

Minutes of the General Assembly of ISPAD in Istanbul 2012-10-12



1 **Welcome**

Secretary General Ragnar Hanas expresses his thanks to the previous (Alan Delamater) and current meeting conveners (Sucran Darcan and Damla Göksen).

2 **President's Report**

Lynda Fisher addresses in her presentation the mission and vision of the Society as well as the challenges for the future. For detailed information on the Society see the annual report . The current Annual meeting has seen the highest number of participants (1329) so far in our history from countries all over the world. This confirms the role ISPAD plays to improve the outcome in children with diabetes worldwide.

3 **Election of officers**

(Names in bold were elected)

Treasurer – elect 2013-2014: Warren Lee and **Henk Veeze**

Advisory council 2012-2013: 3 physicians and one non physician

The following candidates were nominated:

Peter Bang (Sweden), **Hans Jacob Bangstad** (Norway), **Timothy Barrett** (UK), Declan Cody (Ireland), **Marian Rewers** (USA), Andreas Scaramuzza (Italy) as well as the health care professionals **Barbel Aschemeier** (Germany), nurse educator, and Korey Hood (USA), psychologist.

The following members remain on the Advisory Council 2011-2013:

Jill Hamilton (Canada)

Mark Ridell (Canada)

Banshi Saboo (India)

Ewa Pankowski (Poland)

Outgoing officers were warmly thanked for their contributions during the past year, and they remain one year as co-opted mentor member of the Advisory Board

Maartje de Wit (Netherlands),

Carlo Acerini (UK)

Fergus Cameron (Australia)

Przemka Chobot (Poland)

4 **Secretary General's Report:** Ragnar Hanas. for details please see the annual report.

5 **ISPAD Guidelines:** Update of the Clinical Practice Consensus Guidelines 2009 will be started soon with as editors Maria Craig, Carlo Acerini, David Maahs and Ragnar Hanas in liaison with ISPAD executive committee (Carine de Beaufort) .

A shortened version of the Guidelines has been published 2011 (The Global IDF/ISPAD Guideline for Diabetes in Childhood and Adolescence) with Limited, Recommended and Comprehensive levels of care, and can be downloaded from the web.

6 **Treasurer's Report:** Kenneth Robertson. For details see the annual report.

A large number of members have not yet paid their membership. This may be due to the change in the financial situation. Jerry Allgrove (UK) expressed his worry on the lack of membership payment and proposed to reduce the fee for quick payers. According to the Treasurer, this would be very complex and expensive to accomplish.

7 **2012 Science School for Health Care Professionals**, chaired by Barbara Anderson and Barbel Aschemeier and held prior to the Annual Meeting. The number of applicants was 47, among which 15 were selected.

8 **2012 Science School for Health Care Professionals**, chaired by Tatsuhiko Urakami and held in Kyoto, Japan. The number of applicants was 59, among which 28 from 24 countries were selected. See the annual report for more details.

9 **Pediatric Diabetes Report.** Mark Sperling gave an update. Currently the submission rate of papers increases and 81% are rejected. The turnaround time has been halved from 48 to 24 days from submission to decision. Our impact factor has declined slightly to 2.161 (from 2.17 in 2011) even though our total citations increased by approximately 10%, and we remain in the top half of all pediatric journals..

10 **Future Annual Scientific Meetings**

Gothenburg	16-19 th October 2013
Toronto	Autumn 2014, Dennis Daneman
Brisbane	Autumn 2015, Andrew Cotteril
Europe	2016-2017

11 **IDF Task Force for Children and Adolescents:**

Chairman: Johnny Ludvigsson (Sweden)

Members: Stuart Brink (USA), Areti Philotheou (South Africa), Lori Laffel (USA, Manuel Vera (Cuba), Ingrid Liebman (USA), Paul Williams (Australia), Laszlo Madacsy (Hungary), Graham Ogle (Australia).

Different activities were initiated and have been reported to the membership, eg educational courses in Africa, Middle East, Europe, America, discussion around the program of the IDF Congress 2013, initiation of research projects (classification and registries), as well as discussions on IDF policy questions.

12 **New Website , new mailing lists.** Ragnar Hanas. Within the next months the new website will be launched, allowing for more direct interactions. A new webmaster has been appointed for the new website: Kate Gajewska (Poland).

13 **Electronic voting.** The issue has been proposed during the previous Annual assembly, and it will be possible through the new website. A vote was passed for a change in the Articles of Association, and the proposal was adopted unanimously. The aim is to have electronic voting available at the next Annual assembly.

14 **Increase in membership fee.** In order to allow more activities within the mission as Charity, and to ensure sustainability of these activities and the Society in this time of economic uncertainty, an increase in membership fee may be necessary. Discussion with Pediatric Diabetes has been initiated to evaluate whether a reduced cost for the online journal may be feasible (the Journal is a direct cost for the society for every

member). The membership decided to leave it to the steering to work out a scheme of an increase in fees that takes into consideration both profession and country of residence.

15 **Any other business.** None

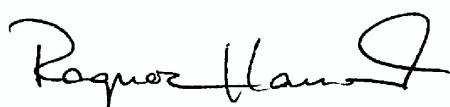
16 **Invitation to the 39th ISPAD meeting Gothenburg:** 16-19th of October 2013.

Conveners: Gun Forsander and Ragnar Hanas

Early bird registration and abstract submission is from March 5 to May 28 2013

Notes taken by Carine de Beaufort, incoming Secretary General

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ragnar Hanas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ragnar Hanas

Outgoing Secretary General