



Annual General Meeting of ESSOP 2005

Split, Croatia – Friday 14th July – 3.00-6.00

Based on notes taken by Aidan, completed by Gülbin and Olivier.

1. Welcome

The President (Aidan Macfarlane) welcomed the 31 members of ESSOP who attended the meeting

2. Apologies

were received from Ilona Szilagyi Pagowska, Aldona Sito , Stuart Logan, Dezso Schöler, Staffan Jansson

3. President's report

The President reported that (1) a number of proposals had been put forward from the previous year's (2004) AGM for ratification at the present AGM and that these would be put to the meeting (2) that in November 2004 there had been a meeting in Valencia between Concha Colomer, Gilles Julien, Lennart Kohler, Aidan Macfarlane to continue discussions on the future of ESSOP (3) that there had been a pre-meeting held 22nd June of the executive board and a specific proposal drawn up to be voted on by the members attending the AGM

4. Secretary General's report – Montreal minutes – for discussion

The general secretary reported that the only way for communication among members is e-mail therefore the general secretary should be informed about the e-mail changes. In February 2005 a letter was sent to all ESSOP members about the executive committee elections and proposals were asked. Few proposals came back and they were forwarded to the president. The General Secretary summarized the Montreal minutes for discussion.

5. Treasurer's report

Memberships

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Lifetime	33	33	33	33	33
Annual fee paid	34	48	41	42	6
Total	67	81	74	75	39

Balance for 2004: + 190 EUROS (+ 277 CHF)

Annual report of accounts

Bank accounts	01.01.'03	01.01.'04	01.01.'05	21.06.'05
ESSOP CHF	3'263	4'108	4'313	4'368
ESSOP Euros	1'150	1'863	1'849	1'966
TOTAL Bank accounts	4'413	5'972	6'162	6'334
Difference to previous year		1'558	191	171

Comments

- No charges for website.
- Values in annual report of accounts differ from previous report due to variation in exchange rates

Cash-Flow - 1.1.04 to 31.12.04 – in EUROS

	ESSOP CHF	ESSOP Euros	TOTAL
INCOME			
Interest	4.80	9.38	14.18
Membership Fees	267.91	34.65	302.56
TOTAL INCOME	272.71	44.03	316.74
EXPENSES			
Account expense	65.86	55.12	120.98
Tax	1.68	3.28	4.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	67.54	58.40	125.94
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	205.17	-14.37	190.80

6. The Valencia mid year meeting and pre meeting 22nd June 2005

The President reported on the outcome of the meeting in Valencia in November 2004. The report is attached below as appendix.

The president also reported on the results of the executive board meeting held 22nd June 2005.

- **Voting on amendments to the Constitution from the minutes of the AGM 2004 in Montreal and the Valencia meeting.**

The following amendments to the constitution were voted on.

(a) That the present name of the society 'European Society for Social Paediatrics, ESSOP'

Should be changed to a full title: - ***European Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health.***

But that the acronym should remain

ESSOP.

=> Carried by an overwhelming majority.

(b) That section 2 (Purpose) of the Constitution entitled 'PURPOSE' be changed from:

'The Society is a non-governmental, non-profit making, scientific body with the purpose to promote the knowledge of social paediatrics, stimulate research in this field, to disseminate such knowledge at meetings and elsewhere and to cooperate with other national and international agencies with the same or similar scope'.

Change to read:

'The Society is a non-governmental, non-profit making, scientific body open to all child health professionals with the purpose of promoting knowledge of social paediatrics, to stimulate research in this field, to disseminate such knowledge at meetings and to work together with national and international agencies to use our skills, resources and knowledge to develop local and global strategies to improve the health and well-being of children and young people'.

=> Carried unanimously

(c) Delete current 3a in the Constitution which reads

'Members must have an active interest in social paediatrics'

Change to read:

'Membership is open to all professionals in child & adolescent health'

=> Carried unanimously.

(d) Delete current 3b of the constitution which states:

'Members are accepted from European countries and from non-European countries to an amount of up to 10%. And substitute

'Membership is open to professionals working for child and adolescent health from anywhere in the world'

=> Carried unanimously

7. Other non – constitutional points arising from the minutes of the 2004 AGM were all agreed.

8. From the Valencia November 2005 meeting proposals it was agreed that ESSOP would provide:

For information:

- An 'ESSOP International Centre of Child Health Information' – which can be used by members of ESSOP, journalists, politicians, professionals and other interested parties.
- This Centre can form a link between administrative/funding agencies and members/centres of expertise in *Social Paediatrics and Child Health*, in matters of training, research and practice.
- A critique of various other resources in the field of social paediatrics and child health such as books, review papers, articles etc
- Knowledge about the areas of expertise where ESSOP can help (e.g. child health indicators, quality assessment etc.)

Education and training:

- Assistance to members by providing the resources (in the form of tools or people) concerning 'ESSOP' reviews/quality assessments/bench markings of training initiatives already being undertaken in the field of social paediatrics and child health in various countries.
- Examples of the areas where ESSOP and its members can help including, starting training courses, running conferences, developing curricula.

Research:

- Knowledge and assistance/support about past, current and future research projects in the field of Social Paediatrics and Child Health
- Knowledge and assistance concerning relevant research (methodologies, philosophy etc) e.g. the use of indicators for monitoring children's health and wellbeing.
- A resource of expertise amongst the members of ESSOP who have knowledge about research in similar fields.

Practice:

- Knowledge and assistance about relevant 'good practice' in the field of social paediatrics and child health
- Guidelines about different types of clinical practice, advocacy, planning etc. (using the internet and other forms of communication)
- Knowledge and assistance concerning the assessment of the quality of child health services and how to carry out an 'impact assessment' of various policies.

It was also agreed that:

- Gilles Julien would head up the Education and Training Group
- Olivier Duperrex would head up the Information Group
- Milivoj Jovancevic would head the Practice Group
- Nick Spencer would head the Research Group

9. A specific proposal arising from the meeting of the executive board on 22nd June 2005 read:

That the next President urgently employ **someone** short term, if necessary using ESSOP funds (up to approximately 6000 euros) to:

- Finalise the statement about what ESSOP has to offer in a format suitable for fund raising
- Examine possibility of having a 'fellowship' for a young professional for the work
- Make a detailed business case for an executive director or a young brilliant person.
- Identify national and international organisations that would be ready to collaborate and on what conditions.
- Start developing a marketing strategy
- Examine the feasibility and the ethics of raising money from different sources (Governments, commercial concerns, and otherwise – e.g. Chagnon – suggested by Gilles)
- Act as a short term 'driver' to members of the Executive Committee to look at ways of raising the issues with government and other contacts

=> Carried unanimously

10. Election of new members

Dubravka Zelic, Elisabet Hagelin, JM Mandema, Kovacs Zsuzsanna, Martin Bigec, Anne Marie Oudesluys-Murphy, Manuel Katz, Teodora Wickerhauser-Majer

11. Election of President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Board Members

The following were elected:

President - Nicholas Spencer

General Secretary – Stella Tsitoura

Treasurer – Olivier Duperrex

As executive board members – Gilles Julien, Luis Martin-Alvarez, Tony Waterston, Raul Mercer, Zsarsanna Kovacs,, Josip Grguric, Giovana Armano, Mitch Blair, Manuel Katz , Shanti Raman

12. Tony's motion

Africa and the arms trade –

Tony Waterston proposed that ESSOP members take part in a piece of advocacy in relation to the forthcoming G8 summit in Scotland and the accompanying publicity being given to African debt (the Make Poverty History campaign). There is little mention being made in the press of the arms trade and the wars in Africa which are gravely affecting children. (This was the subject of a lecture at the meeting earlier that day) TW proposed that a letter be sent to the Guardian in the UK and to Bob Geldof, from ESSOP members as follows:

We as paediatricians concerned with children's health worldwide fully support the aims of the Make Poverty History coalition and the efforts of Bob Geldof and Bono to convince the G8 leaders to increase aid flows to Africa. However little publicity is being given to the involvement of the G8 countries in selling arms to Africa, and to the dreadful burden this brings to African children through the intensification of conflict.

It has been reported that two thirds of Angolan children had witnessed murder; that 20% of Angolan children were separated from their families following war; and that in 1998, at least 300,000 children worldwide under 18 were child soldiers. And the economic costs are also immense: in 1999 South Africa spent \$US 6bn on armaments and this sum could purchase combination treatment for all five million AIDS sufferers for two years.

Yet last week a report was published by Oxfam and Amnesty showing that the G8 countries are still supplying armaments to the regimes with the worst abuses of human rights.

We call on Bob Geldof to publicise this aspect of the African crisis, and on the G8 leaders to support the call from the UK government and 10 other countries for an international Arms Trade Treaty.

=> Carried unanimously.

Post-scriptum from Tony: unfortunately the letter was not published by the Guardian

13. Sponsorship

Tony Waterston raised the issue concerning what sponsorship policy ESSOP should have and pointed out that this needed to be spelt in out in detail, particularly in relation to sponsorship by infant formula manufacturers. Tony Waterston was commissioned to start working on a policy for ESSOP and Shanti Raman offered to help.

14. Summer School in Croatia in 2006

The concept of a Social Paediatric Summer school to be held in Croatia in the summer of 2006 was proposed and presented by Josip and unanimously supported by the membership.

15. Endorsement of the 'European Play Safety Forum' –

This item had to be missed out because of shortage of time, but would be passed to the new president for his ideas.

16. Cardiff meeting 2006 –

Dr Elspeth Webb proposed that the AGM next year (2006) should be held in Cardiff from July 12th-14th 2006: Equity in child health and health care (preliminary programme put on the web on 30th June)

17. Future meetings.

It was agreed that:

- The 2007 meeting of ESSOP would be organised by Giorgio Tamburlini in Trieste
- The 2008 meeting of ESSOP would be organised by Geir Gunnlaugsson in Iceland

18. Any other business.

Tom Schulpen and the membership thanked the outgoing President for his work.

Nick Spencer and the membership thanked the outgoing general secretary for her work.

Gülbin Gökçay reminded the importance of the ESSOP official journal Child: Care, Health and Development for communication.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed

APPENDIX 1.

PROPOSALS ARISING
FROM
VALENCIA 'ESSOP' WORKING GROUP MEETING
30TH NOVEMBER 2004.
FOR JUNE ESSOP MEETING IN CROATIA.

Background

The working group was set up at the Montreal AGM 2004 to look at the future of ESSOP over the next ten years including how to further 'professionalise' the organisation and to draw up a more detailed proposal to have a salaried 'Executive Director'.

Attending – Concha Colomer, Gilles Julien, Lennart Kohler, Aidan Macfarlane

The following are the proposals from the working party to be discussed at a workshop in Croatia at the ESSOP 2005 AGM.

Change mission statement further to:

'The 'European Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health' (ESSOP) involves professionals thinking and acting locally and globally to promote and improve the health and well being of children and young people'

To be voted on at the AGM.....

ESSOP works to achieve this by guiding and supporting professionals in the fields of education and training, research and practice by seeing children and their health in an economic, social, cultural and political context. This is a task for multiprofessional, multidisciplinary and multisectoral team working.

Social Paediatrics and Child Health operates in a field where Health is seen as a positive, dynamic, multidimensional state, where the quantitative and qualitative methods of medical, behavioural and social sciences are applied, and where the special needs and conditions of Children and Childhood are considered.

Carried unanimously

ESSOP will provide:

For information:

- An 'ESSOP International Centre of Child Health Information' – which can be used by members of ESSOP, journalists, politicians, professionals and other interested parties. Such a resource will include 'evidence based', 'critiqued' reviews (e.g. Nick Spencer's review of poverty and Gilles Julien's book 'A different kind of care; the social paediatric approach'), relevant research projects etc. as well as a detailed list of 'people' with expertise in various specialist areas.
- This Centre can form a link between administrative/funding agencies and members/centres of expertise in *Social Paediatrics and Child Health*, in matters of training, research and practice.
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What ESSOP needs in order to implement the above:

Someone to supervise the overall management of the above proposals ('a driver') e.g an executive director (paid professional).

The development of four 'working groups' (see below)

The collection of information about – training, research, clinical practice from all members – to be the responsibility of the executive director to oversee – but actual collection may be possible using a student.

Needed for – Information and an ‘ESSOP International Centre of Child Health Information’

Collection of the contents of the site including deciding what exactly needs to be collected. (via telephone interviews, internet, email) – but the actual collection of data could initially be done by a student.

Technical side – need a site manager, a site designer, and someone to market the site.

A ‘Editorial working group’ –(5 members supported by the executive director) to get papers, review them etc. Working group could also review the membership list and record, on the information centre site, people who are expert in various areas. Have one member as the person (accountable to Executive board) from the working group who, supported by the executive director will take overall responsibility for running the ‘editorial’ working group.

Keeping the information centre up to date would be under the direction of the executive director.

Needed for Education and training.

An ‘Education and training working group’ (about 5 members supported by executive director) to provide training resources in the form of ‘courses’, ‘guidelines’, ‘distant training packages’ etc some of which could be available on the website. Have one member as the person (accountable to Executive board) from the working group who, supported by the executive director will take overall responsibility for running the ‘education and training’ working group.

Provide examples of the areas where we can help include, starting training courses, running conferences, developing curricula. This could also be part of Information Centre (see above) and could also include information about members who have particular expertise in training.

Needed for Research.

A ‘Research working group’ (about 5 members supported by executive director) to provide resources including collecting relevant research information. Have one member as the person (accountable to Executive board) from the working group who, supported by the executive director will take overall responsibility for running the research working group.

Needed for Practice.

A ‘Practice working group’(about 5 members supported by executive director) to provide resources including collecting relevant information, writing guidelines, providing expertise. Have one member as the person (accountable to Executive board) from the working group who, supported by the executive director will take overall responsibility for running the practice working group.

(Note 1: further working groups may need to be developed in the future).

(Note 2. These developments can only be undertaken if we have a professional, paid for, executive director. These developments will also need a supporting secretariat with a permanent base – so as to have one address, one email site etc.)

What ESSOP will expect an Executive Director (young brilliant person under supervision of next president instead of ED?) to do.....

- Head up the 'secretariat' which will take forward the day to day working of ESSOP as this will be the hub around which all other ESSOP activities will turn
- Take the initiative for driving forward the develops outlined in this paper
- Drive the mission of ESSOP forward on a week by week basis
- Assure a continuing link/communication between members
- Update information for on a weekly basis
- Maintain and develop the list of members
- Look for ways of attracting new members and advertising ESSOP generally
- Maintain the content of the website
- Support and link the four working groups (information, training, research, practice outlined above)
- 'See through' the executive board decisions
- Report on a regular basis to the executive committee
- Help organise the annual general meeting
- Seek new funding sources
- Identify new projects which ESSOP could undertake by visiting various funding and project giving organisations like the EU, WHO, Departments of Health at National levels
- Write proposals or help members write proposals

What we should provide for the Executive Director

- A salary
- A work base
- Secretarial support
- Travel funds

Skills required of Executive Director.

Essential

- Managing personnel and projects
- Communication skills
- Good English language
- Good computer skills
- Ability to travel widely

Desired

- Experience in child public health/research/academic work
- Experience in working in International settings
- At least one other European language

Financing required (a rough estimate).

- Funding for Executive Director (salary around 60,000 Euros a year for three days a week – depending on country - plus travel expenses of 5000 Euros per year)
- Funding for secretariat salary part time of 2 days a week – 6000 Euros a year.
- Equipment for Executive Director and secretariat –4000 Euros one off payment
- Finance for office space and costs of telephone, mailing, stationary etc – (Lennart to check what ASPHER is paying)
- Funding for site management of website – 5000 Euros per year
- Funding for student to collect initial basic information – 5000 Euros per year
- Funding for meetings of working groups – 12,000 Euros per year.

Total =100,000 Euros per year plus office expenses

One off payment of around 4000 Euros for equipment.

Possible funding sources.

- **Membership fees (allowing for country's Gross National Income and profession of member)**
- **Group/organisation membership**
- **European Union**
- **Sponsorship – Commercial firms or no?**
- **Philanthropists**
- **Income from 'reviews'**
- **Income from organising meetings**
- **Income from teaching courses**
- **Income from involving developing countries (SOROS foundation, DIFID, other EU sources of funding, funding from USA e.g Dyson foundation?)**
- **Save the Children Fund**
- **Sales of publications**

Unsettled issues

- What is the legal status of the organisation? (Gilles)
- How do we approach the funding question?

What next.

- Document forms the basis of a workshop at next AGM to 'flesh out' further.
- Proposed change to mission statement to go to AGM as change in constitution

We have to realise that all these things cannot be done immediately; we need to set priorities and form a strategy of how to move ahead.

Once the general plan is accepted by the AGM, with additional or limiting instructions, a group should be given the task to pursue the development further.

- Permanent general secretariat– need to have a job description, statement about equipment, where they are sited.
- Financial support for general secretariat and other initiatives – can we apply for EC money or elsewhere?
- Outputs – publications, training courses etc
- Circulation to members about electing new President and new members of exec committee – and what else should go out to members in this circulation (fees, change of name of ESSOP, other proposed changes to constitution
- Membership fees and bursary for colleagues from less wealthy countries
- Further use of the website, and should we use email exclusively to communicate with members as is so much cheaper and easier?
- Publication of AGM in 'Child Care Health and Development'