



# THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR COLPOSCOPY & PATHOLOGY OF LOWER GENITAL TRACT (EFC)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN PARIS ON SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004 AT 12:00 A.M. AT INSTITUT PASTEUR PARIS

**1 Present: Representatives from 17 Member Societies**

## **2 President's Report**

- 2.1 The president recapitulated past and present conferences of the EFC (Dublin, Rhodes and Paris), and particularly addressed thanks to Christine Bergeron for her major contribution to the tremendous success of the ongoing congress. The president then outlined further activities of the EFC:
- 2.2 Implementation of Guidelines for Training Standards in Colposcopy – Guidelines on training standards in colposcopy had been circulated, and some replies had already been received. It is hoped that by the end of the year there will be wide acceptance of the guidelines. The EFC will then need to ascertain which European countries have incorporated the guidelines.
- 2.3 Guidelines on Standards of Treatment – C. Redman and M. Shafi circulated a letter and a questionnaire to all member societies, the objective of the exercise being to look at quality and standards of treatment throughout Europe. To date 32 responses have been received, and a number of interesting discrepancies were noted. K Behrens will do the first evaluation and the results will be presented at the meeting of the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology in Cardiff in April.
- 2.4 New Members Societies - The president reported that, after formal application, the societies of Sweden, Slovenia and Malta are now new members of the EFC.
- 2.5 EFC Website – The EFC-website will be available in a few months time, A. Diakomanolis, E. Dollery and T. Loening will be responsible for the design and maintenance of the website.

## **3 Financial Report**

The president reported that Member Societies had been circulated with a letter informing them that the EFC would collect the agreed levy of 2 Euro per Member for each National Society in April 2004. The money presently available, derived from an EU-Grant is approximately 29.000 Euro and will, at the most, cover expenses this year. He anticipates that the pending grant application might be rejected in view of recent change of policy. Thus, future activities of the EFC will need to be supported by further financial sources. Various suggestions are:

- Approaching drug companies for sponsorship (e.g. Cytoc Corporation),
- Approaching Arabian Emirates, among them Abu Dhabi with a view to lecturing for sponsorship
- Organizing teaching courses
- Levy for European certification

The treasurer of the EFC, E. Dollery, reported on the present state of the budget.

## **4 Election of Officers**

- 4.1 President - E. Diakomanolis, was inaugurated at this meeting.
- 4.2 President Elect - Joe Jordan reported that nominations for President Elect were obtained from 4 countries (Germany: K.U. Petry, Spain: S. Dexeus, Italy: A. Perino, France: J. Boulanger). Voting forms were explained (each Society received one vote) and given to the representatives of the 17 Member Societies present. P. Walker and T. Loening were asked to take care of the voting process. A representative from each of the countries which had been nominated for President Elect made a presentation for their respective candidate. Voting forms were collected and were evaluated by P.

Walker and T. Loening. The final result (after 2 x redistribution) was that S. Dexeus had been elected President Elect of the EFC.

4.3 Secretary - It was agreed that Thomas Loening would remain Honorary Secretary.

4.4 Treasurer - It was agreed that Liz Dollery would remain Honorary Treasurer.

## **5 Future Conference.**

**2007** Belgrade - Vesna Kesic confirmed that arrangements for the meeting in Belgrade were progressing satisfactorily.

**2010** - Joe Jordan reported that 5 countries had applied to become the host of the 5<sup>th</sup> European Congress for Colposcopy & Cervical Pathology in the Year 2010 (Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, and Czech Republic). Voting forms were explained and given to the representatives of the 17 Member Societies present. Representatives from the nominated countries made a presentation. Voting forms were collected and evaluated by P. Walker and T. Loening. The final vote went to Germany (after 3 x redistribution). The German Society will decide in due time which city in Germany will host the 2010 meeting. (Hamburg and Berlin were suggestions).

## **6 Any other Business**

None