

Minutes of the 32rd Annual General Meeting of the International Continence Society

11.30am Friday 30th August 2002, Heidelberg, Germany

1. The General Secretary announced the untimely deaths of Bob Krane and Tony Low: the AGM stood in silence to acknowledge both the families and ICS's sad loss.
2. The minutes of the AGM held in Seoul, 21st September 2001 were accepted.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes
4. The ICS Treasurer, Jean Jacques Wyndaele presented the accounts of ICS and Conticom and described the healthy state of the society's finances – a full audited accounts are available at www.icsoffice or from the ICS office. It was announced that the Society would change its financial year-end and therefore an eighteen month accounting period will commence and no annual accounts will be presented in Florence.
5. The ICS Membership Secretary, Werner Schafer stated that the membership had risen to over 1400. There would be no increase in annual membership fees. The issue of open access to the membership database in electronic form was raised, it was decided that access would continue to be restricted as it could too easily be misused.
6. The ICS Standardisation Committee Chair, Philip van Kerrebroeck reminded members that four new reports had been published this year in Neurourology and Urodynamics. New subcommittees had also been formed on Imaging (videourodynamics), Urodynamic Artefacts and Clinical Trials. Draft reports will appear on the ICS website and members interested in joining one of the committees are expected to provide a detailed contribution. All contributions however large or small are most welcome.
7. The ICS Children's Committee Chair, Rien Nijman was unable to attend, the General Secretary gave a report on his behalf and described the success of the Children's session, attended by 150 members on the first day of the annual meeting. ICS intended to expand this to a workshop, and probably two ICS Education Committee Teaching courses: giving a three day programme for members with an interest in LUTD in children.
8. The ICS Continence Promotion Committee Chair, David Fonda described the continued work of the ICS CPC, and drew members attention to the CPC website accessible via the ICS website www.icsoffice.org
9. The ICS Internet Committee Chair, Vik Khullar described the continuing development of the website and its links. The issue of sponsorship and hot

links to company websites was raised and would be discussed further by the Advisory Board and the next AGM.

10. The ICS Education Committee Chair, Linda Cardozo outlined the importance of the work planned by this new committee. Werner Schafer would lead the development of Education Committee Courses to be introduced next year in Florence. There were two objections to the plan for ICS to accredit education courses on practical urodynamics worldwide, however a vote on the issue then gave widespread report. Members are invited to view the document which will be put on the ICS website and which will continue to be developed over the years.
11. The ICS journal, Neurourology and Urodynamic editor, Jerry Blaivas assured members that the current backlog of accepted, but not yet published papers, would be cleared over the next six months. There would be some changes to the NUU section editors and editorial board.
12. The ICS 2002 Scientific Committee Chair, Guus Kramer paid tribute to the hard work of the committee who reviewed over 600 abstracts for consideration of acceptance for ICS2002.
13. The General Secretary, Paul Abrams raised two items from the Advisory Board meeting.
 - a. The Advisory Board proposed that the membership devolve the responsibility for selecting the ICS Meeting venue to the ICS Meetings Committee and the Advisory Board. There was a useful discussion and whilst the board's proposal was supported by the greatest number of members, this did not represent a majority. The members will be circulated with a discussion paper on the issues and probably will be asked to vote on the issue via the website.
 - b. Walter Artibani as the next General Secretary for October 2003 raised the issue of the increasing size of the ICS and the need to acknowledge the particular requirements of subsets of members, as well as preserving an integrated multidisciplinary society. Jacques Corcos and Emmanuel Chartier-Kastler will be bringing ideas to Walter Artibani concerning the development of ICS activity in the field of neurourology. These proposals will be linked to the work of the CPC and Education Committees.
14. ICS Ballots
Ted Arnold was elected as Chair of ICS2006 by a ballot of members at the AGM.

Gordon Hosker was elected to the Advisory Board for a term of three years by a ballot of members at the AGM.

Hessel Wijkstra was elected to the Scientific Committee for 2003 and 2004 as the non clinical member by a ballot of members at the AGM.

15. The date of the next AGM would be held on the final day of ICS 2003 in Florence (October 9th – Walter
16. Any Other Business – the following suggestions came from members:
 - a. There should be a session reserved for exciting recent work submitted after abstract deadline.
 - b. Feedback could be given to authors whose abstracts were not selected for poster or paper presentation.
 - c. Abstracts should clearly state the aims of the work.
 - d. Authors should self-grade the quality of their work (using the ICI levels of evidence published in the book of the 2nd WHO ICI consultation)
 - e. Bill Turner – awaiting his response (I have left messages)