



# ISSOP

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for  
SOCIAL PEDIATRICS and CHILD HEALTH

## MINUTES OF ISSOP'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018.

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University of Bonn

Bonn, Germany.

### 1. Welcome

President Nick Spencer welcomes all that are present at the 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ISSOP.

### 2. Apologies.

Several members sent in their apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in Bonn. Amongst them: Shanti Raman, Thea Van Zeben and Staffan Jansson.

### 3. Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes corresponding to the 2017 AGM are accepted by acclamation.

### 4. President's report – NS/JG [Formal handover of presidency]

**Nick Spencer** presents his report that has been distributed to all members by e-mail. He remarks that if he ever thought that sharing presidency this past year with Jeff Goldhagen would mean that he would have more time for sculpting and playing the saxophone, it rapidly became clear to him that this was going to be one of the most active, interesting and challenging year of his presidency and that ISSOP is now in a very different position as to where it was.

The year started in september 2017 in Budapest with the excellent ISSOP conference organized by Zsuzsanna and the Hungarian Pediatric Society under the theme of *Children on the Move*. ISSOP then took a major step, never taken before, which was to prepare a Declaration (*The Budapest Declaration – BD*) which has been endorsed by 30 organizations. From the declaration a document has been prepared and published in the Lancet Child and Adolescent Health Journal. Consequently an Implementation Plan led by Chuck Oberg, new member of ISSOP, is being carried out with the objective of putting the principles included in the BD into practice.

Related to the BD, members of ISSOP's core EC ( Nick Spencer, Jeff Goldhagen, Olivier Duperrex) and Chuck Oberg are going to meet with the CRC Committee at the UN in Geneva together with other key people at WHO, which comes to proof the global reach of ISSOP as a consequence of the endorsements. Important to note is that the BD has been translated into 5 languages so far, including Japanese.

In addition, this past year, ISSOP has taken the initiative to respond through statements and open letters to global events such as: Separation of Children at the US-Mexican Border; the US Government intervention in the World Health Assembly to try to scupper a resolution on Breastfeeding; supporting a statement made by the IDPA on "Breastfeeding Day".

As for the future ISSOP is looking more actively at establishing partnerships and MOU's with:

- International Societies. So far an MOU has been signed with IPA, and IPSCAN, and two others need to be finalised with EAP and IDPA.
- Societies and organizations that have endorsed the Declaration as well as with the National Societies ISSOP has had a longstanding relationship.

Other important accomplishments have been:

- The elaboration of policy statements, i.e. Violence against Children.
- The preparation of several workshops in relation to Violence against Children in different international meetings: ISPCAN, Asian Pacific Pediatric Association and IPA in 2019 which comes to show that ISSOP's profile is improving.
- The ongoing publication of the e-bulletin, with Tony Waterston, Raúl Mercer, Gonca Yilmaz and Rita Nathawad in the editorial group. NS suggests that more ISSOP members or other professionals need to contribute to it.

The ISSOP website needs an effective update. Olivier Duperrex has stated that he is stepping down. A call for a volunteer through the membership will be sent in order to identify someone with sufficient knowledge.

The IPA and ISSOP: Shanti Raman who has been ISSOP's representative at IPA Standing Committee, has done great work and taken the lead on several things. She is at the end of her 2 years rule, and Raul Mercer has been nominated for that post as ISSOP's representative. It is important to have an ISSOP voice in the IPA Standing Committee.

CHIFA: Tony and Gonca have been very active in CHIFA with very interesting discussions in a forum with many Child Health Professionals all over the world, particularly in Africa where ISSOP needs to develop a stronger relationship.

Conclusion: ISSOP is undergoing a major transformation. It has gone from a small society promoting Social Paediatrics to a global one and ISSOP needs to build on this. It has the opportunity to transform the world for children and

families and protect their rights and health. For this a bigger number of participants is needed.

Nick Spencer ends his report with acknowledgements and thanks to: Lennart Köhler who has been an inspiration to him as well as the most influential person in Social Paediatrics over the whole lifespan of ESSOP and subsequently ISSOP; Geir Gunnlaugsonn who has been general Secretary for a number of years; Olivier Duperrex; Luis Martin; and many more.

His 15 years as President of ISSOP have been wonderful and he is sure that Jeff Goldhagen will guide ISSOP's further transformation during his presidency.

One minute of applause from all attendants.

### **Jeff Goldhagen (JG)**

Believes in what ISSOP has accomplished over the years, and believes that this period of transformation is going to allow to make a significant impact in the health and wellbieng of children around the world. JG considers ISSOP as the only global pediatric association in the world that is committed to Social Pediatrics and Child Rights. He recognizes there is a need for more people to participate and that transformation goes by just not being a membership organization but by extending to regional areas and other societies (AAP, IPA ISPCAN). For example Shanti Raman has been working with the Asia Pacific Region and Raúl Mercer with the Latinamerican.

With regards to ISSOP itself, committees have been put together and a committee structure has been created. One of the missions of this structure is to gain 1000 members in 1000 days. He is looking forward to spend the next few years working with all ISSOP members and continue to accomplish great things in the future.

## **5. General Secretary's report – BR**

BR mentions she will send report. Report summarizes the meetings that have been held watt the EC Committee and Coincil. There have been 8 meetings, 2 of which were held with the Council (March and September). Suggests making an effort to have a minimum of 3 meetings with Council members per year that could be fixed, for example early December, March-April, June-July.

The platform used for the meetings has been JG's Vidyó Conference Room at the University of Florida which has been working pretty well and will be used for Lebanon's Scientific Committe as well.

BR also reports that it has been a great pleasure working with Nick and Jeff together as presidents and now that Nick is definetely leaving the presidency she is left "sola ante el peligro" (alone against danger ☺). Seriously speaking though she looking forward to working with Jeff , the core EC, Council and all ISSOP members.

**6. Treasurer's report – Olivier Duperrex. – (OD)**

OD informs that ISSOP is close to reaching 100 members without counting the 60 new members from Indonesia. 20% of members are coming from supported countries which is a big improvement. Another piece of good news is that a third of the members who paid this year are under 50 years of age.

OD needs urgently to have someone help him with the website. The details of the accounts have been discussed with the Executive Committee (EC) and can be revised. The Assembly unanimously approves the accounts displayed.

**7. IPA representative's report – Shanti Raman not able to come to the meeting.**

JG briefly explains the work she has done regarding the theme Violence against Children and the joint workshops she has performed at the Asian Pacific and ISPCAN conferences and will do as well in IPA meeting in Panama next year as a preconference workshop.

For the future ISSOP's goal is to create joint initiatives with IPA.

**8. Trainee Group report – Anna Battersby (AB)**

AB will be sending report. Highlights of the report include:

The trainee group have created a video informing about Social Paediatrics, ISSOP and what the group does.

They have been using the twitter handle and the facebook group as a forum to share ideas in the hopes of getting a bigger audience.

Trainees have been working on the review article of migrant child health.

They also want to launch the mentorship program.

They have been very active in the trainee workshop at the conference. One of the main interests is to create a training module in Social Pediatrics.

A survey monkey was sent to all those attending the trainee workshop and the feedback on this workshop will be sent.

The group will try to get more trainees involved in ISSOP's newsletter in order to get more projects and ideas in.

**9. ISSOP 2019 - BEIRUT**

JG informs that over the past year and coming out of the relationship with Fouad at the Budapest conference, and the relationship with other organizations in the Middle East, ISSOP is moving forward to have its next annual meeting in Beirut, Lebanon focused on "Armed Conflict in Children". There is a Scientific Committee already working on this conference. One issue that had to be addressed is that Israeli colleagues will not be able to come since the Lebanese Government does not allow any Israelis in their country nor anyone with an Israeli stamp on their passport. In this respect the Scientific Committee will work on having video-conferencing and live streaming at the conference, as much as possible.

The conference will take place at the American University of Beirut (AUB) at the end of September.

### **10. Venue for 2020**

Potential topic: Climate Change.

Potential venue: Indonesia.

### **11. Sustainability Prize**

Tony Waterston who is responsible for the sustainability prize explains that the reason for this award is to mainly acknowledge the global impact of climate change. This time around ISSOP has received the biggest number of entries for the prize coming up to a total of 7 entries. All these 7 people have travelled by train, but one person (Olivier Duperrex) in addition travelled 20 kms by bicycle so the prize will go to him. The prize entitles one year of free membership. Points out that the air travel equivalent is over 10 times that of travelling by train. Air travel is the biggest growing factor in climate change for many countries.

### **12. AOB**

Mitch Blair suggests giving free membership to the medical student who made an extraordinary presentation at the conference. She has mentioned she would like to be part of ISSOP and contribute with position statements or research regarding Social Pediatrics.

In this respect JG also wants to engage CHIFA members to join ISSOP by offering reduced membership prices.

The meeting finalizes congratulating the organizers of the conference, Ute, Helmut and Thorsten.

Rapport du trésorier au / Treasurer report on (31.12.2017)									
BILAN / BALANCE				Euros					
				Average exchange rate used (Swiss Federal Office)					
				1 Euro =	1.11156946	1.09008992	1.0874		
					31.12.2017	31.12.16	31.12.15		
<b>Actif / Assets</b>									
Liquidités / Cash			€	11'674	€	6'324	€	9'335	
Actifs transitoires / Transitional assets			€	-	€	-	€	-	
Immobilisations incorporelles (nette) / Intangible assets (net) *			€	-	€	727	€	1'214	
<b>Total Actif / Assets</b>				<b>€</b>	<b>11'674</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>7'050</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>10'549</b>
<b>Passif / Liability</b>									
<b>Total Passif / Liability</b>				<b>€</b>	<b>7'305</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>4'323</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>8'205</b>
* Immobilisations incorporelles (nette) / Intangible assets (net)									
Base de données membres / Membership database (Kenes)			€	713	€	1'211	€	2'023	
Amortissement annuel 40% / Annual amortization 40% of value			€	-713	€	-484	€	-809	
Valeur nette au / Net value on 31.12 :			€	-	€	727	€	1'214	
<b>COMPTES DE PROFITS ET PERTES / PROFIT AND LOSS</b>									
					31.12.2017	31.12.16	31.12.15		
<b>Recettes / Income</b>									
Cotisations / Fees			€	3'829	€	1'969	€	5'595	
Autres produits / Other income									
Donations			€	9'192	€	-	€	-	
Produits financiers nets / Net investment income			€	-	€	-	€	0	
Bénéfice sur organisation séminaire / Benefit on conference			€	-	€	-	€	1'839	
<b>Total Recettes / Income</b>				<b>€</b>	<b>13'021</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>1'969</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>7'434</b>
<b>Charges</b>									
				€	-	€	-	€	-
<b>Total Charges</b>				<b>€</b>	<b>10'411</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>5'825</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>7'353</b>
<b>RESULTAT D'EXPLOITATION / OPERATING INCOME:</b>				<b>€</b>	<b>2'609</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>-3'856</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>81</b>
Capital au 1er janvier / Capital at 1 January				€	875	€	4'748	€	4'679
Bilan de l'exercice / Balance for the year				€	2'609	€	-3'856	€	81
Capital au 31 décembre / Capital at 31 December				€	3'485	€	892	€	4'760
<b>*detail of expenses</b>									
Media, computer and Maintenance *			€	6'910	€	3'578	€	3'502	
Kenes membership database: running costs			€	3'820	€	3'431	€	3'445	
website names + provider			€	175	€	148	€	57	
new website			€	2'915					
<b>Fees paid to other organisations*</b>				<b>€</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>1'177</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>1'332</b>
CHIFA			€	285	€	585	€	1'332	
IPA fee			€	211	€	592	€	-	