



# THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday, 18 September 2011

LA Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, Los Angeles, California, USA

### **1. President's opening address**

Ann Tabor welcomed the members to the 2011 AGM and thanked them for attending. She reminded all delegates that this is ISUOG's 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress, the first being held in 1991 when ISUOG had 1000 members. The Society continues to grow steadily and she was happy to report that ISUOG now had 5000 members, the largest proportion of which came from Europe. She also noted that the largest single country member was the United Kingdom closely followed by the United States.

The meeting had a quorum with 154 members present and was declared open.

### **2. Report of the Board and sub committees**

Ann Tabor reported on the main achievements of the Society in the last year. She reminded all of the members of the three new membership tiers that had been introduced at the beginning of 2011 – full, online and core. She clarified that the main difference between the levels was access to the Journal and that full members receive a hard copy, online members the online version and core members do not receive any access to the journal. She also reminded everyone that ISUOG now offers 2 years free trainee membership to all trainees who are registered with a national registered body and that ISUOG has already launched this program with several national registered bodies. More information is available on this on ISUOG's website.

Journal activity was also reported with the confirmation that Basky Thilaganathan had been appointed as new Editor in Chief at the beginning of the year. Ann Tabor also noted that the impact factor was now 3.16 and the leading peer review journal on imaging in the field of obstetrics and gynecology with approximately 60 papers submitted each month. She also noted that accepted papers are made available online immediately and citable on Pubmed with approximately one month between acceptance to final publication.

As the next Congress will be held in Copenhagen from 9 September 2012, Ann Tabor welcomed all delegates to attend and submit abstracts, the deadline date being 9 April 2012.

Ann Tabor also reported on other ISUOG educational activities noting that three educational courses had already taken place in London with one more in December this year on Gynecology. So far in 2012 there are two courses confirmed the first on fetal echocardiography, which will be held for the first time in Paris in February 2012. She also noted that the International Scientific Meeting had been held for the last seven years and in 2012 this would be renamed for the first time to the International Symposium to reflect a more educational component. The first International Symposium will be held in May 2012 in New Delhi, India and she asked delegates to refer to the ISUOG website for more information on this as it becomes available.

Approved courses were also raised with Ann inviting all members to submit their courses to ISUOG. She reported that ISUOG is targeting more courses in China, the Far East and South America.

Ann Tabor thanked Alfred Abuhamad for his outreach presentation in the opening session. She expressed that one of ISUOG's aims is to provide education in low resource countries and the outreach program contributes greatly to this. The trips are repeated now in partnership with NGO partners as well as sponsors who have been very helpful with equipment and grant donations. She reminded the members of the outreach workshop during the week and asked anyone who was interested in participating in outreach to attend.

Ann Tabor invited all members to visit the ISUOG lounge to meet the ISUOG staff during the Congress. In addition she mentioned that the ISUOG website also serves as a key communication tool with members containing more than 300 web lectures comprising ISUOG courses and the latest International Scientific Meeting amongst others. She also reported that the lectures from this Congress were being recorded and would be available OnDemand. The website continues to play an important role for the Society with new features being added in 2012, i.e. VEUOG.

### **3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Prague, 2010**

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

### **4. Appointments and retirements**

Andrew Ngu, ISUOG Secretary reported all the following retirements:

- Alfred Abuhamad
- Rabih Chaoui
- Dario Paladini
- Dirk Timmerman
- Yves Ville

He also reported the following re-appointments and new appointments

- Alfred Abuhamad
- Rabih Chaoui
- Nick Raine-Fenning
- Antonia Testa
- Yves Ville

***This was unanimously accepted without change.***

### **5. Report and accounts for year end 2010**

The treasurer reported that the financial situation for ISUOG remains stable with the main sources of income including membership, the journal and the annual meeting. He reported that although expenditure trends had risen over time, the total revenue had risen faster. He commented on the ISUOG reserves noting that these had been allocated for key ISUOG activities, including education and outreach as well as a property fund, which ISUOG would use soon as they pursue the purchase of a new headquarter office in London.

He confirmed that the accounts would be published for review in a forthcoming journal issue.

## **6. Appointment of the auditors**

Josh Copel reported that all of ISUOG's financial information had been officially audited by Gotham Erskine and he asked for a motion to approve the auditors for the forthcoming year. ***This was unanimously approved without objection.***

## **7. Awards and acknowledgements**

As Dirk Timmerman and Dario Paladini were rotating off the ISUOG Board, Ann on behalf of ISUOG thanked both for their dedication, expertise and hard work for the last several years and hoped that ISUOG would still benefit from their involvement in committees going forward.

Ann also thanked Josh Copel for his trustworthy and excellent work as ISUOG's treasurer for the last four years. She confirmed that Josh would serve on ISUOG's Board for a further two years.

Rabih Chaoui presented Dario Paladini with the Stuart Campbell Award for Education.

**Ann Tabor thanked the organizing committee for their work in putting together an excellent Congress program and thanked the members for attending after which the AGM was declared closed.**