



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday, 10 October 2010
Congress Hall, Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic

1. President's opening address

Gianluigi Pilu welcomed the members and thanked them for attending. He announced that this was his last Congress as President and would be handing over the Presidency to Ann Tabor in the following session. He conveyed his thanks for the support he had received during his time in charge of the Society.

The meeting was quorate with 214 members present and was declared open.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Hamburg, 2009

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Hamburg were unanimously accepted without change.

3. Report and accounts for the year end 2009

Josh Copel presented the accounts to the members and reminded members that these could be viewed in detail online on the Society's website. 2009 had again been a productive year for the society with healthy profits. At the end of the calendar year ISUOG's assets, including the Secretariat building stood at just over 4 million. The Board recommended to the membership that Gotham Erskine be reappointed as ISUOG's auditors for 2010.

Josh Copel requested that the members approve the 2009 accounts and reappointment of Gotham Erskine. Larry Platt proposed a motion to accept the accounts and appointment of the auditor, which was seconded by Simcha Yagel and accepted with none against.

4. Report of the Board and sub committees

UOG

Yves Ville, Editor-in-Chief

Gianluigi Pilu welcomed Yves Ville to present his report on the journal and announced that he would be stepping down as Editor in Chief following the Prague Congress. Gianluigi Pilu took the opportunity to thank Yves Ville for his achievements during his time as Editor in Chief, particularly highlighting the increases that had been seen in the Impact Factor over these years culminating in a record 3.154.

Yves Ville reported on the increase in the Impact Factor, drawing the members' attention to the graph depicting the pattern in increase since 2000. He felt that it was the right time for him to leave the journal and he wished his successor luck and would continue to offer his support where needed.

Gianluigi Pilu again thanked Yves for his contribution and wished him luck in his new role as President Elect of the Society.

Secretariat report

Andrew Ngu, Secretary

Andrew Ngu reported on the continued increase in membership to nearly 4000 members to date with the highest numbers of members again coming from the USA, Germany and the UK. He announced that new for ISUOG membership in 2011 was the introduction of membership categories. These consisted of the original **Full** membership level as in previous years that includes the print copy of UOG, an **Online** membership that includes online only access to UOG for those not using their print copies and then a lower level **Core** membership that does not include access to UOG online or in print but that does benefit from all other ISUOG online educational material, including full access to web lectures. It was hoped that this new structure would open up membership to an even greater audience. Andrew Ngu also reported that ISUOG's **Trainee** membership program, whereby trainees registered with a participating regulatory body could apply for a two year free online membership to the Society, was also expanding.

Appointments and retirements:

Andrew Ngu confirmed that the Board (Trustees) retiring by rotation at the AGM were:

- **Ahmet Baschat**
- **Tom Bourne**
- **Pavel Calda**
- **Kurt Hecher**

Two of these were eligible and recommended for reappointment for another term due to their active contribution to the Board and two new Board member were recommended for appointment.

- **Ahmet Baschat**
- **Tom Bourne**
- **Christoph Brezinka**
- **T K Lau**

The new Board members were unanimously approved by the members.

Meeting Planning Committee

Alain Gagnon, Chair of Meeting Planning Committee

Alain Gagnon thanked the Prague Local Organising Committee and Advisory Board for putting on the Congress. It was set to be one of ISUOG's most successful meetings with over 1670 delegates attending. The countries most represented included the USA, UK, Czech Republic and Italy.

Alain Gagnon announced the destinations for the forthcoming World Congresses; 18-22 September 2011 in Los Angeles and 9-13 September 2012 in Copenhagen with dates to be confirmed for Sydney 2013 and Barcelona 2014. Following a successful meeting in Cairo in 2010, the 2011 International Scientific Meeting of ISUOG would take place from 25-27 February 2011 in Macau, China.

Scientific Committee

Ahmet Baschat, Chair of the Scientific Committee

Ahmet Baschat reported on the developments in the scientific program. 1137 abstracts had been submitted this year, with each undergoing three reviews before allocation to the program. Oral posters had been renamed as short oral communications and Q&A time had been allocated to electronic posters. Workshops were also a new feature in Prague and it was hoped these would prove popular with delegates. Ahmet Baschat also outlined the new Congress Web Portal feature where delegates would be able to view all presentations recorded during the Congress. These could be viewed at dedicated ePoster stations by the

end of the day on which they were recorded as well as online through the ISUOG website using their membership login.

Ahmet Baschat announced that winners would be selected by category for all oral communications and short oral communications as well as overall prizes for the Top 5 Abstract, Young Investigator award and Alfred Kratochwil award for 3D. All winners would be announced, with prizes and certificates presented, in the closing ceremony on Thursday and he asked that all delegates attend.

Education Committee

Rabih Chaoui, Chair of the Education Committee

Rabih Chaoui reported on a successful year of ISUOG approved courses. ISUOG Education courses had taken place in London and in Rome and had been very well received by delegates. He thanked the ISUOG office for their efforts in organising these. ISUOG courses planned in 2011 include:

- Congenital anomalies and fetal echocardiography, 18-19 February 2011, London, UK
- Doppler in clinical obstetrics, 1-2 April 2011, London, UK
- Advanced gynecological ultrasound 1: Early pregnancy, reproductive medicine and benign gynecology, 3-4 June 2011, London, UK

Rabih Chaoui moved on to announce that he was very pleased to be presenting George Yeo with the Stuart Campbell Award for Education. The opportunity to receive this award arises in only the most exceptional circumstances and for individuals whose contribution to the advancement of ultrasound via the education of others has been unwavering over the course of their career. George Yeo had been selected for this award due to his consistent contribution to education in SE Asia. He acts as a key ambassador for ISUOG in this region, not only holding an annual education course in Singapore but also helping ISUOG build contacts and local organisers to run courses in the neighbouring regions. Rabih Chaoui on behalf of the Board congratulated George on his accomplishments and presented him with his plaque.

Outreach Committee

Alfred Abuhmad, Chair of the Education Committee

Gianluigi Pilu outlined the development of the ISUOG Outreach that was now a major part of ISUOG's activities. He thanked Alfred Abuhamad for his incredible work and commitment to leading ISUOG's outreach program and asked him to summarise the current activities to the members.

Alfred Abuhamad described that the aim of ISUOG's Outreach was to provide intensive hands-on training courses in ultrasound, supported by essential theoretical knowledge, in underserved regions of the world. ISUOG had now successfully run teaching programs in South Africa, Haiti (January 2010) and Ghana (September 2010) and had worked with partners including Physicians For Peace, Partners In Health, and the Millennium Cities Initiative in achieving this. Machines had also been donated to these programs by GE and Siemens Healthcare. Alfred Abuhamad thanked Sarah Johnson and Simon Mitchell in the ISUOG office for their help running these projects and he invited the delegates to attend the Outreach Workshop on Monday at 11am in Club A to hear more about the work of the Outreach Committee, participate in discussion and volunteer for projects.

Gianluigi Pilu thanked all the committee chairs for their ongoing work and that concluded the reports from the ISUOG Committees. There were no questions.

5. Awards and acknowledgements

Gianluigi Pilu presented the awards to the retiring officers and committee chairs.

Ahmet Baschat was presented with a plaque to mark the end of his term as chair of the Scientific Committee. Gianluigi Pilu thanked him for his hard work, great commitment and tremendous achievements in this role. He identified that it takes great scientific knowledge and creativity to create the program for the Congress and Ahmet Baschat's abilities had been proven by the success of the congress during this time culminating in an exciting program at the Prague Congress this year. His success would be hard to follow.

Wesley Lee was presented with a plaque to mark the end of his term as chair of the Clinical Standards Committee. Gianluigi Pilu congratulated him on his achievements during his time as chair and thanked him for organising and developing the Society's statements and guidelines so effectively. He hoped that he would continue to support both the committee and the Society.

Kurt Hecher was presented with a plaque to mark the end of his term as a Board member. Gianluigi Pilu thanked him for being a solid, stable and inspiring Board member and President, he had felt him a hard act to follow as President but he had tried his best!

Pavel Calda was presented with a plaque to mark the end of his term as a Board member. Gianluigi Pilu congratulated him on his organisation of the Prague Congress that looked to be one of the most successful in ISUOG's history with record delegate numbers. He hoped that Pavel Calda would continue to support the work of the Society in the future.

Gianluigi finished by thanking all members of the ISUOG office staff for their contribution to the Society over the past year. He felt that the team was invaluable and instrumental to the Society's success.

Gianluigi Pilu thanked the members for attending and the meeting was declared closed.