

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5 October 2001, Warsaw

## **Agenda:**

1. Report of the general secretary
2. Report of the treasurer
3. New membership applications
4. Connections with journals
5. How should ESSOP develop in the future
6. Time and place of the next annual general meeting
7. Miscellaneous

## Participants:

O. Duperrex, G. Alperstein, J. Grguric, T. Waterston, S. Raman, A. Aukett, N. Spencer, S. Tsitoura, E. Papadopoulo, A. Aydın, G. Julien, C. Puig, O. Vall, H. Voorhoeve, L. Kukla, L. Martin, J. Perin, U. Thyen, I. Szilagy, A.Sito, G. Gökçay, S. Nakou, A. Macfarlane

At the opening of the meeting, it was sadly announced that Peter Rönisch died. A tribute was paid to him.

## **1. Report of the general secretary**

The minutes of the last annual general meeting were presented by the general secretary. She reported that letters or e-mails had been sent to all members about the membership fees. Some of the letters, which were sent out, were returned due to a change of address. She asked everybody to inform her about any address changes.

Dr. Gökçay said that membership payments can now be made by VISA and thanked the treasurers for making this possible. She also said that ESSOP now has a website with which to communicate with and between the membership, and thanked Dr. O. Duperrex for his commitments in creating the ESSOP website.

The general secretary said that she received a message from Dr. C. Colomer via Dr. L. Martin Alvarez about her wish to leave the executive committee membership due

to her workload in Spain. Dr. L. Martin Alvarez was suggested to replace her in the executive committee and this suggestion was accepted by the members.

## 2. Report of the treasurer

As Paul Bouvier was unable to attend, the report is presented by Olivier Duperrex.

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State of the account	Swiss Francs
Balance on 01/01/01	4,219.15 F
Balance on 30/11/01	5,168.80 F
Last balance:	5,168.80 F
Incomes:	1,510.80 F
Expenses:	535.00 F

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Incomes: memberships, interest

Expenses: expenses of the general secretary for the ESSOP meeting, taxes, VISA commission

ESSOP website is kindly hosted by CIPRET, courtesy of Dr Jean-Charles Rielle ([www.prevention.ch](http://www.prevention.ch)), who also generously paid for the website names [www.essop.org](http://www.essop.org) and [www.social-pediatrics.org](http://www.social-pediatrics.org) for year 2001 and 2002. For the year 2003, we probably will have to pay for the names (indicative \$35 each per year).

Membership 2001 on 30/11/01:	29
Membership for life (30/11/01):	32

Strategies to increase membership payment are:

- sending request for payment of annual fee in January
- sending reminder in July to members who have not paid
- keep an up-to-date database including the information about annual fees paid (OD will work on it)
- use national networks to improve contact and increase motivation to be a member and to come to the Annual Meeting (rise interest by increase personal contacts and by rising ESSOP profile)
- value the benefits of being a member (the Committee will prepare a proposition)

- continue to propose payments by bank transfer (some banks ask prohibitive charges), by VISA or cash at Annual Meeting - electronic VISA payment were too expensive (but we will keep an eye on the offers)
- develop a document laying out the aims and objectives of ESSOP (Aidan Macfarlane to do)

### **3.New membership applications**

The following membership applications were accepted unanimously.

- Dr. Adem Aydın
- Dr. Garth Alperstein
- Maria Ines Carvajal
- Ulla Fasting
- Carin Bokedal
- Tonny Filedtkok-Weiman,
- Alexis Benos
- Carme Puig Sola

### **4. Connections with journals**

Dr. Macfarlane said that the journal of Ambulatory Child Health will not be published anymore . He will talk to Dr. Stuart Logan about the reduced price of the Journal Child for our members.

### **5.How should ESSOP develop in the future:**

The following decisions were taken :

- The website should be developed to increase the communication within the society. The access to certain areas in the website will be limited to the members.
- Membership of the members who do not pay the subscription fee for two years will be terminated.
- ESSOP should increase their contact with the national social pediatric associations, WHO, UNICEF and EU institutions. Representative from such institutions may be invited

- UNEPSA wants to have a representative from ESSOP. The secretary general will contact ESSOP for this purpose
- Develop a ESSOP visiting fellowship, with a prize for the best papers in the ESSOP annual meeting. This will be arranged.
- A funding policy should be discussed on the following ESSOP meeting. Aidan Macfarlane proposed that some money could be raised for ESSOP
- A guideline will be developed for ESSOP meetings so local people can attend the meetings and at the end of each meeting, a statement could be produced to develop strategies in different issues. A session should be devoted to issues related to the developing countries.
- Four telephone call conferences will be carried out between the executive members until the next ESSOP meeting.
- Specific papers from each AGM should be put up on the website.

#### **6.The future ESSOP meetings**

The next ESSOP meeting will take place on the island of Hydra in Greece in September . The subject will be “Promotion of the child mental health in the community”or “The community impact of vaccination” . The final decision will be taken by the Greek members. The exact time and subject will be taken by November.

In 2003 the ESSOP meeting will be held in Spain