

Minutes of the ISPAD Annual General Assembly – Business Meeting

Thursday, Friday 8 September 2006, West Road
Concert Hall, Cambridge, UK
16:15 to 17:30

Welcome – Secretary-General

The Secretary-General welcomed the attending members and the agenda was approved. The members rose for a minute of silence in memory of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) members who have passed away, such as Kaichi Kida, who served on the Advisory Council from 1989 to 1992, was ISPAD Treasurer from 1998 to 2004, and was a member of the ISPAD Scientific Committee from 2003 to 2004. It was mentioned that this memory should also include members who were not formal officers but those who were yearlong supporters of our organization by attending meetings and submitting abstracts such as Wolfgang Hecker, a pediatric endocrinologist from Stuttgart, Germany, who died recently, as well.

President's Report

The address entitled 'Next Steps' by our President, Denis Daneman from Toronto, Canada, first gave a quick look back from where we came since 1974 [First steps – Lestrade's living room – the International Study Group of Diabetes in Children and Adolescents (ISGD) is born], 1993 (Off and running – ISGD renamed to ISPAD), and the Coming of Age with the 2005 Meeting in Krakow. He summarized where we are now in 2006 in Cambridge: a mature organization, where the registration demands repeatedly exceeded the capacity in Krakow and Cambridge. We have associated with *Pediatric Diabetes* as our official journal and are increasingly taken seriously. Our activities such as consensus groups, guidelines, the journal, the website, continuing education (CE) courses, science schools, and the fact that we are fiscally more secure and managed more professionally add to that. He focused then on the metrics of success: at the 32nd Annual Meeting, Cambridge 2006, we had more than 800 registrants; the quality of the program appears to be annually enhanced, and more than 50 countries were represented. He particularly thanked Peter Swift, Carlo Acerini, Julie Edge, Sheridan Waldron, Alex Greene, and David Dunger and their group for putting together such an exquisite meeting.

Then he mentioned our journal, *Pediatric Diabetes*, which has increased its impact by going from being a quarterly to a bimonthly publication, with yearly special supplements. A report on the recent ISPAD meeting by the roving reporters, Jill Hamilton and Torild Skriverhaug, appears in this issue of *Pediatric Diabetes*. Both are graduates of previous ISPAD Science Schools. Meanwhile, ISPAD is having its 7th Annual MD Science School for Physicians (SSP) this year and the 3rd Annual Science School for Non-physician Health Professionals (SSHP), as well as postgraduate courses in Chile and China, indicating the 'outreach' of our Society. Also, the scientific success of the ISPAD Rare Diabetes Initiative received a special mention. The President continued with the deliverables of the next steps. They should include an association management that is increasingly responsive, a website that is new and improved, and collaborations with the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) in the United Nations (UN) Resolution on Diabetes, the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE)/Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society and others in recommendations for diabetic ketoacidosis and pumps or in creating support networks like the 'Accelerator Hypothesis interest group' at this year's Annual Meeting. The next steps, 'En route to resolution', are the challenge brought forward by our members in 2005 that ISPAD is poorly represented in Africa, and Africa is poorly represented in ISPAD! Therefore, a sponsorship of delegates from Africa was created for this year's meeting and participation with ESPE in an outreach proposal. He welcomed from Africa:

- Dr Isidore-Evans Pazvakavambwa from Zimbabwe,
- Dr Gaman Mohammed from Kenya,
- Dr Falucar Njuieyon from Cameroon,
- Dr Edna Majaliwa from Tanzania

and was pleased to announce that the ISPAD 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in Durban, South Africa, with Kuben Pilay and colleagues as the convenors. The next stages include the website in a process of upgrade, more challenges for our Association Management Organization, K.I.T., in establishing continuity in member and industry partner relations, as well as fundraising and meeting organization. The members of the Advisory Council will have more definite portfolios such as membership drives for

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non-physician health-care professionals or the African liaison, guideline succession planning, or CE efforts. But the President also warned – ‘let’s not be smug’ – the membership issues are to keep the current population engaged, to recruit new members, especially non-physician health-care professionals, and the need for member-to-colleague recruitment. ‘Therefore’, he pointed out ‘Please don’t forget why we exist!’: ISPAD’s mission is ultimately to improve the lives of children with diabetes through scientific endeavors, educational opportunities, advocacy and setting standards of care. He closed his address by thanking Peter Swift, Carlo Acerini, David Dunger and their team, all members of the Advisory and Scientific Organizing Committees, the Postgrad organizers, the webmaster, the guidelines leaders, our corporate partners, and the Steering Committee and urged the members in moving to the next level to enjoy the meeting and stay engaged. He then welcomed Stu Brink, Boston, as the next president of ISPAD and finished by thanking the membership for the enormous privilege of being the ISPAD President 2004–2006.

Secretary-General's Report

During the year, the ISPAD Executive Committee had two major meetings. First, its annual spring meeting (this time in London) and a meeting of the entire Executive Committee at the meeting of the American Diabetes Association in Washington, as well as board meetings the 2 days prior to the Cambridge Scientific Sessions. The Secretary-General joined the president in thanking Przemka Jarosz-Chabot for holding a scientifically and financially very successful and memorable meeting in Krakow, 2005, and the Cambridge organizers led by Peter Swift for the 2006 meeting.

In the name of the whole ISPAD membership, he mentioned the generous support of the following ISPAD’s platinum sponsors

- Novo Nordisk,
- Roche,
- Medtronic,
- Eli Lilly

who have made ISPAD activities possible through their contributions. The platinum sponsors have more than 50 000 sponsorship points. The gold sponsors (currently more than 20 000 sponsorship points) are LifeScan and Animas. Sponsorship points are calculated from financial support for postgraduate courses, prizes and support for infrastructure.

The Secretary-General then handed out the Recognition Certificates for the following outgoing officers:

- Silvia Arslanian, Pittsburgh, PA USA, Advisory Council 2004–2006,
- Shin Amemiya, Yamanashi, Japan, Advisory Council 2004–2006,
- Alexandra Greene, St. Andrew, Scotland, Advisory Council 2004–2006.

The membership count is now at 283 male and 259 female members. Fifty-four new members joined the organization in 2006. Members come predominantly from Europe (62%), North America (17%), Asia (10%), Australia (5%), and Africa (3%).

He thanked Mark Sperling, the Editor-in-Chief of our official journal, *Pediatric Diabetes*, which will receive its impact factor very likely in April 2007. In the past year, submissions from Europe have more than doubled.

The new website was launched just prior to the meeting on September 5; thanks to the hard work of our webmaster, Ragnar Hanas, and the people at our Association Management, K.I.T. Ragnar gave a brief overview on the current status of development.

It was then announced that ISPAD has joined the IDF on the IDF Youth Leadership Workshop. This is sponsored by Novo Nordisk. Individuals were chosen for their expertise and their commitment to diabetes care worldwide. IDF’s 25 youth ambassadors will train at workshops from November 30 to December 3 in Cape Town, South Africa. Workshops will include leadership and media training and special sections on the UN Resolution on Diabetes, diabetes in the developing world, youth advocacy, and diabetes health. Following the workshop, the youth ambassadors will attend the IDF’s 19th World Diabetes Congress from December 3–7, also in Cape Town (<http://www.unitefordiabetes.org/youth>). Finally, the Secretary-General thanked his fellow officers and the membership for their support.

Treasurer's Report – Lynda Fisher

The Treasurer gave a brief report on the financial situation of the Society. Although the balance has doubled from the money transferred from 2005, a final assessment can only be made after the new legal registration is established. The major source of income was the surplus from the Krakow meeting (thank you again to Przemka and her group). It is hoped that the ease of paying the membership dues per credit card via the website will make it easy for the considerable number of current members who had not paid their dues until the Cambridge meeting. On the expressed request of ISPAD members present at the meeting, the audited balance sheets will be circulated to the members via e-mail.

Election of Officers

Secret elections with written ballots were held for the Advisory Council 2006–2008 from a distinguished group of ISPAD members (replacing Shin Amemiya, Yamanashi, Japan; Silvia Arslanian, Pittsburgh, PA USA; and Alexandra Greene, St. Andrews, Scotland and formalizing a co-opted member). This year, the following three physicians and one allied health professional were elected:

- Ethel Codner, Santiago, Chile (physician),
- Ragnar Hanas, Udevala, Sweden (physician),
- Joseph I Wolfsdorf, Boston, MA, USA (physician),
- Alan M Delamater, Miami, FL, USA (psychologist).

ISPAD Prizes

The Secretary-General reported on the prizes, which were already explained in detail in the previous issue of *Pediatric Diabetes*. The ISPAD Prize (sponsored by E. Lilly), ISPAD's highest honor, this year went to Allan Drash, Pittsburgh, PA, USA; the ISPAD Young Investigator Award (sponsored by Medtronic) went to Ethel Codner, Santiago, Chile; and the ISPAD Lestradet Prize for Education and Advocacy (sponsored by Lifescan) went to Peter Swift, Leicester, UK.

The following Visiting Fellowships for Research were awarded:

January 2005 Visiting Fellowship: Dorothee Deiss, Berlin, Germany, to study 'Control of hyperglycemia in the pediatric intensive care unit' at the Lucile S. Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford University School, Palo Alto, CA, USA.

June 2005 Visiting Fellowship: Chunhua Zeng, Guangzhou, China, to study 'Prevention and treatment of type 1 diabetes mellitus in NOD mice' at the Department of Human Genetics, University of Michigan, MI, USA.

October 2005 Visiting Fellowship: Yelena Vainilovitch, Minsk, Belarus, to study 'Beta-cell functioning in the early phases of human prediabetes. An IVGTT-based study' at the University of Turku, Finland.

January 2006 Visiting Fellowship: Catarina Limbert MD, Lisboa, Portugal, to study 'Cell-replacement therapy of type 1 diabetes – the potential of human mesenchymal (hMSC) adult stem cells' at the Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Molecular Medicine, University of Wuerzburg, Germany.

June 2006 Visiting Fellowship: Miguel Pinto MD, Quito, Ecuador, to study 'Autoimmunity pattern as risk factor to develop type 1 diabetes in children with high genetic risk' with Olli Simell, MD, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics and Physician-in-Chief at the Department of Pediatrics, University of Turku, Finland.

The Allan Drash Fellowship was used for the sponsorship of the African Initiative 2006 organized by Areti Philotheou, Capetown, South Africa (see above in the President's Report).

Reorganization of Administration and Legal Registration

The ISPAD Executive Committee announced that in order to ensure continuity and financial stability, the financial and organizational oversight for the forthcoming Annual Meetings will be licensed to our Association Management Company, K.I.T. Scientific oversight will remain with the local host of the meeting and the ISPAD President.

In a move to further professionalize our organization, it was decided to move our legal registration from Norway to a legal registration in the UK, as well as forming an ISPAD company. Our Treasurer, Lynda Fisher, will investigate these options in the very near future. We hope to have made major progress in this process by the year's end. The plan is to make ISPAD a 'company limited by guarantee', i.e., a non-profit company, with limited liability, members rather than shareholders, a status that protects the annual surplus and other funds, i.e., where money cannot be distributed to individuals (other than coverage of costs), and non-residents must be permitted as board members. This will eventually necessitate a new constitution.

Future Annual Scientific Meetings

Precluding any problems in setting up the contractual ramifications described under the previous point, the upcoming meetings were announced to be:

- ISPAD 2007, Berlin, Germany (Olga Kordonouri), 26–29 September 2007; <http://www.ispad2007.com>
- ISPAD 2008, Durban, South Africa (Kuben Pillay), 12–16 August 2008; <http://www.ispad2008.com>
- ISPAD 2009, Ljubljana, Slovenia (Tadej Battelino), 16–19 September 2009; <http://www.ispad2009.com>
- ISPAD 2010 Buenos Aires, Argentina (Olga Ramos), 5–11 September 2010; <http://www.ispad2010.com>

Future SSPs and SSHPs, Postgraduate Courses

The Secretary-General thanked the past and future organizers of the Science Schools for their efforts in the name of ISPAD: 5th SSP 23–28 October 2005 in Boston, MA, USA. (thank you to Joe Wolfsdorf and

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NovoNordisk); 6th SSP 2006: this year's School will take place in Castle of Rochecotte, 10 km from downtown Tours, France, 22–27 October 2006, organized by Claire Levy-Marchal (thank you to Eli Lilly); 7th SSP 2007: Copenhagen, Denmark, organized by Henrik Mortensen (thank you to NovoNordisk); 8th SSP 2008: Denver, CO, USA, organized by Georgeanna Klingensmith (thank you to Eli Lilly); 3rd SSHP: 3–5 September 2006 (Alexandra Greene, Sheridan Waldron), prior to the Cambridge Meeting. Fourteen out of 46 applications were accepted (thank you to Roche); 4th SSHP: prior to the Berlin Meeting in Germany (Alexandra Greene, Sheridan Waldron, Bärbel Aschemeier). Applications until 1 May 2007. Postgraduate 2005 Krakow, Poland (Moshe Phillip, Wojciech Mlynarski), 2006 Chile (Ragnar Hanas) and China (Moshe Phillip). Suggestions to Moshe Phillip, Education Chair (2004–2007).

ISPAD Clinical Practice Consensus Guidelines 2006–2007

The Consensus Guidelines will be published chapter by chapter in the upcoming issues of *Pediatric Diabetes*, as well as electronically afterwards. Thank you to all the contributors and editors for their hard work.

Any Other Business

Olga Kordonouri gave an exciting overview of the outline for the next ISPAD Annual Meeting – Thursday 27 September 2007, Berlin Congress Center, Berlin, Germany. Details may be found on the website <http://www.ispad2007.org>. During the Annual Meeting, we will hold the next Annual General Assembly.

Thomas Danne
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