

MINUTES OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY HEAD & NECK WORKING GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Place: Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Center
Ballroom 1

Time: Monday August 29, 2011 at 5.00 p.m.

Chairpersons: Alena Skalova and Roderick Simpson

1. Welcome and Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed members of the working group to the business meeting. The time of the meeting had been announced in the Second Announcement of the 23rd European Congress of Pathology Programme for Helsinki. The exact room location is found in the Final Programme of the Congress that has been available at the Registration Desk. The Chairman interpreted that we have followed ESP regulations for convening the Meeting.

2. Approval of and/or corrections to the Minutes of the previous meeting,

held at the Fortezza da Basso, Florence, Italy, Room Giotto, Saturday September 5, 2009 at 6.00 p.m. Minutes approved.

3. Report of the Secretary Alessandro Franchi

The procedures to become member of the working group, including the new features available in the website of the European Society of Pathology were illustrated. The group currently has approximately 100 members, from Europe, United States and Japan. The report of the activities for the years 2009-2011 has been compiled and sent to the Administrative Secretary of the Society for publication in the website. A list of the forthcoming meetings was presented.

4. Bruce Wenig, Chairman of the North American Society of Head and Neck Pathology,

emphasised the strong collaboration between the North American Society of Head and Neck Pathology and the Head & Neck WG of the ESP, as indicated by the several joint sessions organised by the two groups in previous meetings and in this meeting, as well as by several joint projects and publications. He announced that the Head & Neck sessions in the next USCAP meeting in Vancouver, March 2012, will be dedicated to Leon Barnes, who retired last December.

5. Alena Skalova, illustrated the proposals for the sessions in the next European Congress of Pathology in Prague, September 2012. These consist of a Symposium on "New entities and recent developments in salivary gland pathology", a Short Course on "Recent developments in sinonasal pathology", a Short Course on "Recent developments in oral pathology", and a Slide Seminar on "Risks of under and over diagnosis in Head & Neck Pathology". A request for a second slide seminar has been made to the Local Organisers. The format of the Business Meeting including a first part with scientific presentations and a second part with business matters will be maintained. Finally, a proposal will be made for a joint session with the European Association for Haematopathology on Lymphomas of the Head and Neck region.

6. Election of New Officers

Isabel Fonseca was elected as new President-elect and Roderick Simpson was confirmed as President. This was unanimously agreed.

7. Roderick Simpson

thanked the immediate past-chairperson, Alena Skálová and the secretary, Alessandro Franchi for all their hard work, as well as all the chairpersons and participants at our sessions at this congress. He then emphasised the strong collaboration between the working group and the North American Society of Head and Neck Pathology in the organisation of past and present meetings, as well as the cooperation with Brazilian colleagues for the organisation of the IAP Congress in Sao Paulo and with South African colleagues for the Cape Town IAP Congress. The participation of the members of the Working Group to the activity of the European School of Pathology was mentioned. The project of the second edition of the book "Pathology of the Head and Neck" was also highlighted. Members were invited to submit proposals for the program of the forthcoming IAP Congress in Capetown, in October 2012.

Minutes prepared by Alessandro Franchi, september 2011
Amended Roderick Simpson 13.11.2011.