

Minutes of ESSOP Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Oxford, England

15 September 2000

Attendants: A. Macfarlane, G. Gökçay, S. Logan, R. Chamberlin, G. Julien, I. Szilagyi-Pagowska, C. Colomer, T. Schulpen, JC. Vuille, P. Bouvier, T. Panagiotopoulos, A. Sito, N. Spencer, H. Voorhove, A. Kılıç, G. Tamburlini, L. Kukla, R. Zaba, B. Tewson, G. Laing, H. Menezes, A. Tam, E. Tsitsika, A. Macherianakis, V. Bing, J Szymborski, R. Jonsell, T. vanZeben, L. Köhler, N. Wigg, L. Martin-Alvarez, O. Vall, M. Varfalvi, A. Benos,

Agenda

- Welcome
- Report of the general secretary
- Report of the treasurer
- New membership applications
- Developing the role for ESSOP in a changing world
- Connections with journals
- Research
- Time and place of the next annual meeting
- Publications of this year's meeting in Oxford (Aidan)
- Any other business

Welcome

Aidan Macfarlane as the president of ESSOP chaired the annual general meeting and welcomed the participants. He invited Nick Spencer as the meeting president, Gülbin Gökçay as the general secretary and Paul Bouvier as the treasurer to the stage.

N. Spencer said that he was very to host everybody in Oxford.

Report of the general secretary

G. Gökçay, as the general secretary, read the minutes of the last annual general meeting in Istanbul and underlined the amendments in the constitution, which were accepted in the last annual general meeting. No further development was achieved on the SmithKline Beecham Report after sending the decisions of the AGM. The creation of a website was about to be finished according to the message received from O. Duperrex who was responsible for this work.

The general secretary also distributed the resolutions of the ESSOP meeting on "School Health". She said that all presentations of the meeting in Istanbul were published in Turkish in a small book and the Turkish Ministry of Education distributed this book to all over the country.

G. Gökçay said that between 1997 and 1999, she worked as the president and the general secretary of ESSOP and tried to repair the communication failures between the ESSOP and its members. She tried to update the membership list but she said that there were a number of inactive members. She asked members to send information about other members' situation.

Treasurer report

During the Istanbul Congress, the post of treasurer was taken over by Paul Bouvier, Geneva, with the help of Olivier Duperrex, Geneva, as vice-treasurer. This solution was convenient in order to keep the bank account in the same country. The account address has been transferred from Bern to Geneva, without changing the account number. During this lengthy process, no mail was sent to ESSOP members for the 1999 memberships. For this reason, few members were able to pay their memberships (9 members * SFr 50.00, one member * SFr 20) in Istanbul and it was decided that one membership would be requested for the 1999-2000 memberships in Oxford. Payment by VISA card during the annual meeting was made possible and proved successful (23 members * SFr 50.00) during the Oxford Conference.

State of the account	SFr.
Balance on 30.09.1999	4'992.05
Incomes	1'622.70
(memberships, interest)	
Expenses	-2'457.85
(provisional expenses of the general secretary for the ESSOP meeting, taxes, VISA commission)	
Balance on 05.10.2000	4'156.90

Membership applications

The following membership applications were accepted unanimously:

Anthony Waterston, Gabriell Laing, Giorgio Tamburlini, Stephen Nicholas Jarvis, Mila Hadnadjev, Marianna Varfalvi, Virginia Monteoliva, Anthony Tam, Janusz Szymborski, Alexis Macherianakis, Luis Martin Alvarez, Ailis Quinlan

Developing the role of ESSOP in a changing world

A Macfarlane explained that "international and child health" should be added to the title. A letter will be circulated to the members for this purpose. AGM decided that a whole session should be devoted to the discussion of this subject in the next meeting.

Publications of this year's meeting in Oxford (Aidan)

AGM decided that details of this meeting will be circulated in the Journal Ambulatory Child Health. Aidan and Nick will be the responsible editors.

Time and place of the next annual meeting

There were two options for the next annual meeting. These were Italy and Poland. It was decided that a workshop could be held in Trieste with WHO; UNICEF and other NGO's. This suggestion will be developed by Dr. Tamburlini and the details will be sent within 6 weeks.

The ESSOP Annual General Meeting accepted that the next ESSOP meeting would be held in Poland in September 2001. The president of the 2001 ESSOP meeting was decided to be Dr. Ilona Szilagyi-Pagouska. The topic of the meeting will be "Maternal and child health in the community: meeting the changing needs"

Journals

Macfarlane will improve the communication with the journals: *Ambulatory Child Health* and *Child: Care, Health and Development* (owned by the same publisher) which give substantially reduced subscription to ESSOP members. S. Logan who is the editor of the journal *Child: Care, Health and Development* said that the editorial board of his journal is mainly consisted of ESSOP members.

Research

Concha Colomer (CC), who is the Research Officer in charge since 1992, will update the inventory of work done by the ESSOP members. She said that she could not do this last year because many members did not have any e-mail addresses. A website will be very useful for this purpose.

Other business

Pamela Zimkin who is the European Co-ordinator of the Forum for People's Health, which will be held in Bangladesh between 4-8th of December asked ESSOP to support a representative to attend this meeting. N. Spencer suggested that G. Gökçay should represent ESSOP. G. Gökçay said that due to her academic activities at the university it is impossible for her to attend this meeting. It was decided that any ESSOP member who is willing to attend the forum will contact A. Macfarlane and this member's expenses for this forum will be supported by ESSOP.

R. Chamberlin from the USA said that this will be his last meeting to attend for ESSOP and he thanked ESSOP for its activities. The participants of the AGM also applauded him.
Gülbin Gökçay