



International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) Annual General Meeting 2014

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Nordic School of Public Health

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1. Welcome

- a. President Nick Spencer welcomes those present for the 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ISSOP.
- b. In total, 34 persons are present, including some non-members.
- c. Minutes from AGM 2013 accepted by acclamation.
- d. General Assembly shall be considered valid, irrespective of the number of members present (article 7f).

2. President's Report

The President presents his Annual Report that beforehand has been circulated among members. Here are some of the Report's highlights and discussions during the AGM.

The President expresses his satisfaction with the work during the last year. There is progress in a number of areas, and the Executive Core and Council have been working hard on a whole range of issues.

ISSOP Annual Meeting in Melbourne was successful, integrated as it was with the IPC 2014 organized by IPA. ISSOPs participation was arranged in close collaboration with Australian colleagues in the *Chapter of Community Child Health* of the Royal Australian College of Physicians. Our participation gave opportunities to establish contacts with other child public health interested people. We made also an important contribution to the conference regarding childhood disability.

Members urged to pay their membership. Without their contributions, ISSOP will not stand a chance to promote its mission. However, we have yet to solve the problems of paying through PayPal.

Highlights our new PS on sponsorship, that has had good dissemination, e.g. through Unicef and WHO, incl. a press release in connection with the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2014.

Expresses satisfaction with the development of the e-Bulletin with 10 issues so far. Tony Waterston has been in charge ably assisted by Raul Mercer and they are thanked for their efforts and engagement.

Summer courses discussed, with the next one in Ankara in April 2015.

3. General Secretary's Report

Geir Gunnlaugsson informs there is little to add to the President's report. In short, the Executive Committee has met regularly every 4-6 weeks by Flash technology during the past year and connected without problem people living on different continents. In addition there have been contacts among

the Core members. One council meeting was held on 6 December, 2013 with 10 members participating.

4. Treasurer's Report

Olivier Duperrex reports that we need more money through membership fees. Currently, 43 members have paid for 2014, a slightly higher number than we have seen since 2010, and four have paid already during the conference. Still we have 33 Life-Time Members who are exempt from payment of fees. Overall, we do cover our cost, and we are not on the negative side yet. Points out that one reason for this is that ISSOP got surplus money after the St Andrews meeting in Scotland 2012.

Calls attention to that the management of our membership database costs us around 3.000 euros annually, and the support to CHILD 2015 about 1.200 euros.

As of 31 December, 2013, we have assets of 8.003 euros. Thus, within a short time, we might run out of money if we do not strengthen our membership base.

The AGM has a formal vote regarding the financial reports and to alleviate responsibility for the Executive Core. Accepted by acclamation.

Now PayPal requests people who use the services to have an account with them. This cannot be accepted by ISSOP or its members. Work is now in progress to solve the problem with assistance from Kenes. Probably this work will be finalized by the end of the year.

Olivier presents a form to fill in for membership and then participants in the conference can give it back to him. Kenes will then process it in our membership database. Urges people who have problems to contact Kenes.

Suggested to add membership fee to conference fee, but we are informed that this is not a possible option.

5. IPAs Representative report

Nick Spencer reports in the absence of Shanti Raman, who sends her apologies. Calls attention to that she is now the ISSOP representative in the Standing Committee (SC) of IPA. She has already raised within the SC the prominent role of the Baby Food Industry (BFI) in the Melbourne conference. It is a controversial issue but has been given support from Indian Pediatric Association, and Tony Waterston and Nick Spencer have been corresponding with them. In addition, she is responsible for one of IPAs TAGs on *Quality of Care*. ISSOP members are urged to contribute to the IPA newsletter.

6. Election for the Executive Committee

Zsuzsanna Kovacs has decided not to stand up for election this time for personal reasons, and she is gratefully acknowledged for her contribution to ISSOP's work. There is one nomination. Dr. Ayesha Kadir is elected by acclamation.

7. ISSOP policy on sponsorship

ISSOP fundraising policy document presented. Based on the format of similar declarations, and has been approved by the ISSOP Executive Committee, and circulated to members.

Discussed we should in our conferences put in a disclosure regarding funding. Discussion on the difficulties we may face, e.g. regarding the narrow line between normal formulas *versus* special ones for prematures. Actually, such formulas are said to be positive for the preterm babies.

Raised concern by some present it might become difficult to find sponsorship with too strict stand with this approach. How will we address this issue in our next meeting in Geneva? Stressed that ISSOP is working towards this goal, and the situation is different in different countries. Members encouraged to approach the Executive Core in case of a question on conflict of interest. We need to ensure this is a consistent policy.

Question raised why logo of sponsors is difficult to accept on conference bag/badges.

Section 6.2 of the Sponsorship Policy approved by the AGM as it stands.

8. ISSOP Coming Annual Meetings

Olivier Duperrex presents the next ISSOP Annual Meeting in Geneva, 2-4 September 2015. The theme of the meeting is *The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): 2015, and what next? A social pediatrics for our daily practice.*

No decision yet on a venue for the 2016 meeting. It is to be held in Europe as IPA has its next world conference in Vancouver August 2016. Suggestions for Germany, a eastern European country, or Italy. The possibility is raised to have the 2017 meeting in Argentina, in collaboration with Raul. Collaborators in the respective countries will be contacted.

9. Summer courses

Gonca Yilmaz presents the coming summer course April 9-11 2015 in Ankara, Turkey. The theme is *Evidence Based Well Child Care*. See: <http://issopcourse2015.org/homepage.html>

10. e-Bulletin

Tony Waterston reports on the publication and ideas for improvement. Would like more discussions to be included in the issues. Expects the next bulletin to be published in July.

11. Position Statements

General satisfaction expressed to have Position Statements on issues in line with ISSOP's mission. Still there is a range of subjects we have not addressed. We should try to have them in a consistent format. Important that members try to disseminate them in their own countries. An idea is presented to have a group to collect information on what individual countries are doing regarding the PSs.

12. CHILD2015 Update

Tony Waterston reports that the name of the network will be changed to CHIFA – *Child Health Information for All*. The number of registered users is increasing. With the work of Raul in Argentina a Spanish version will be launched within a few months. We could take forward to the network some of the issues discussed here in Gothenburg, i.e., on child abuse.

13. ISSOP/ECPCP

Louis Martin and Zsuzsanna Kovacs briefly present the project, based on a questionnaire to pediatricians in Europe. The group has studied some data, and abstracts are to be presented tomorrow at the current meeting, and another in the EAP meeting in Barcelona in October.

14. EAP working group

Luis Martin briefly presents its work. It is developing two activities, i.e. a statement on the education on child rights, and another on migrant children and how to set up such services.

15. Child Life International Seminar

Short presentation by Stella Tsitoura on her participation as an ISSOP representative in a meeting of Child Life Specialists in New Orleans, USA, convened by Child Life Council, see: <http://www.childlife.org/>. Informs also about the new network called Think and Action Tank for Children's Rights and Equity. See: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/dubrovnik/16-%20Think%20and%20Action%20Tank%20\(TAT\)%20on%20Children%E2%80%99s%20Right%20to%20Health.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/dubrovnik/16-%20Think%20and%20Action%20Tank%20(TAT)%20on%20Children%E2%80%99s%20Right%20to%20Health.pdf)

16. New member presentation

A new member from Turkey presents herself.

17. Sustainability price

Sustainability was awarded on June 18. Four forms were presented. Tony Waterston received the price, as he left the least CO2 footprint as he had used train and boat from England, not car.

The meeting closes at 18:00.

*Geir Gunnlaugsson
General Secretary*