

**INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

The 37th Annual General Meeting of the International Continence Society
Rotterdam, The Netherlands 24th August 2007

1. Approval of Minutes of AGM held 1st December 2006, Christchurch, New Zealand
 - Minutes were approved by the membership subject to one amendment.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM
 - No matters raised.
 - WA gave a short report on the activities of the ICS during the past year and presented the CRC activity over the last year.
3. General Secretary's report from ICS Advisory Group & Executive Board – Walter Artibani
 - The membership voted on the membership disciplinary ballot during the AGM via a white voting card which was counted under supervision. James Malone-Lee declined the invitation to act as supervisor. Ajay Singla and Helmut Madersbacher supervised the counting of the vote.
 - WA advised that members who were not able to attend the AGM were invited to vote electronically prior to the ICS 2007 meeting.
 - WA advised that no discussion would be permitted on the matter of the membership disciplinary ballot.
 - A motion to expel Dr. Hans Peter Dietz for abusive behaviour was put forward and discussed by Dr. Lewis Wall.
 - James Malone-Lee addressed the membership with his views.
 - WA asked the membership to vote.
 - WA announced that the ICS has 1753 members in various professions. The membership is made up of 50% from Europe, 24% from America, 18% from Asia and 6% from Oceania and there is room to increase membership in several areas of the world.
 - 700 abstracts were submitted for the Annual Meeting.
4. Special resolution and bylaws for approval
 - The membership voted on the special resolution during the AGM using red and green voting cards. Members who were not able to attend the meeting were invited to vote electronically prior to the meeting.
 - WA advised that the special resolution was in two parts, new articles and new bylaws but there would be a single vote as the articles and bylaws are interconnected and the content of the bylaws must not be contradictory with the content of the articles.
 - The main changes of the special resolution were outlined by WA.
 - Ted Arnold and Guus Kramer summarised the activities of the CRC over the last year.
 - WA invited comments and suggestions from the membership.
 - John Osborne asked whether the General Secretary needed to be a trustee and suggested that the number of trustees should be increased.
 - Catherine DuBeau asked whether the membership were being asked to vote on the special resolution in its entirety or in parts. WA confirmed that the vote would be on the special resolution as a whole.
 - Claire Fowler showed support for the special resolution saying that if it goes through, the membership would be able to vote on the bylaws. WA clarified that if you vote yes, you would automatically vote yes to the new bylaws.
 - Judith Wardle commended the work that the CRC has been doing to change the bylaws and recommended that the ICS have a CEO.

- WA opened the vote for the special resolution and announced that he would step down as General Secretary at Cairo 2008.
5. ICS Treasurer's Report & Statement of Accounts – Jean Jacques Wyndaele
- JW presented the statement of accounts to membership for the last time as treasurer of the ICS.
 - JW advised that income decreased during 2005/2006 and expenses increased but explained that due to the 2006 Annual Meeting in Christchurch being held late in the year there would be a substantial rise in income in the following year's report.
 - Education expenses increased due to several stand alone educational courses to be run at a budget of twenty-five thousand pounds.
 - Governance costs rose due to an increase of staff members in the ICS office.
 - Currently we are up to balances of 1,360,000.00. The ICS is a very healthy and sound organisation.
 - Approval auditor's reappointment
 - It was resolved that, subject to a resolution being passed by the company in general meeting, Goldwyns Chartered Accountants be and are re-appointed auditors of the company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the company and that their remuneration be fixed by the directors in consultation with them.
6. ICS Education Committee Report and introduction of new Chair– Linda Cardozo
- There were 12 courses and 24 workshops at ICS 2007 which were attended by over 1,800 delegates.
 - Courses and workshops were evaluated by members of the Education Committee and the results will be discussed at the next meeting of the EC in January.
 - LC announced that the stand alone education courses in Abu Dhabi and Thessaloniki were very successful.
 - ICS teaching slides are being prepared by members of the Education Committee.
 - Four urodynamics courses have been ICS recognised and LC invited members to submit their courses so that they could also be ICS recognised.
 - Paul Abrams stepped down as director of the School of Urodynamics and Gordon Hosker is running the school under the aegis of the Education Committee.
 - LC announced that a new Education Chair was elected; Werner Shaefer will take up office from the end of the AGM.
 - Forthcoming events include Educational Courses in Mumbai, India (November 2007) and Warsaw, Poland (March 2008).
 - Applications for workshops and courses for Cairo 2008 are now being accepted and the deadline is 7th December 2007.
 - LC thanked the members of the committee
7. ICS Publications and Communications Committee Report and handover to new Chair – Jerzy Gajewski (interim Chair)
- JG announced the appointment of two new members to the PCC, Dr. Hashim Hashim and Katherine Moore.
 - The PCC responsibilities are ICS website, ICS news (newsletter), ICS fact sheets, congress newsletter and Public Relations.
 - JG advised that the ICS website is changing dramatically behind the scenes, and is becoming more sophisticated. The sub-pages are being changed to a secure database website and a new skin will be employed once this has been done.
 - Two editions of ICS News per year to include reports about the past meeting as well as advertising for future meetings.

- The Congress Newsletter will be issued in Cairo and the PCC will be working with local publishers to deliver the newsletter during the congress.
 - PR activities include press releases, press conferences, press packs and providing good facilities for the press to use during the meeting.
- 8. ICS Continence Promotion Committee Report – Diane Newman (Committee Chair)**
- DN explained that the CPC has 47 organisations in 33 countries. The Dutch Continence Foundation and The Iranian Continence Foundation are new additions that were added at the meeting in Rotterdam.
 - CPC to hold a public forum on Saturday 25th August 2007 in Rotterdam.
 - DN presented World Continence Day/World Continence Week to the membership as a future plan of the CPC to be announced in Cairo 2008.
 - The CPC/ICS website is being integrated. The CPC has been integrated into ICS News.
 - A public forum is planned for the ICI, Paris 2008 and in ICS 2008 in Cairo.
- 9. ICS Ethics Committee Report – Lewis Wall (Committee Chair)**
- LW announced the new elected members of the committee, Claire Fowler, Mathias Pfisterer and Gunnar Lose. A new Chair of the Ethics Committee was due to be elected but there were no nominations so Lewis Wall will remain interim Chair until nominations in April 2008.
 - Three additional members are to be elected in 2008, a urologist, a nursing representative and a physiotherapy representative.
 - LW reported that the main tasks of the Ethics Committee will be to develop guidelines to structure the relationship between the ICS, participants in the meeting and industry. A suggested report will be presented at ICS 2008.
 - Very successful ethics workshop was held on Tuesday 21st August in Rotterdam.
 - The main tasks that the Ethics Committee will look at over the next year are how to develop guidelines to help structure the relationships between the ICS, the participants in the meetings and industry and a suggested report will hopefully be presented at ICS 2008.
 - The Ethics Committee will make the suggestion to the Scientific Committee to hold an Ethics forum at ICS 2008.
 - The topic for the next Ethics workshop at ICS 2008 has been tentatively chosen as “Ethical Issues Surrounding the Introduction and Use of New Devices”
 - The ICS code of Conduct, which was produced by Lewis Wall for the benefit of the CRC will be looked at closely by the Ethics Committee to suggest any changes or modifications.
- 10. ICS Standardisation Committee Report and handover to new Chair - Philip van Kerrebroeck (interim Chair)**
- Philip van Kerrebroeck reported on standardisation activities and handed over Chairmanship to Dirk de Ridder.
 - The Standardisation Committee plan to prepare a final draft proposal on the committee’s organisation to be presented at ICS 2008. The proposal will include the Committee’s internal structure, selection of topics, duties and obligations of sub-committees, translations and back translations and the decision process.
 - Current projects due to be finalised are the clinical trial report, IUGA/ICS report.
 - DdR advised that new projects will be started and invited individuals who are interested in participating in the committee, to contact him.
 - The Standardisation Committee plan to divide into three divisions, Clinical Terminology, Trials and Basic Science. New sub-committees will be set up under these divisions.
- 11. ICS Neurourology Committee Report – Jacques Corcos (Committee Chair)**

- Committee report presented by Jerzy Gajewski due to Jacques Corcos absence from the meeting.
 - JG reported that fellowships in neurourology are being offered in a few centres around the world. Further information regarding fellowships will be found on the website.
 - Two Neurourology courses were run over the past year, one at the Annual Meeting and there are plans to run courses outside of the meeting.
 - Guidelines on neurogenic bladder are in the second stage should be ready to be presented at the next AGM.
12. ICS Children's Committee Report and handover to new Chair - Rien Nijman (Outgoing Committee Chair)
- WA advised that this was RN final report as Chair of the Children's Committee.
 - The committee met several times over the past year at various paediatric meetings and courses of the ICS and ICCS. The purpose of those meetings was to coordinate the activities of the ICS and ICCS.
 - RN advised that the Children's Committee should have representatives from other committees and groups that are dealing with paediatrics.
 - RN thanked the members of the Children's Committee who have also stepped down as members of the committee and handed over Chairmanship to Wendy Bowers.
13. ICS/ICUD Committee Report – Paul Abrams (Committee Chair)
- Committee report presented by Linda Cardozo in Paul Abrams absence.
 - Fourth International Consultation on Incontinence will be held in Paris 5th-8th July 2008. There will be twenty-three committees presenting their reports in open session. Members of the committee's have mostly been selected and will be recruited.
 - LC advised that the Scientific Committee are to produce treatment guidelines.
 - LC advised that the ICI book was planned to be published at the end on 2008.
 - LC opened the floor to questions to which there were none.
14. ICS Meetings and Nominations Committee Report – Walter Artibani
- a. Announcement of approved bids for 2011 Annual Meeting web ballot
 - The approved 2011 bids were announced as Beijing, China and Glasgow, UK.
 - b. Announcements of nominees required by 1st April 2008 for ICS posts web ballot
 - WA announced that the nominations required by 1st April 2008 are General Secretary Elect, Ethics Chair, two members of the Ethics Committee, two non-clinical and one clinical representative for the Scientific Committee, a co-opted nursing representative and a co-opted physiotherapy representative for the Advisory Board and members of the Education Committee.
 - WA advised that Werner Shaefer has stepped down as member of the Scientific Committee, replaced by Martin Michel, due to his position as Education Chair.
15. ICS Scientific Committee 2007 Report – Mark Vierhout (ICS 2007 Scientific Chair)
- MV advised that two additional local members were recruited into the Scientific Committee to add further knowledge in the field of molecular biology and pharmacology. MV advised that LC is not a formal member of the Scientific Committee but acted in an advisory role.
 - MV gave an overview of the abstract system.
 - 700 total abstracts were submitted, 115 were presented as podium and posted presentations, 188 were non-discussion posters, 250 were read by title. 107 abstracts were rejected.
 - MV gave an overview of the abstract review process.
 - MV thanked all members of the Scientific Committee and wished his good luck to Sherif Mourad and Heinz Koebel.

- WA opened the floor to questions from the membership.
- Member asked how it can be validated when an individual scores ninety percent of abstracts and another scores fifty percent of abstracts and hi-lighted the issue of how individuals are recognised when they do a lot of work for a committee but other members who do no work for a committee are still recognised.
- MV responded to the abstract question advising that the abstracts were sent on a CD-Rom to the Scientific Committee member but there were problems sending them overseas which meant that they did not arrive on time and then the individual was travelling. MV acknowledged that the question regarding committees was a general problem.
- Member asked why Read by Title abstracts could not be printed and included in the delegate bag rather than having the list of participants. MV put this to the attendees who agreed, in applause, with the member.

16. ICS Neurourology & Urodynamics Report – Chris Chapple (Editor in Chief)

- CC reported that ICJME uniform requirements have been adopted and the NAU have signed up to COPE & CONSORT and have adopted a stance which has been recommended to the ICS by the Ethics Committee.
- CC advised that when publishing clinical work, it was now mandatory to have clinical trial registration and IRB approval.
- The Journal has a new cover and layout.
- CC advised that NAU has adopted new issues related to font size and nature of print.
- Backlog of papers has been cleared and the only papers awaiting publication have been accepted from January 2007.
- CC advised that the journal have stopped accepting case studies based on consultation with the Editorial Board.
- CC summarised the editorial process.

17. Date of Next Annual General Meeting – Cairo, Egypt – 24th October 2008

- WA announced the date of the next meeting to be 24th October 2008 in Cairo.

18. Any other Business

- Member asked WA to clarify who the trustees are. WA advised that the trustees depended on the outcome of the special resolution vote.
- WA announced the outcome of the vote on the special resolution was 74.3% in favour and 25.7% against therefore the special resolution was not passed.
- WA confirmed the trustees as Walter Artibani, Ajay Singla and Werner Schaefer.

Note that, the following directors will retire from office at the conclusion of the AGM and will not stand for re-appointment:

- (a) Linda Cardozo; and
- (b) Jean Jacques Wyndaele.

And that the following directors will be appointed:

- (c) Ajay Singla; and
- (d) Werner Schaefer

- WA announced that the ordinary resolution of the member disciplinary vote did not reach clear majority and therefore would not be passed (125 in favour and 239 against).