

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the General Meeting of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD)

October 9 2015

Brisbane , Australia

1. Welcome

The Secretary General , Carine de Beaufort opened the meeting and welcomed all members , having travelled long and short distances to attend this first ISPAD-APEG conference.

The excellent work of the Conveners of this combined ISPAD-APEG meeting, Jerry Wales and Andrew Cotteril, was gratefully acknowledged as well as the preparations in the years before of the three ISPAD presidents, Lynda Fisher , Stephen Greene and Ragnar Hanas and Paul Hofmann from APEG.

2. President's Report

The president Ragnar Hanas gave a short review of the aims of ISPAD.

He summarized ISPAD's strategy for 2015-2017, with a focus on the development of registries. These registries have proven their importance in different countries (Among others, Sweden, UK, Germany, SWEET centers and the Life for a Child centers) to improve metabolic control through benchmarking. The change of the webserver has led to improvements, allowing better use of the website. Not only do they host the 2014 Clinical Practice Consensus Guidelines, they offer as well the possibility to exchange information and launch discussions through the Forums.

The positive outcome of the e-voting on the revised advisory council structure (attached document) will now be translated in a change in the Articles of Association and will be applied from 2016 onwards.

4. Secretary General's Report

Before the presentation of the report , a short presentation was given by professor Kim Donague on the Festschrift of Professor Silink.

Carine de Beaufort, Secretary General, presented some highlights of the past year. For more details the membership was referred to the annual report 2014-2015 of the Society. The constructive support of the Advisory Council members as well as the contributions of many active ISPAD members to a vast number of postgraduate and other training programs has been highly appreciated .

Communication

Although already published through the newsletter, the prize winners of the 2015 prizes were congratulated and their sponsors gratefully acknowledged. The correction of Lynda Fisher with respect to the sponsor of the Lestrade Prize ,the Organization *Children with Diabetes*, was well noted. The best poster prize 2015 (3 years free membership of ISPAD) was awarded to P Lopez for her poster (191) and the best oral presentation 2015 to dr BP Mezzasos (051).

Work of the Social Media Board and the webmaster Kate Gajewska is warmly acknowledged. More details will be reported separately.

Education

An e-learning program will be developed in collaboration with the team led by Stenvert Drop, based on the Clinical Practice Consensus Guidelines. The editorial board consists of Jamie Wood , Elisa Giani, Anju Virmani, Hans-Jacob Bangstad as well as Carine de Beaufort and Ragnar Hanas for the EC, and will be chaired by Carlo Acerini. For each chapter of the guidelines 5-10 cases , with each 5-10 questions will be prepared. Target is to finalise the 20 chapters with all cases reports and questions (vignettes), in the next calendar year.

The importance of providing alternative educational tools and conference updates has been taken a step further through multimedia resource platform, which will include the abstracts , e- posters , and filmed sessions together with the slides presented. It will be accessible through the ISPAD website in about 2 weeks after the meeting.

Up to now the training of fellows through the PETC(W)A , Paediatric Endocrinology Centers (West) Africa, in Nairobi and Lagos has delivered 64 graduates (45 from Nairobi : start of the school in 2008 and 19 from Lagos start of the school in 2012). Fourteen clinical services are now in place on the African Continent. ISPAD has provided up to 10.000 USD yearly through research grants to the fellows.

Postgraduate courses have been organized in collaboration with LfaC and CDiC, offering the chance of exchange with regional and local champions and colleagues. All interested members are invited to submit their application as tutor.

Science .

The 40st Annual Conference of ISPAD in Toronto, with Denis Daneman and Jil Hamilton as conveners, has been a great success, with many attendees from different continents. More details on the conference can be found in annual report 2014-2015.

Our Journal Pediatric Diabetes will become paperless.

Advocacy

Further collaboration has been initiated with different scientific and other organizations to harmonize actions to improve outcome. Through the ongoing collaboration with the organization Life for a child, a Manual for Postgraduate courses has been developed, as well as an evaluation form of the courses. Tutor application forms are available on the ISPAD website. Report of the courses are summarized in the annual report. The collaboration between ISPAD and IDF, and IDF LfaC has been summarized in a Memorandum of Understanding.

In 2014 further collaboration with the American Diabetes Association has been started, and this has led to joint symposia and in consensus workshops.

With the young society ASPED (Arab Society of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes) the first ISPAD_ASPED Lilly school was organised by Asma Deeb in collaboration with ISPAD. This school took place in Abu Dhabi and received very positive feedback from attendees (70 physicians from the whole region) and the faculty. Next year the school will be held in May 2016. The invitation for applications will be published on the ISPAD and ASPED website end 2015.

Further details can be found in the *Annual Report 2014-2015*.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Henk Veeze, Treasurer, presented the preliminary annual financial report. The details can be found in the *Annual Report 2014-2015*. Despite the economic climate, ISPAD remains a financially healthy society and its sponsors are acknowledged for their continuing support. As is shown in the annual report, the income of ISPAD depends on 3 pillars, membership, corporate sponsorship and the conference income. Due to the ongoing problems with the website a further change was made, and currently 'My membership' is hosting ISPADs membership list, whereas the website features are managed by K.I.T. in Berlin. At present the system proves to be more efficient and user friendly. Payments are made easily and can be checked fast. Request for membership payment is sent end of June, beginning of July. Based on the system, automated reminders will be sent. Only paid up members will receive Pediatric Diabetes and have access to all options of the website.

Based on the requests of the membership and the reduction in the cost of a paperless Journal, a proposal site to Change the membership fees for Low Income (10%) , and Low Middle Income (50%) has been out for external consultation on the ISPAD website. Country classification will be based on the most recent World bank list.

5 New Membership Fee – Ratification

With general consensus the change in membership was approve and will become effective within the next weeks.

For the emeritus or honorary members, no change occurs (no fee due).

6. ISPAD officers Election

For the third time the e-voting has been applied for the election of officers.

The outcome has been scrutineered by Thomas Danne and Lynda Fisher, and has been approved.

New officers elected are

President-Elect Joseph Wolfsdorf (2015-2016 , in office 2016-2018),

Secretary General-Elect David Maahs (2015-2016, in office 2016-2018).

Andrea Scaramuzza Treasurer, (in office 2015-2017)

Due to the stepping down of Henk Veeze (for personal reasons) Andrea Scaramuzza will become directly Treasurer with voting rights instead of a observer . Henk Veeze will continue to act as co opted treasurer until completion of the legal procedure , which will grant the new treasurer legal access to the financial and Banking affairs of the Charity.

New advisory council members are

Chizo Agwu (MD), United Kingdom,

Eduardo Calliari (MD), Brazil,

Bruce King (MD), Australia

Julie Pelicand (MD), France/Chile

Jill Weisberg-Benchell (psychologist), United States

to replace 5 very dynamic advisory council members , Sabine Hofer , Andrea Scaramuzza, David Maahs, Sheridan Waldron and Jamie Wood.

The input of the Advisory Council members has been crucial and is warmly acknowledged

The current e- voting system (2015) has been without problems , but – on request- an evaluation of the tool will be submitted to the membership in 2017.

7. Science school for health care professionals (SSHP)

Heather Gilbertson reported on the SSHP 2015 reflecting on the very positive 10 years evaluation of this school.

Objectives are clearly formulated and applied.

Primary aims

- *Training in basic research methodology*
- *Professional growth as researcher*
- *Development of individual research projects*
- *Develop a supportive global research network*

Secondary aims

- *Broaden the science at ISPAD Congresses*
- *Increase International Research Collaborations*
- *Increase ISPAD membership*
- *Increase attendance at ISPAD Congresses*

This year 14 participants attended , including dietitians , social workers/counselors and nurses from 8 countries and 4 continents.

The dedicated faculty from Canada and Australia included Heather Gilbertson , Lis Northam, Daniele Pacaud, Carmel Smart, and Helen Phelan. Together they went through an intense program which has provided this years SSHP attendees the tools to meet the primary and secondary aims of the school. The financial support of LifeScan, Inc. and Animas Corp, The Johnson & Johnson Family of Diabetes Companies to continue this essential asset of ISPAD is highly appreciated.

8 Science school for physicians (SSP)

Andrea Scaramuzza reported on the 15th SSP which held in Milan , co convened by Andrea Scaramuzza and Carine de Beaufort. 27 fellows from 14 countries and 6 continents , as well as an international faculty attended this 5 days school.

Lectures , case reports and discussions around research projects of the fellows formed the main content of the school . A new feature was the involvement of the previous SSP fellows as mentors for the current group . This led to the creation of the JENIOUS group, (Juniors in Educational Networking and International Research Opportunities: United Sessions) open for Young ISPAD members (< 40 years) . Within shortly the ISPAD further information will be available through the ISPAD website (FORUM) Aim is to develop collaborations and research projects.

As result of the school a Book Research into Childhood onset Type 1 diabetes should be published end 2015 , including most lectures . Andrea Scaramuzza was congratulated on his excellent achievement in ensuring the scientific and financial support for this school.

9 Social media report

Kate Gajewska as webmaster reported on the social media and the website.

ISPAD's objectives for the website include

- communication tool between ISPAD members.
- An incentive for new potential members.
- Reliable source of information on ISPAD activities.
- Platform for exchange of views.

She presented some of the features of the new website.

Interaction with the website has become much easier and user friendly Once logged in, a member can access Pediatric Diabetes , the Guidelines and the FORUM . On this every member can submit a post (thread) , such as a question , Project , group etc. on the Forum . She invited all members to have a careful look and interact more.

The current Social Media board (Sheridan Waldron , Andrea Scaramuzza, Jamie Wood, Kate Gajewska –webmaster-, Laure Norger –K.I.T.-) is chaired by Maartje de Wit. The social media attention for facebook (www.facebook.com/ispad.org - 2014) and twitter(@ISPAD_org) are increasing . More involvement of members is always welcome . Ideas and comments can be submitted to webmaster@ispad.org secretariat@ispad.org.

10. Pediatric Diabetes Report:

Olga Kordounouri, Deputy Editor Europe of Pediatric Diabetes, gave an update on the current status of the Journal of the Society. As of September 30 2015 , 268 manuscripts were submitted to PD with an acceptance rate of 27 %. The invited reviews are well appreciated. The upcoming ones were mentioned and the next Supplement will be on the Finnish Prediction and Prevention Study. This years IF (2,569) represents a 21% increase over the year before. According to early projections, every indication is that the 2016 Impact Factor will increase even further. Therefore, 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.

11 VIDIS Report: A study group of ISPAD

Maria Craig , current chair of the Vidis group gave an update on VIDIS.

All clinicians and scientists interested in the role of viruses in development of type 1 diabetes are invited to join. It aims to facilitate collaboration and dissemination of research through an Annual symposium at ISPAD and weekly email update on viruses and diabetes.

The current Chair: Maria Craig invited all members with an interest in Diabetes and viruses to join , by mailing the VIDIS secretary

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12 SWEET Registry Report

Thomas Danne presented in more detail SWEET, registered as a charity in Germany, its mission and vision , and current facts. Its mission is to harmonize care to optimise outcome in children and adolescents with diabetes.

Based on agreed standards of care, criteria for certification, international guidelines and quality control, Centres of reference (peer reviewed) and Collaborating centres (not peer reviewed) are submitting data for benchmarking.

Currently up to 54 centers are participating in this project. ISPAD has one representative in the SWEET steering Committee (currently the president Ragnar Hanas).

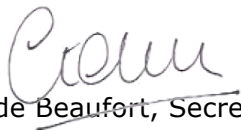
Collaboration exists between SWEET and DPV , ISPAD and the NHS Diabetes for the certification of the SWEET centers. More information can be found on the website www.sweet-project.eu

13 Future Annual Conference: With a colorful film, Luis Castano invited all members to join him at the next ISPAD conference which will take place in Valencia, Spain , October 27-30, 2016. The theme is *Education and New Technologies: Enhancing Care in Diabetes*

He gave an outline of the program and the highlights. More details on the 42nd ISPAD Annual Conference will be published within the next months.

14 Any other business


No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 18.15.



Carine de Beaufort, Secretary General

Oct 23 2015

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Ragnar Hanas, President

Oct 16, 2015

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