



## **Minutes of the General Assembly of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD)**

18 October 2013  
Gothenburg, Sweden

### **1. Welcome.**

The Secretary General, Carine de Beaufort, welcomed the members to the General Assembly. Gun Forsander and Ragnar Hanas, the conveners of this 39th ISPAD Scientific Conference, were recognized for their excellent work in the organization of the Conference. This year the number of participants has exceeded that of the previous year and approached 1500 which makes this the most successful ISPAD Conference to date.

### **2. President's Report:**

Professor Stephen Greene, ISPAD President expressed his thanks to his co executive and advisory board members as well as to K.I.T. the Society's management group. He summarized the outcome of K.I.T.'s SWOT analysis of future conferences and of discussions that have taken place over the last year about how ISPAD was organized. This has led to a re-structuring within the organization that is summarized in Annex 1. A three-year Strategic plan was presented which takes into account the challenges induced by the current economic and regulatory climate. He concluded with an action plan inviting comments from the membership and then encouraged members to become actively involved in the Society.

### **3. Secretary General's Report:**

Carine de Beaufort, Secretary General, presented the annual report of the Society. The details of her presentation can be found in the *Annual Report 2012-2013*.

### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

Kenneth Robertson, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report. The details can be found in the *Annual Report*. He expressed great confidence in the

incoming Treasurer, Henk Veeze, elected in 2013, who assumes the responsibilities of Treasurer at the close of this meeting.

#### 5. Result of the Election of Officers:

This year electronic voting was introduced in order to allow members not attending the Conference to express their opinion.

Past presidents Professors L K Fisher and T Danne served as scrutineers and verified the voting procedure and reported the outcome of the election.

Advisory Board members M Riddell, B Saboo, J Hamilton and E Pankowska will step down this year. Their contribution was gratefully acknowledged. HJ Bangstad, M Rewers, TJ Barrett, B Aschemeier will remain on the Advisory Board, they complete their terms at the 2014 meeting. The 4 newly elected members, S Waldron (HCP), S Hofer, A Scaramuzza and J Wood, will join them. LK Fisher steps down as Past President and R Hanas (2014-2016) was elected to the position of President-elect and will begin his term as President at the end of the 2014 ISPAD Conference.

K Robertson completes his second term as Treasurer and H Veeze (2013-2015) assumes his function as Treasurer at the end of this Conference.

C de Beaufort was re-elected as Secretary General (2014-2016).

#### 6. IDF Childhood Task Force report:

Professor J Ludvigsson, President of the IDF Expert Working Group, reported on the activities of this group. There is a move to combine the efforts of ISPAD and IDF so that the competence and expertise in childhood diabetes found in ISPAD is combined with the broad network of IDF, with its Regional and National Member Associations covering a large part of the world, to improve specific efforts ultimately impacting children and adolescents with diabetes. New closer and more organized collaboration between LFaC and the ISPAD executive was also discussed.

#### 7. Science School for Healthcare Professionals (SSHP):

B Aschemeier, convener, reported on the SSHP, which was held just before the Annual Conference in Gothenburg. This year T Wysocki, H Gilbertson, MC Hallman, B Aschemeier and L Laffel were the faculty for 15 healthcare professionals (nurses, dieticians, psychologists and a social worker) from 4 continents. She reported 26 qualified applicants for the 15 positions. The goal of the SSHP is to train these motivated HCP in the skills needed to initiate and conduct their own research projects. This was the 10th SSHP. The continuous support of the Johnson & Johnson, Inc. family of diabetes companies was gratefully acknowledged.

#### 8. Science and Research Schools for Physicians:

In November 2012, the Research School for Physicians was organized in Lodz by Dr. W Mlynarski. The Faculty included K Robertson, M Rewers, T Barrett, 7

Polish colleagues and Dragana Milo, representing Sanofi. Appreciation was expressed for sponsorship from Sanofi. A short film fragment was shown to demonstrate the challenges with which the 16 students from 11 countries were faced. Further details are provided in the *Annual Report 2012-2013*.

The Science School for Physicians 2013 took place in Sydney led by AProfessor M Craig . International (L Laffel, M Knip, M Haller) and national Faculty (K Donaghue, F Cameron, J Couper) together with guest lecturers provided an intensive week of scholarship for 20 fellows. The support of Eli Lilly and the Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group was gratefully acknowledged. Further details are reported in the *Annual Report 2012-2013*.

The next Research School for Physicians will be held in Boston in April 2014, and is now open for application. Professor L Laffel, who also invited young members to apply, provided a presentation of the program, faculty and facilities for the School.

#### 9. Pediatric Diabetes Report:

Professor M Sperling, Editor, Pediatric Diabetes gave an update on the current status of the Journal of the Society. It has received a new cover. As of 1 October 2013, 255 manuscripts were submitted to PD with a final decision on 203 manuscripts (18% were accepted and 82% were rejected.) The average number of days from submission to decision diminished since 2010 from 56 days to 32 days. Invited reviews on key topics are planned. Finally, all members were invited to submit their best papers to the Journal to stimulate a further increase of its impact factor over the next year.

#### 10. Future Annual Scientific Conferences:

ISPAD 2015 - A Cotteril presented an update on the Annual Scientific Conference to be held in Brisbane, Australia. This conference will be organized in collaboration with APEG and will be held at the Brisbane Convention Center. Both Societies are working with APPEs to encourage support in attendance by their members. Further information will follow in due time.

ISPAD 2016 - the location will be in Europe. Negotiations are continuing with the primary venue and as soon as the contracts have been signed further information will be provided.

2017 and 2018 are not yet decided, except for the fact that one will be in Europe.

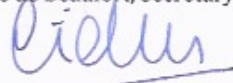
#### 11. Any Other Business: No further business was reported.

#### 12. Invitation to the 40th ISPAD Annual Scientific Conference, 3-6 September 2014 Toronto, Canada.

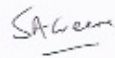
Before closure of the General Assembly 2013, Associate Professor J Hamilton Extended an invitation to all members to the next ISPAD Annual Scientific Conference. This will be ISPAD's 40th Scientific Conference and will be held in Toronto, Canada. The theme of the Conference is *Diversity in Diabetes*.

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