

## **INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY**

### **MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY**

**HELD IN TAMPERE ON 31 AUGUST 2000**

**1. The Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of meeting held in Denver on 26 August 1999 were approved as a correct record.

**2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of Denver Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the 1999 AGM Minutes

**3. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts**

Jean Jacques Wyndaele presented the income expenditure balance for 1999/2000 together with the accounts held by the ICS. He also reported the total balance held by ICS wholly owned company Conticom ICS Ltd. It was explained that by UK tax law it had been necessary to establish Conticom to receive the profits derived from the commercial exhibitions at successive annual meetings.

The generous donation by Prof Kawabe was noted by the meeting. This contribution helped to cover the costs of setting up the new ICS office established in December 1999. The Treasurer stated that fund raising for the Annual Meeting and ICS in general was now an urgent issue.

The AGM approved the establishment of an Advisory group subcommittee on Finance to assist the Treasurer, this group to be made up of the Treasurer, Chairs of the Internet and Standardisation Committee, the General Secretary and the Assistant General Secretary.

**4. Membership Secretary's Report**

Werner Schafer described the change in membership since the ICS office opened. The membership thanked Werner Schafer for his many years of hard work. His role would now be more executive. A request for a new printed membership list will be costed and sponsorship sought, the booklet to include a listing by speciality. Werner explained that the ICS website gives access to a membership list by use of a members personal membership number and surname and that a privacy option exists for those who do not want their contact details available to view by members.

**5. ICS 2004**

After a close ballot, Professor Bernard Jacquetin was elected Chairman for 2004 and intends to hold the meeting at the Palais de Congres in Paris.

**6. ICS Advisory Board**

**6.1 Coopted Members**

The AGM was informed of the two new coopted members of the Advisory Board. Jo Laycock and Lewis Wall will complete the 6 coopted members of the Board (C.Norton, L.Cardozo, N. Resnick and J. Thuroff).

**6.2 Proposed ICS Education Committee**

The AGM agreed to a 'shadow' committee led by Linda Cardozo and Werner Schafer. The principle aim would be to assist Dr Kwon (Chair 2001 Scientific Committee) by organising the ICS Workshops for ICS 2001. Members were invited to express an interest to join the committee and nominations for Chair were requested before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2001.

**6.3 Awards**

The AGM agreed that there should be prizes for best paper, best poster and best non discussed poster which ICS would finance if necessary. The ICS was grateful for Medtronic's continued support for the best poster.

**6.4 Competing Interests**

The AGM agreed that an ICS policy on 'competing interests' should be instituted.

**6.5 2001 Scientific Committee**

The AGM accepted the decision taken by the ICS Advisory Board and ICS 2001 Korea that the 2001 Scientific Committee will be organised by the ICS office under Dr Kwon's direction.

**7. ICS Children's Committee**

The General Secretary reported that Rien Nijman's (Chair of Children's Committee) discussions with the ICCS are proceeding well in a friendly atmosphere.

**8. ICS Internet Committee**

Vik Khullar, Chair of the Internet Committee, gave a swift illustrative tour of the ICS website ([www.icsoffice.org](http://www.icsoffice.org)). Funding of the new site and the history of the previous site was discussed. It is intended that the ICS site will be profitable and help support other ICS activities.

It is planned that all accepted abstracts should be available on the ICS website, to include non discussed posters together with ICS documents such as minutes

of AGM and Standardisation Reports. Patient information may be developed with the ICS CPC.

**9. ICS Neurourology and Urodynamics**

The AGM gave it's approval for a strongly worded letter to be sent to Wiley Liss in view of the poor service to ICS members i.e. absent index, slow and non delivery of journals to members and poor handling of abstract titles in the ICS issue of NUU. The ICS would also demand access to the NUU website for the ICS issue at no cost.

**10. ICS Standardisation Committee**

Philip van Kerrebroeck gave his first report as Chairman. He intended to post draft reports of Standardisation Subcommittees on the ICS Website. He explained that he would be presenting a proposed budget for the work of his committees. The Good Urodynamics Practice report will be submitted for publication shortly. The Imaging and Terminology subcommittees will be seeking permission to publish at the 2001 AGM. The Urethral Function and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction subcommittees continue their work.

**11. ICS Continence Promotion Committee**

Christine Norton announced that three new continence organisations have been founded: Indonesia, Italy and South Africa. There are now 30 in 25 countries worldwide represented on their website.

**12. ICS 2000 Report of Scientific Chairman**

Timo Lehtonen stated that 80% of abstracts had been received in electronic format. Whilst the workload was considerable, the timescale for processing and adjudication was achieved. The ICS section editors of NUU were used selectively, when adjudicating ICS abstracts. The hard work of the committee was much appreciated by the membership.

**13. Election of ICS Officers**

**13.1 Election of ICS 'non clinical' representative.**

Penny Longhurst was elected to join the Scientific Committee 2001 – 2002

**13.2 Election of ICS General Secretary**

Walter Artibani was elected to become General Secretary after ICS 2002. His acceptance speech was warmly applauded. He will be Assistant General Secretary until that time.

**14. ICS Seoul 2001**

Dr Kim extended an invitation to the ICS membership and showed a video demonstrating the excellent facilities offered by Seoul and Korea in general.

**15. Date of next AGM**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2001 in Seoul, Korea.

**16. Any Other Business**

**16.1 Evaluation of papers and moderators**

It was agreed that the moderators should be asked to assess the papers or posters presented in their session. The audience would also be asked to assess the session moderators.

**16.2 Poster Presentations**

The AGM reiterated that the presenter must speak for no longer than 3 minutes, presenting no more than 5 slides.

**16.3 Poster Submissions**

The ICS policy of allowing only 3 submissions as first name author, with no other restrictions, was confirmed.

**16.4 Kees den Hoope**

The membership were saddened to learn of the unexpected death of Kees den Hoope from the Netherlands. The ICS General Secretary will send a letter of condolence to Mrs den Hoope from the ICS membership.