



International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) Annual General Meeting 2015

September 8

UniMail

Geneva, Switzerland

1. Welcome and apologies

- a. President Nick Spencer welcomes those present for the 4th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ISSOP.
- b. In total, 32 persons are present, including some non-members.
- c. Minutes from AGM 2014 accepted by acclamation.
- d. General Assembly shall be considered valid, irrespective of the number of members present (article 7f).

2. President's Report

Reports on the successful meeting in the Nordic School of Public Health, Gothenburg, Sweden, organised jointly by Lennart Köhler and Anders Hjern. It also gave ISSOPs members an opportunity to celebrate Köhler's 80+ years anniversary and thank him for his contribution to ESSOP/ISSOP.

The formation of an active ISSOP Trainee Group has been one of the most encouraging developments of this year. Rosie has been invited to be the group's representative on the Executive Committee.

Reports on the PS and calls attention to that our PS on sponsorship of paediatric activities by the Baby Food Industry continues to generate interest and has opened up contacts globally.

Congratulates Tony Waterston (TW) and Raul Mercer for their contribution to have published 15 e-bulletins so far.

Congratulates TW for his contribution to CHIFA that ISSOP has supported through funds, and to have TW as moderator.

Reports on the next annual meetings in Santiago, Chile (2016) and in Bonn, Germany (2018).

Reports on the ISSOP/ECPCP collaborative project on Child Rights in primary paediatric care and EAP/EPCP/ISSOP joint project on Child Health Inequalities among migrant children in the European Region.

3. General Secretary's Report

Geir Gunnlaugsson informs there is little to add to the President's report. Meetings have been regular with good participation of members under the

leadership of the President. One Council meeting was held in January 2015. We have shown that by using appropriate technology we have managed to keep contact alive across continents.

4. Treasurer's Report

Informs that the good news are that we have with Kenes support succeeded to change from PayPal system to Wireaccount system administered by Kenes. It is a big organization, and gives us great discount because of our small organizational size.

Informs that in 2015 we have 25 members who have paid one year, 11 have paid 2 years, and 25 have paid 3 years.

Informs that the bad news are we need more people to pay. In the year 2015, in total 42 have renewed (69%), and 14 members are new. Two junior members paid their fee. We are following what countries are members, and collect key words on interest from members.

Currently, we only need 15 more members for the year 2015 to cover running costs. Urges all to make the necessary efforts to recruit new members, as well as the most obvious, that is to pay ourselves. It has never been as easy to pay as now with our new electronic payment system.

Urges members to keep their email addresses updated regularly.

Presents the accounting on screen (in French), in line with Schweiz law. Will send a signed version to members after the Annual Meeting.

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

5. IPAs Representative report

Shanti Raman reports. It has been a challenge, learning curve, and tried to push social paediatric issues to engage IPA. There are Technical groups within IPA ISSOP could advise on, for example on CRC. She is the chairman for the TAG on quality of care. We can influence through the website, newsletter exchange, and by flooding the IPA with social paediatric and political material. Finally, she has kept focus on the Conflict of Interest PS, and claims the Steering Committee is now aware of it.

6. Trainee Group report.

Rosie Kyeremateng reports. The group has been going on for a few months with 18 members. So far only UK trainees, but all trainees are welcome. The group has been very active, for example during the UK election campaign. The efforts have been in the news, within the RCPCH, on popular websites,

workshops, and contacts with USA. There is interest in including members from low-income countries and use other trainee networks. Suggested that the trainee group could be the focus of a project to attract funds, and expand.

NS congratulates the group and encourages all members to be engaged in the trainee group, all are welcome.

7. Constitution change

Prior to the meeting a proposal for constitutional change was sent around, as follows:

E. Organs:

Article 6: Add new c) ISSOP Trainee Group

New Article 17:

The ISSOP Trainee Group is constituted as a sub-group of ISSOP made up of ISSOP members who are child health professionals in training. As an ISSOP sub-group, the Trainee Group is subordinate to the core EC and Council and will have a representative on the core EC and Council. The Trainee Group will elect 2 officers who will hold office for 2 years:

1. Chair
2. Secretary

The Chair will act as the Group's representative on the core EC & Council.

Election of Chair has to be organised within the group, and also it has to be decided within the Trainee Group for how long they can they stay onboard.

Accepted by acclamation.

8. ISSOP Coming Annual Meeting in Chile 1-2 September 2016, and others

Luis Felipe González, the President of *Sociedad Chilena de Pediatría* presents. It was founded in 1922 in Santiago, has 2800 members, and 14 affiliated regions. There are 12 recognized sub-specialties, eight committees, including one on social pediatrics created in 2012 in Columbia. Their goal is to give visibility to social paediatrics as a new concept and establish child health policies in Chile.

The organizing committee anticipates young professionals. Lectures will be all in English, but slides in Spanish. There is a discussion on arranging a visit to Patagonia.

Informed that the Executive Committee seeks proposals for the 2017 meeting, open for suggestions.

Erika Sievers presents the 2018 meeting in Bonn, intended to address migrant health and early interventions. The date will either be in May or in September.

9. ISSOP Training Courses

Gonca Yilmaz congratulated for a successful Ankara Training course on *Evidence Based Well Child Care* on 14-16 May 2015, see: <http://issoptraining2015.org/> There was no sponsorship by Baby Food Companies, over 200 participants, and great facilities.

Giovana Armano presents a summer course in May 2016 on *the Child in the City*, co-organized with the Child Friendly cities organization, more details later.

Informed about a master course in child community pediatrics at UCL. Could link up with ISSOP.

10. e-Bulletin

Tony Waterston reports. Relies on material from members, will present SDGs next issue time, letters are welcome, controversial issues, etc. It is widely distributed in different countries, but the question is: Is it read? Getting feed back difficult.

11. ISSOP Policy Statements

Intention to publish in *Child* with which we are associated. Conflict of Interest PS has stirred up discussion, and has a dynamic working group. Activities have to primarily be within countries, and the message adapted to local context. We can also use it in our teaching, reference to it, etc. Called attention to other PS in other organisations. Please distribute those to members in your professional circles to open up dialogue. Migrant children PS will also be updated, as suggested at migrant children session during the ongoing ISSOP 2015 meeting.

12. CHIFA Update

Tony Waterston is moderator on behalf of ISSOP. Many present at the AGM are members, and some have contributed to the discussion. Currently there are about 4000 members with four new members a day. Yet, we need to expand. Spanish version is gradually being developed, hopefully a full version within short with support from PAHO. International Child Health group of the Royal College has been contributing to increase number of moderators. All present are encouraged to join.

- 13. ISSOP-ECPCP survey on Child Rights in primary paediatric care**
Luis Martin reports. Questionnaire on children rights has been distributed. There have been presentations in different meetings (ISSOP 2014 in Göteborg, and EAPS 2014 in Barcelona). Manuel Katz reports that a manuscript is almost finished for publication in a good journal.
- 14. EAP-Advocacy WG/ECPCP/ISSOP joint study on health inequalities among migrant children in Europe**
Luis Martin reports, study background, objectives, methods/questionnaire set up (Dec 2014-June 2015). Survey launch/EAP-EAPRASnet (Sept 2015). ISSOP members will be invited to answer the questionnaire. Plan to have data in January 2016, and publish the results.
- 15. ISSOP Conflict of Interest group**
No comments. Has been referred to in the section on PS.
- 16. Sustainability price**
Open until tomorrow morning. Three forms handed in. The prize is one year membership of ISSOP. Decided it has to exclude intercontinental travels.
- 17. New members**
We are open for applications!
- 18. AOB and Date of next meeting**
Outstanding issues: What are we going to do about the finances? Potential for sponsors is being looked into, but it will need a project together with Kenes, that could include: (1) improve the website; (2) project together with the trainee group; and (3) private foundations can be approached after the conference. This could for example include support fo ISSOP to develop a standard for examination of unaccompanied children, child abuse.

Meeting closes at 18:10.

Geir Gunnlaugsson
General Secretary