



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday 24 August 2008

Navy Pier, Chicago, USA

1. President's opening address

Kurt Hecher welcomed the members and thanked them for attending. The meeting was quorate (187 present) and was declared open.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Florence, 2007

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

3. Report and accounts for the year end 2007

Josh Copel presented the accounts to the members and drew attention to the reserve fund of the society. There was an agreed free reserve policy of £750,000 and £500,000 had also already been earmarked to set up an education endowment. He confirmed that some of the reserves were currently being held up with a view to expanding ISUOG's office space and ISUOG would be looking for new office space in 2009.

The accounts were circulated in the July issue of the Journal and at the meeting for members' interest. The accounts were unanimously accepted. From now on minutes and accounts would be available online only and members would be notified when these documents were available to view online.

4. Report of the Board and sub committees

UOG

Yves Ville, Editor-in-Chief

Yves Ville drew the members' attention to the 'UOG 2.67' promotion at the Congress and was pleased to announce that this related to increase in the journal's Impact Factor to 2.67. He highlighted that this was a great achievement and thanked Sarah Hatcher and Oliver Stirrup for their hard work in the Editorial office. He thanked the Editorial Board for their continued work reviewing articles and the Editors for their ongoing support. He felt that the team was very strong and they would continue to work on producing the best journal possible for the membership.

Kurt Hecher thanked Yves Ville and asked the membership to continue to submit their work to the journal to contribute towards its continued success.

Secretariat report

Ann Tabor, Honorary Secretary

Ann Tabor reported on the membership, outlining the gradual increase in member numbers over the past eight years to a current record level of just over 3200 members. The increase was partly due to the high delegate numbers in Florence and which also meant that Italy now contributed the second highest member numbers after the USA. The USA had also contributed the largest number of delegates to the Chicago Congress and Ann Tabor was pleased to report high delegate attendance from Poland, Israel and Korea.

Meeting Planning Committee

Ann Tabor, Chair of Meeting Planning Committee

Ann Tabor announced that the Congress would take place in Hamburg (Germany) in 2009, Prague (Czech Republic) in 2010 and, provided final details could be confirmed, in Los Angeles (USA) in 2011, Copenhagen (Denmark) in 2012 and Sydney (Australia) in 2013.

The 2008 International Scientific Meeting had taken place in St Petersburg in April and Ann Tabor thanked the organisers for their work in what was another good meeting. Ann Tabor announced that the 2009 International Scientific Meeting would take place from 13-17 May 2009 in Cancun, Mexico and in 2010 in Cairo, Egypt.

Scientific Committee

Ahmet Baschat, Chair of the Scientific Committee

Ahmet Baschat reported on the Scientific Committee activities for the year. He confirmed that there had been over 800 abstract submissions, of these 197 had been allocated oral communication presentations, 300 had been allocated as oral posters and 272 as posters. Ahmet Baschat thanked everyone who had submitted their papers to the Congress. He announced that his aim was to broaden the scope of abstract presentations in 2009 to capture more imaging research and asked the members to encourage colleagues to submit papers.

Ahmet Baschat announced that the top five selected abstracts, presented in the previous session, had been judged by the Scientific Committee and he was pleased to announce the winner as Dr Hamill from the USA for his presentation of *Fetal cardiac output determination by four-dimensional fetal echocardiography using spatiotemporal image correlation (STIC) and VOCALTM (OC004)*. Dr Hamill would receive a complimentary registration to the ISUOG World Congress in Hamburg in 2009.

Education Committee

Dario Paladini, Chair of the Education Committee

Dario Paladini reported on the Education Committee activities for the year. The number of ISUOG approved courses had averaged at 25 for the past few years. In 2008 there had been 11 courses in South America, 1 in North America, 9 in Europe, 2 in the Middle East, and 2 in Indonesia, all predominantly on fetal echocardiography and fetal anomalies. Dario Paladini announced that the Education Committee hoped to find contacts to coordinate ISUOG approved courses in Africa, India, China and Eastern Europe and anyone interested in organising an ISUOG approved course should contact him via the ISUOG Secretariat.

New to the ISUOG Educational program was the introduction of the London based course that took place for the first time in January 2008. 200 delegates had attended the course and the material had been well received. A second course, co-organised with the RCOG would take place from 23-25 January 2009 and brochures had been circulated in the delegate bags. Dario Paladini thanked the ISUOG Office for finalising the details of the course and producing the programs in time to allow this course to be announced in Chicago.

Dario Paladini confirmed that both the South Africa Teacher Training Centre (TTC) and the Singapore TTC continued to organise yearly outreach programs and he thanked Sturla Eik-Nes and George Yeo respectively for their important contribution to these centres. He further thanked George Yeo for his help in coordinating the ISUOG Indonesian training program.

Dario Paladini drew the members' attention to the educational material available on the ISUOG website including web lectures and CD Roms. He reported that further resources were under development including an interactive 3D tool and a 2nd trimester anomaly scan tutorial. It was hoped that these new features would be available online in 2009.

Kurt Hecher thanked all the committee chairs for their ongoing work and that concluded the reports from the ISUOG Committees. ***The members accepted the reports of the Board and the sub committees.***

5. Awards and acknowledgements

Kurt Hecher confirmed that Larry Platt had been awarded this year's Ian Donald Gold Medal. Both medals had just been presented.

6. Appointments and retirements

Kurt Hecher confirmed that five members of the Board (Trustees) were required to retire by rotation at the AGM each year and in 2008 these were:

- **Kypros Nicolaides**
- **Andrew Ngu**
- **David Nyberg**
- **Boris Tutschek**
- **Simcha Yagel**

Kurt Hecher presented the names of the recommended appointments and reappointments to the Board and asked for the members' approval:

- **Beryl Benacerraf**
- **Kypros Nicolaides**
- **Andrew Ngu**
- **Boris Tutschek**
- **Simcha Yagel**

The new Board members were unanimously approved by the members.

Kurt Hecher finished the meeting by announcing that the following World Congress would take place in Hamburg from 13-17 September 2009 and looked forward to welcoming everyone to his home city. He followed by giving a brief presentation on the city of Hamburg.

Kurt Hecher thanked the members for attending and the meeting was declared closed.