

INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY

HELD IN DENVER ON 26 AUGUST 1999

1 The Minutes of the 28th General Meeting

Minutes of meeting held in Jerusalem on 16 September 1998 were approved as a correct record.

2 Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Annual accounts were presented by Jean Jacques Wyndaele for the first time. He pointed out that the accounts would be presented in a different format in accordance with the new charitable status of the ICS. The accounts are in a healthy position.

3 Honorary Membership Secretary's Report

Werner Schafer reported that the ICS now has members from 57 countries. The meeting agreed to an increase in subscription from 50 (100DM) to 75 Euros after no change for 4 years. There remain communication problems with Wiley-Liss.

4 ICS 2003

Dr Walter Artibani was elected as Chairman of ICS 2003. Applications for 2004 should be received by the General Secretary before 1st April 2000.

5 ICS Continence Promotion Committee

At ICS 2000 there will be a joint WHO-ICS meeting on continence problems in the developing world, on 29th August. At ICS 2001 there will be the 2nd workshop on the prevention of incontinence. David Fonda invited members interested in the work of the CPC to contact himself or Christine Norton.

6 ICS Standardisation Committee

The General Secretary thanked Anders Mattiasson for his 6 years of hard work as Chairman. This was warmly endorsed by the membership. This was his last report before handing over to Philip van Kerrebroeck. He reported that both the Ambulatory Urodynamics and Good Urodynamic Practice Standardisation reports would be sent for publication in the next month. The Pelvic Floor Group (Dr Messelink) has produced its first report. The Urethral Function (Dr Losse) and the Pressure Flows Groups (Dr D Griffiths) met during the meeting. The Imaging Group (Drs Tubaro and Carter) have produced a draft report on ultrasound.

Two new committees are proposed, Terminology (Dr Abrams) and Nocturia (Dr van Kerrebroeck). There was considerable discussion concerning terminology and some disquiet that the usual ICS process was not being followed. Paul Abrams on behalf of himself and Alan Wein sought to reassure the membership. It was stated that the usual procedure, of draft reports prior to the agreement of the Chairman, Philip van Kerrebroeck, to a final report, would be followed. The membership was invited to give its written comments to Philip van Kerrebroeck on the membership of committees and to draft reports.

The Definitions subcommittee had been provisionally constituted following an approach by FIGO who had signalled its interest in terminology. Also there would be an NIH meeting in December on terminology.

7 ICS Internet Committee

The General Secretary announced that the committee had met and elected Vik Khullar as its new chairman. Peter Lim was thanked for developing and guiding the committee to its current position. Expressions of interest were invited from those interested in joining the committee. ICS has a contract with Health Compass to maintain our site free of charge. It is envisaged that the ICS site will become very important in the new millennium.

8 Report of the 1999 Scientific Committee

Tony Stone's committee reviewed 610 abstracts. Abstracts were accepted from members in 22 countries. The meeting expressed its thanks for the hard work of the committee.

9 ICS Representative to the Scientific Committee (2000/2001)

Rami Langer was elected to serve in this capacity.

10 ICS Advisory Board - Denver 1999

The AGM ratified the following recommendations of the Advisory Board:

- The establishment of an ICS Nominations Committee to review and, if necessary, seek nominations for ICS posts.
- The adoption of majority voting at the AGM for four posts: General Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of the Standardisation committee and for the Chair of the annual meeting.
- That future requests from Societies to hold sequential or concurrent meetings would be positively received and dealt with on an individual basis. SINUG (The Spanish Speaking Urodynamics Group) would meet again in Finland the day before ICS starts.
- The establishment of an ICS Children's Committee chaired by Rien Nijman to supervise workshops and sessions in those years in which ICCS does not meet.
- Establishment of an ICS office for a trial period of 3 years in Bristol. The office would further the ICS aims of education, research and continence promotion. The estimated cost would be £15,000 per year. The office would also support each AGM and could well prove self financing.
- ICS Finland will require abstracts to have a negative or positive disclosure statement. Details will appear in the Final Call for Papers.

11 ICS Tampere 2000

Teuvo Tammela, Chairman for ICS 2000, announced the 30th meeting of the ICS with a slide presentation.

12 Any Other Business

- ICS workshops were felt to have been inadequately described. For ICS Finland 2000 the Scientific Committee would ensure that all details were available. The ICS Advisory Board will be discussing a possible Education Committee that might in future be responsible for the workshops.
- The membership asked that the minutes of the Board meetings be available to the membership prior to the AGM. After discussion it was agreed that all ICS business should be on the website, protected when necessary by passwords.
- The view was expressed that parallel sessions should be as few as possible and no more than 2 concurrently. The principle of quality rather than quantity was restated with a maximum of 100-120 abstracts accepted.
- The meeting felt that lunches could be simplified and the costs reduced.
- The General Secretary announced the sad death of Peter Donker in the last year and had passed the Society's condolences on to his wife.
- The issue of the dangers of relying on the electronic submission of abstracts was acknowledged and a method will be developed to ensure that all abstracts, received on time, are viewed by the Scientific Committee.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM will be held in Tampere during ICS 2000 August 28 - 31st.