

12/10/02

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
ESSOP 2002
SPETSES, GREECE
SEPTEMBER 2002**

1) Apologies

Gülbin. Paul Bouvier, Tyndall.

2) Minutes of the last AGM

These were accepted

3) Report by the General Secretary (Gülbin)

Very unfortunately the General Secretary could not be present owing to visa difficulties – however all members sent her very good wishes.

4) New Members – all accepted without dissent

Members names:

1. Deborah Hodes, UK Consultant Paed
2. Michael Zilibowitz, Australia, Paediatrician
3. Paul Verkerk, Dutch, Epidemiologist
4. Constantina Pop, Romania, Paediatrician
5. Ghinescu Minerva, Romania, Family Physician
6. Anne Sierakowska-Fijakek, Polish, Paediatrician

5) Thanks to Stella for organising the present meeting

Stella was much thanked for organising a wonderful meeting both from a scientific point of view but also for the social aspects.

6) What is ESSOP seeking to achieve, and how do we do it? – the “ESSOP [Mission Statement](#) and the future of ESSOP”

7) Future developments in the field of Social Paediatrics in Europe and in the world in general (general discussion)

Canada – moving to develop social paediatric training – so Gilles wants information from other members / Helping children with global needs at a local level. UK – tendency for joined up management in social care trusts. Spain – interagency development. Croatia – involvement in primary care of children. Poland – nothing much changed though there is a social paediatric section of Polish paediatric society. Active involvement of dept of health in

things like immunisation of children. Turkey – increasing emphasis in the training programme. Have yearly meeting of people in social paediatrics. 8 medical faculties which have social paediatric departments 3 Ankara, 3 Istanbul (43 medical faculties in all!), emphasis on mother child health courses. Greece – increasing recognition of role of social paediatrics. Improving! Switzerland – Social paediatrics is non issue, lack of training, vacuum in organisation in < 5 year old care.

8) International training in Child Public Health – what should be the role of ESSOP?

We should have a report from individual members about the developments of social paediatrics in different countries. International students a training for child health in the U.K – but not really international training? Role of ESSOP should be in supporting training. Croatia – have formal training. Institute of child health has some international training programmes. Possibly posted on website? A EuTEACH equivalent? Could ESSOP do it? EuTEACH is teaching the teachers – worthwhile examining it further. Should be broader so that it takes in all those caring for children. Could ESSOP put up present training programmes (link) on website.

9) Future presidential candidates for ESSOP

Suggestions for a new president should be put forward NOW. The present president thinks he has had 2 of four years.

10) Future meetings of ESSOP – where and when?

A formal proposition was made and accepted for a future ESSOP international meeting in 2004 to be held outside Europe in Montreal, Canada on “the training of social paediatrician and family doctors in social paediatric”. O.K ED BY MEMBERSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 2004.

The 2003 ESSOP meeting will be hosted by Oriel and Luis in Madrid at the end of September 2003.

11) Present Financial situation (financial officer or representative)

This was presented by Olivier. Moneywise we are stable. Positive balance 4529.76. Swiss francs. Cheapest way to pay – is at the Annual General Meeting in Cash.

12) The future roles of Social Paediatric and social paediatrician

Gilles would like us to define roles of the social paediatricians in simple form for all members —doctors and others. Along with a global mandate. Small group within ESSOP headed by Gilles will get together and work it out.

13) Any other business.

None except to ONCE AGAIN THANK STELLA FOR ORGANISING A BRILLIANT MEETING