



Annual General Meeting 2011

Amrath Grand Hotel de L'Empereur

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September 30, 2011

1. Welcome

- a. President Nick Spencer welcomes those present and presents apologies for some absent members (Shanti Raman, Mitch Blair and Manuel Katz).
- b. In total, 40 persons present, including some non-members.

2. President's Report

a. *ISSOP*

It was voted to become ISSOP at the 2010 AGM. After the meeting the Executive Board and Council have discussed and worked towards implementing the change of name and scope of the organization. This has e.g. included registration of ESSOP as an NGO in Geneva, Switzerland, and revision of the ESSOP Constitution. In addition, ISSOP mission statement is being prepared. See a later separate point.

b. *CHILD2015*

ESSOP is now a formal and registered member of the discussion forum after paying the due fees. Tony Waterston is our trained CHILD2015 moderator. See below, #9.

c. *Participation in conferences*

ESSOP has actively participated in several conferences during the last year: (1) Seminar at the *Europaediatrics 2011* conference in Vienna, Austria, June 23-26 in which Erika Sievers gave a presentation based on our position statement on migrant children; (2) *Consensus in Pediatrics* conference in February at which Nick Spencer was invited to make a presentation on ESSOP's behalf on child rights; (3) *Club Internationale de Pediatrie Social* meeting in **Geneva, June, 2011**, Nick Spencer made a presentation for ESSOP on children's rights; (4) *Hungarian Paediatric Society* in **Pecs, September 2011** Nick Spencer made a presentation for ESSOP on social paediatrics and the role of ESSOP; (5) *Baltic Paediatric Conference* in Vilnius, Lithuania in May 21-22, 2011 where ESSOP members contributed to a session children's rights and social determinants of health (Gonca Yilmaz (Turkey); Elspeth Webb (UK); Tony Waterston (UK); Luis Martin-Alvarez (Spain); Igor Radziewicz-Winnicki (Poland)).

d. *Position statements*

See #8 below.

3. General Secretary report

- a. In addition to the President's report, it is reported that the Executive Board and Council has regularly met on the internet through Skype and Flash technology with up to nine members participating from different continents (Europe, Middle-East, Australia and USA). These meetings have mostly been technically successful. Those who can not participate are urged to use the Flash link for the meetings and revisit the recorded session. Further, minutes are distributed to members.

4. Treasurers Report

- a. The treasurer Olivier Duperrex reports. The running of the ESSOP website is paid by his organization in Switzerland. Currently there are 33 lifetime members while 33 paid their due membership fee (50 euros/75 CHF for members in high-income countries, and 35 euros/50 CHF in middle- and low-income countries). PayPal is now set up and functioning and members do not need to register for a personal account to use the services. Only six members have so far used PayPal to pay their fees. The Treasurer urges members to use the Pay Pal services. The registration as an NGO in Geneva requires ESSOP to have an external control of our accounts, and through Olivier at a minimal cost (300 euros).
- b. Website paid by Olivier's Duperrex organization
- c. The report is approved by the AGM.

5. Change of ESSOP to ISSOP

- a. Approved by all present by acclamation

6. Constitutional changes

- a. Name change from ESSOP to ISSOP does not imply a new registration in Geneva, only minor changes in the constitution are necessary. Nick presents a proposal for a new structure still to be discussed among members and expected to be finalized at the ISSOP 2012 conference in St. Andrews, Scotland. In short, two key structures of ISSOP are proposed: *ISSOP Core* consists of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer and five additional active Council members. *ISSOP Council* is proposed to consist of the Core EC plus the Honorary President (Lennart Köhler), the President of the forthcoming annual meeting, one representative nominated by each of the affiliated national societies, and a representative of regions of the world as per WHO regions. The Council is expected to meet twice yearly, once at the annual meeting and once to coincide with the monthly meeting of the core EC approximately 6 months after the previous AGM. Discussion follows on the length of term of the Council.
- b. Agreed by those present to allow the Executive Council of ISSOP to do the final wording of the document.

7. ISSOP strategy

- a. Nick presents shortly a proposal for an ISSOP Strategy statement. A draft is to be circulated among members and will be open for changes. Back to AGM 2012 for finalization.

8. Position statements

- a. Two have been published in *Child, Health Care and Development*. The need for revisions discussed. Basically the authors need to monitor and propose changes. For example, migration and breastfeeding need to be updated. If to be published again major revisions are needed. Draft on child's rights written by Tony and Gonca is circulated to EC-members and thereafter it will be distributed to members. Nick calls attention of those present that it is good to have response, even without proposal for changes. Ideas for statements on social paediatrics, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and social determinants of health. All members are urged to contribute and those who want to take on the responsibility of writing are urged to contact Nick.

9. CHILD2015

- a. International discussion group initiated by RCPCH. Currently there are eight ESSOP members registered participants and only few respond actively (Gonca Yilmaz and Tony Waterston). ISSOP members urged to register and take part in the discussion as it is a way to expand our visibility.
- b. Approved that Tony Waterston continues to work on this and register ESSOP as participated member organization.

10. Venue for future meetings

- a. The Gateway Centre, St Andrews, Scotland, 6-8 Sept 2011 *Evidence into practice and evidence into policy*. The theme has been chosen to discuss how we as child health professionals can get our ideas into practice, and how to influence policy. Issues to be addressed include e.g. global child health, MDGs, and social determinants. A few keynote speakers are already signed up for the meeting, some through videoconferencing. Also, workshops on issues from our day-to-day practice. Website already up and running (<http://www.issop2012.co.uk/>) and preliminary programme is available.
- b. Nick presents that ISSOP 2013 is to be held in Melbourne within the the IPA Conference Aug 24-29. Invites Niel Wigg from Australia to comment, but he is the congress president on behalf of the Pediatrics & Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Niel formally invites ISSOP to organize a whole day within the programme of the conference jointly with the Community Paediatric Chapter of the College. In addition to its formal annual meeting, ISSOP is proposing a plenary session on child health issues in honour of Lennart Köhler, hopefully with him a keynote speaker. Niel points out that the organizers will meet in November to finalize the over-all structure of the conference, including a decision of an ISSOP contribution. Nick Spencer will join that meeting as the president of ISSOP. IPA has members from about 150 countries around the world and 15-16 international societies, including ISSOP. Giorgio Tamburlini sits in the executive of IPA as an ISSOP representative.
- c. Staffan Jansson confirms the invitation for an ISSOP meeting to be held in June 2014 in the premises of the Nordic School of Public Health in Gothenburg, Sweden.

11. Health promoting hospitals on children's rights

- a. Stella updates information on the *Self-Evaluation Model and Tool on the Respect of Children's Rights in Hospital* that has been developed by Task Force on Health Promotion for Children and Adolescents in and by Hospitals and Health Services Network. http://www.who.int/pmnch/topics/child/200901_childrights/en/index.html

12. Election of new members (country of work)

- a. Prof Valeriy Albitskiy, Russia
- b. Natalya Ustinova, Russia
- c. Johnny Smith, Australia
- d. Adriaan N. Bosschaart, Switzerland.

13. Summer courses

- a. Giovana Armano from Croatia presents the coming 4th European School of Social Paediatrics in Dubrovnik "The Rights of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood," October 20 - 22, 2011 in Croatia, Dubrovnik. It is organised by the Croatian Society for Preventive and Social Pediatrics in collaboration with ESSOP and Unicef and in partnership with WHO. Urges members to distribute information about the course and to participate.
- b. Gonca Yilmaz raises the possibility for Turkish colleagues to organize a summer course in Turkey, or even in other places. Pointed out the such courses depend on local interest in organizing such events, as well as on available funds. Members encouraged to consider such an option.

14. Sustainability prize

- a. Thea von Zeben (NL) and Geir Gunnlaugsson (IS) declare Tony Waterston the winner for the second year in row, and this time he won over four other contestants. Despite these travelled also by train, Tony won as he took a ferry on part of his journey.

15. Any other business

- a. Tony Waterston informs about the unsuccessful bid for a child rights course on line, entitled Integrating Child Rights in the Teaching of Health Professionals. The application was for Leonardo funds within the Life Long Learning EU Programme. The application was approved by the national offices in two countries (UK and Spain) but at least three countries need to approve if it is going to be funded. In addition to these two countries, Iceland, Sweden, Poland, Turkey, Greece and The Netherlands participated in the bid. In preparation for another application next year, there was a pre-conference meeting in Maastricht that discussed ways to strengthen the application still further in 2012.

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