIEM members in advance of the meeting.
- A link to a travel company will be provided through the website.
- The sponsorship targets, as outlined in the initial budget, have already been met.

5. The Netherlands 2004

Cornelis Jakobs provided a report.

- The dates have been set to be 31st August through to 4th September. The Venue will be the Free University of Amsterdam.
- A local organising committee has been formed consisting of five members from the Free University and five from the Academic Medical Centre.
- A provisional budget has been set with a registration fee that will be very similar to that of this year's Dublin meeting.
- The principal theme for the scientific
- A website has been created and is linked to the SSIEM homepage under forthcoming events.
- The congress organisation that is associated with the University will be commissioned to work with the local organising committee. Not only does this have the confidence of the organisers but also there will be a financial advantage since as an educational organisation it is exempt from taxation.
- Main topic is likely to be 'inborn errors and the brain'.



6. France 2005

Prof Jean Marie Saudubray gave a progress report.

- A PCO has been selected.
- There are three possible venues in Paris to host the meeting. Two council members were invited to make a site visit to help choose between them.

7. International meeting 2006

Prof Eto reported progress. The preliminary details are described in a printed pamphlet that was distributed. The meeting will be in the Makuhari Congress Centre, not far from Tokyo. Satellite symposia will be held in Kyoto, Seoul and Beijing.

8. Hamburg 2007

Prof Kurt Ullrich reported progress.

- The local organising committee has yet to choose between the University and the Conference Centre. Both have been provisionally booked between the dates 5th and 9th September. A final decision will be made this year.

9. Venue for 2008

Following the invitation to host this meeting that was advertised in both this year's Newsletters three responses have been received.

- Barcelona; lead by Dr Teresa Pampols
- Lisbon; lead by Dr Isabel Tavares de Almeida
- Naples; lead by Prof Generoso Andria

It was felt that all three venues would be successful. However, following discussion there was unanimous agreement to support the bid from Portugal. This was largely on the basis that there has not yet been an SSIEM meeting in Portugal, but there have been recent meetings in both Italy and Spain. It was very encouraging to see competition to host the meeting and Dr Pampols and Prof Andria will be thanked for their efforts.

The final ratification of Lisbon as the chosen site will depend on a successful site visit by council members.

10. Training in Metabolic Medicine

Prof James's Leonard is chairing the inaugural meeting of the Training Committee during the annual SSIEM meeting at Dublin. Progress will be reported to council.

Prof Antonio Velazquez reported that the SIMD was about to amalgamate with the ACMG (American College of Medical Genetics). This will improve the situation for certification and training of clinicians in the USA.

11. Corresponding members

Prof Fumio Endo has been named as Prof Eto's replacement by the Japanese Society. Elisabeth Holme, Gerard Berry, Isabel Tavares de Almeida, Jiri Zeman, Ewa Pronicka, Jim McGill and Georges van den Berghe have completed one term of office and have elected to serve for a further three years.

Prof Frans Trijbels has retired as the corresponding member for the Netherlands. He will be replaced by the new chair of the Dutch Society when that position is filled. He was thanked for his contribution to the Society.

12. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting approved the proposal to post the minutes of these meetings on the website under the member's area.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd September 2003 at Brisbane.

