

**Extraordinary General Assembly of the
European Society of Pathology.
Kraków, Poland; Wednesday, 1st September 2010, 18.30 - 19.30 hrs.**

Agenda:

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly in Florence, 8th September. 2009.
4. Report of the President.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
6. Approval of Honorary membership: Prof. Niki Agnantis.
7. Working Group matters, approval of a new Working Group.
8. Approval of the sites of future ESP congresses.
9. ESP Congress, Helsinki, 2011. Report of the Chairman of the Organising Committee.
10. Date and place of the next meeting.
General Assembly, Helsinki, September 2011.

Minutes from the General Assembly:

1. Welcome:

Prof. Wells welcomed everyone to the meeting. A total of 57 members were present.

2. Approval of agenda.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly in Florence, 8th September 2009.

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Report of the President :

- The President's activities have been reported on the Newsletter.

- The President informed about the collective membership initiative. When individuals pay their dues to national societies, a small surcharge is added, and they automatically become members of the ESP. The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland has agreed to adopt the collective membership, and number of other national societies are interested.

The General Assembly approved unanimously the concept of collective membership.

5. Report of the Treasurer:

Prof. van Krieken gave a detailed financial report. He used the figures of the balance sheet from 31.12.2009 to present the financial situation of the ESP. He described the situation as very good.

- The total assets as per 31.12.2009, including the office, amount to more than 1.9 million euro.

- The main incomes are from the profits of the congresses and from the royalties of the Virchows Archiv.

- As a European organisation the ESP pays taxes.

- A budget proposal for 2011 was presented. Due to the strong financial situation of the Society, members were urged to propose initiatives to the Executive Committee for new ways to pursue the goals of the Society.

The President concluded that the Society is in very good financial health largely due to the activities of the Treasurer. A programme of bursaries was planned for the congress in Helsinki. A preference will be made for young pathologists from less privileged countries.

The Report was approved unanimously.

6. Honorary membership.

The Executive Committee has decided unanimously that honorary membership be awarded to prof. Niki Agnantis for the services that she has provided to the ESP.

This was approved unanimously by the General Assembly.

Dr. Roderick Simpson presented a citation of the work of prof. Niki Agnantis for the Society. Prof. Agnantis was awarded her certificate of honorary membership.

7. Working Group items, including approval of a new Working Group.

Prof. Jan van den Tweel has proposed a new Working Group in: History of Pathology. He has submitted a list of 40 members, and 35 of these are members of the ESP.

This was approved unanimously.

8. Approval of the sites of future ESP congresses.

ECP2012, Application of Prague: The original plan for a joint congress of the ESP and the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in London 2012 could not be realised because of the Paralympic Games in London simultaneously. An alternative plan for Amsterdam was not successful due to lack of an appropriate congress facility there in 2012. Prof. Ales Ryska has offered Prague as a congress location for 2012, and he presented his proposal.

The application of Prague was approved unanimously.

ECP2013, Application of Lisbon: President-Elect Fatima Carneiro gave a presentation on Lisbon as a congress location for 2013.

The application of Lisbon was approved unanimously.

ECP2014, the President informed on plans to hold a joint congress of the ESP and the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in London in 2014. This will be decided in the General Assembly in Helsinki next year.

ECP2015. Discussions on the location are ongoing.

9. Presentation of Helsinki as the location of ECP2011

Prof. Lehto presented the preparations for ECP2011 and introduced Helsinki as a congress location.

10. Date and place of the next meeting.

General Assembly, Helsinki, 31st August 2011.