



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

Minutes of the General Assembly held at the Prague Congress Centre 7 September 2013

1. President's Report

Ulli Petry reported that EFC has had a successful 3 years. EFC has run two Satellite Meetings in Berlin in April 2011 and September 2012. He stated that:-

- Marc Arbyn has conducted a consensus study on standards.
- EFC have 6 quality parameters
- Tools to assess quality standards
- Core competencies
- National concepts and electronic tools

Christine Bergeron was welcomed as the incoming President. She set out the aims of the EFC for the next 3 years. She proposed that the Education Committee prepare a framework for both basic and advanced course programmes and this will include minimum criteria for an exit exam. Member countries may apply to have their course/training programme recognised and if EFC approves them the member country would be given permission to use the EFC logo on their Certificate of Attendance/Diploma. Dr Bergeron confirmed that EFC will support the national effort to develop quality standards in colposcopy. The proposals were ratified by the membership.

2. Report from Chair of the Education Committee

Simon Leeson stated that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Education Committee and confirmed that Pekka Nieminen would take over as Chair after the Prague meeting. He confirmed that the current members of the Education Committee are:

- Simon Leeson (UK)
- Pekka Nieminen (Finland)
- Damian Dexeus (Spain)
- Tamar Alibegashvili (Georgia)
- Carmen Carriera (Italy)
- Jean Luc Mergui (France)

Two papers have been published looking at the Role of HPV in colposcopy and future programmes in Europe. In 2013 courses were held in Macedonia and Krakow and the training course held at the Prague congress had 112 delegates. There are 2 EFC Training Courses scheduled for May 2014 in conjunction with EBCOG (Glasgow) and IFCPC (London).

3. Adoption of new Member Societies

Latvia and Sweden applied to join EFC. Both countries were accepted and ratified by the Membership

4. Election of Officers

- Christine Bergeron (France) – President
- Charles Redman (UK) – President Elect
- Olaf Reich (Austria) - Treasurer

- Simon Leeson (UK) - General Secretary was the only nomination for this post and was accepted unanimously by the membership.

5. Presentations from proposed host countries for 2019 Congress

5 countries presented bids to host the 2019 meeting. Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia and UK. Italy was awarded the 2019 meeting.

6. 7th European Congress of the EFC – Istanbul 2016

Professor Yuce presented arrangements for Istanbul. A date is to be confirmed.

7. Financial Report

Charles Redman presented the accounts for Oct 2011- Oct 2012 which have been prepared by a firm of Accountants in the UK He reported that funds had reduced by £16,068 (approximately 19,000 Euro) The only income coming into the EFC Bank each year is Member Country dues, no other income at all in years when there is no a Congress. The income pays for the day to day running of the Federation and a proportion of the expenses to run Training Courses in European Countries. Outgoings include office running costs, website, salary, general expenses as well as grants of 500 Euro each for representatives from 27 countries to attend a Satellite Meetings in Berlin. The funds in the EFC Bank stand at £88,000 (Approximately 100,000 Euro) but after payment of 2014 expenses will reduce again. To date 24 out of a possible 31 countries have paid their dues of 3 euro per head for the year 2013. There were no questions from the floor.

8. Welcome to new President – look to the future'

Christine Bergeron invited suggestions for EFC projects for the next 3 years from the floor. One suggestion was that EFC should consider utilising the distant learning course run by the IFCPC, particularly for Eastern Europe.

9. Any other business

Dr Bergeron confirmed that EFC would organise another Satellite Meeting in February/March 2014.

10. Closing remarks

The President thanked everybody for attending.