

**Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
International Continence Society**

**11.30am, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2003, Florence, Italy**

1. Minutes of 2002 AGM held in Heidelberg, Germany were approved by the membership.
2. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2002 AGM
3. It was announced as agreed at the 2002 AGM that the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts would be made at the 2004 AGM in Paris, France.
4. The Membership Secretary, Werner Schafer gave his concluding report of the membership. 1600 members from 64 countries. The membership thanked him for his 14 years of service as this official position was now obsolete.
5. The bids accepted by the Meetings and Nominations Committee for ICS 2007 Meeting were put to the membership for a ballot.

- David Castro, Barcelona – Spain
- Ruud Bosch, Rotterdam – Netherlands
- Edward Leung, Hong Kong – China
- Sherif Mourad, Cairo - Egypt
- Tony Stone, San Francisco, USA

Ruud Bosch – Rotterdam, The Netherlands won the vote for ICS 2007.

It was agreed that in future the approved bids from the Meetings and Nominations committee would be notified to the membership at the AGM and a transferable vote system would be used on the ICS website over the next 6 weeks at [www.icsoffice.org](http://www.icsoffice.org). A information webpage would be available on each bid to include details of the proposed venue, programme, organising committee, work of proposed chair etc.

6. Election for ICS Post of clinical representative was put to a ballot by the membership. The nominees were;

- Ajay Singla
- Danny Lovatsis
- Roger Dmochowski

Roger Dmochowski was elected to become ICS Clinical Representative to the Scientific Committee for 2004 2005 and 2006. Diane Newman was elected unopposed, as Chair of the Continence Promotion Committee until 2009.

It was agreed by the membership that nominations for ICS committee chairs could only be accepted if the member had attended at least two meetings of that committee.

It was announced that Kari Bo would replace Jo Laycock as physiotherapy rep to the Advisory Board.

7. Philip van Kerrebroeck gave a report of the ICS Standardisation Committee detailing work being carried out on;
  - Trials Subcommittee Committee Report
  - Pelvic Floor Function Committee Report
  - ICS Imaging Report
8. Rien Nijman gave a report from the ICS Children's Committee and reported ongoing talks with **ICCS** and improving relationships with ICS.
9. Chris Norton gave a report on the activities of the ICS Continence Promotion Committee and thanked David Fonda for his chairmanship.
10. Safwat Tosson gave a report on the activities of the ICS Internet Committee on behalf of Vik Khullar, the following points were covered;
  - New ICS Annual Meeting Registration System will be on-line for 2004
  - Abstract System received over 800 submission this year via on-line system
  - Site sponsorship - £50K per annum at present - all would withdraw if no links to their site provided. It was agreed there would be an ICS disclaimer box explaining you were leaving the ICS site that would appear before members could access the commercial website.
11. Linda Cardozo gave a report on the activities of the ICS Education Committee and it's various subcommittees – all details available in Education Committee Minutes 2003.
12. Jerry Blaivas was not present therefore no report from the ICS Neurourology and Urodynamics committee. It was suggested that the “state of the art lectures” be considered for publication in NUU.
13. Stefano Salvatore gave a report on the ICS 2003 Scientific Committee made up of Francois Haab, Sender Herschorn, Guus Kramer, Andrea Tubaro, Hessel Wijkstra. He also thanked Penny Longhurst and Rami Langer who were special last minute additions to the committee invited due to the very high number of abstracts received.

Number of abstracts received	813
Podium Presentations	34
Discussion Poster	96
Video	17
Non Discussion Poster	303
Read by Title	162

14. Paul Abrams gave a report from the ICS Advisory Board.

**Increase in Abstract submission**

- a. The board's recommendation for an extension from a 2 to a 3 year term of office for ICS Scientific Committee representatives and chairs, increasing the membership of the Scientific Committee from 6 to 8 - was approved by the membership.
- b. The proposal for a permanent Scientific Advisor to the Scientific Committee to check the quality and content of abstracts and to institute consort guidelines – Guus Kramer to bring a full report to the Advisory Board in 2004 for consideration by the membership at the 2004 AGM.

**Commercial Issues**

- c. The board recommended that speaker or chairs of commercial symposia should not be allowed to chair an ICS session on a similar subject – this was approved by the membership.
- d. It was agreed that as it was impractical to influence the content of Industrial Symposia the ICS should print a disclaimer in the programme stating the ICS have no responsibility for the content of symposia.
- e. It was suggested and agreed by the membership that Corporate Sponsorship (currently supporting ICS office and website) be developed further by the new General Secretary.
- f. It was agreed there would now be a disclaimer page between the ICS website and corporate sponsors pages.
- g. All sponsors should be informed that it is not acceptable for them to organise events coinciding with the ICS Gala Dinner or Welcome Reception.

**Annual Meeting Registration**

- h. It was agreed that a larger differential between ICS members and non members registration fees would encourage commercial companies to check whether the delegates they pay for are members or not. New registration system will also be able to pick this up easier.

**New ICS Committees**

- i. It was agreed that an ICS/ICI committee would be set up and Chaired by Paul Abrams. The committee would be made up of Walter Artibani as ICS representative to ICI and Alan Wein and Linda Cardozo as ICI Editors.
- j. ICS Neurourology Committee was approved by the board and the membership were happy to institute the new committee chaired by Jacques Corcos.

- k. ICS Ethics Committee had been suggested by Lewis Wall and the board recommended to the membership that this be set up as a shadow committee working on aims and objectives. A report would be presented to the Advisory Board in 2004 for AGM approval. All expressions of interest to join the committee to be made to Lewis Wall.

15. Special Resolution – the proposed changes to the Society's Articles of Association were outlined by Walter Artibani and approved by the membership.

16. Date of Next meeting was agreed – Paris, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2004

17. Any other business

- a. Abstracts provided in NUU state any commercial support
- b. There should be a specific time when authors would be present at informally discussed posters.