

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (WWW.ESFH.DE, WWW.ESFH.ORG), PRAGUE, CZECH,
SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2006, 9:15 - 17:00
 Location: Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (UHKT)

Present: Stegmayr B. (President), Höcker P. (Past President), Gasova Z. (President Elect), Borberg H. (Treasurer), Arslan Ö. (Secretary), Muncunill J. (2007 Congress President), Blaha M. (District Director), ULLRICH H. (DISTRICT DIRECTOR), Grimus M. (ESFH Admin. Ass.)

MINUTES

Final report from the ESFH Congress 2005 Antalya: Ö. Arslan gave a final report of the 15th ESFH Congress. Budget is in even balanced. Congratulations from the board for high scientific level and the excellent programme.

Report of the treasurer. H. Borberg: Membership fees: Problems with the money transfer. Costs for credit card payment would mean 17 000€ deposit for each credit card company. Currently bank transfer costs are up till 15.--€ which decreases the income of the ESFH. Therefore an increase of the fee about 5.--€ per year should be discussed. Solutions for a cheap and safe money transfer should be explored. **To reduce the costs, members are suggested to pay by internet-bank transfer, if possible.** Report was approved.

Planning the 16th ESFH Congress 2007 (joint congress with the ISBT).

J. Muncunill reports- both societies Spanish Society of Haematology and Spanish Society of Blood Transfusion support the plan of the joint meeting. It will be held in June 21-22 or 22-23, 2007

ESFH-ISBT 2007 JOINT CONGRESS.- **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME.**

The GEA (Spanish Apheresis Group) has collected considerable experience in most apheresis fields and is in contact with many experienced colleagues worldwide.

As a preliminary programme we propose the following issues:

In the therapeutic side:

- 1) Plasma exchange treatment in PTT.
- 2) Therapeutic granulocyte transfusion.
- 3) Photopheresis in the treatment of GVHD,
- 4) Adacolumn in the treatment of several rheumatologic diseases.
- 5) Lymphocyte transfusion in Haematopoietic transplantation
- 6) Haematopoietic progenitors collection methods.
- 7) Red cell apheresis in the treatment of iron storage diseases
- 8) Red cell exchanges in acute drepanocytosis and Malaria.
- 9) Plasma exchange in Neurological diseases,.
- 10) Meta analysis of the indications of therapeutic apheresis procedures
- 11) New apheresis procedures in the horizon: Rheopheresis, Aquapheresis, or selective apheresis.

In the donation side:

- 11) Platelet transfusion : The role of Plateletpheresis.
- 12) Multicomponent collections: a new tool for blood centre's productivity.
- 13) Apheresis Red Cells collection: Protocols and blood centre programmes.
- 14) Adverse effects of apheresis procedures.
- 15) Cost – benefit studies in apheresis blood component donation procedures.

An official letter is sent to the ISBT board about cooperation during the congresses. Muncunill will negotiate with the ISBT organiser about the topics. ESFH will cover haemapheresis.

BYLAWS: Stegmayr suggested a voting - changing the bylaws to give the congress president financial back up from the ESFH. Voting gave majority for the present situation-no back up.

A joint meeting between ESAO and ESFH will be held in Umea, northern Sweden, close to the midnight sun - June 20+21, 2006 (ESFH) and June 21-24, 2006 (ESAO).

A postgraduate course in Therapeutic Apheresis will be held June 18+19 **and** a postgraduate course in Hemovigilance is held June 19.

Last date for Abstract submission, max 250 words (by e-mail to bernd.stegmayr@medicin.umu.se) **is February 28, 2006. www.esfh.org (go for Upcoming events).**

The board decided to have only two parallel sessions per day. Program was prepared and outlined. The homepage of the congress is linked from the ESFH homepage (www.esfh.org) In Umea an ESFH board Meeting has to be organised and the ILC members have to be invited to be informed about and to discuss Madrid 2007 matters.

Congress fees: People with no ESFH membership will pay full fee but can become ESFH members if they want, which includes Transfusion Science. Stegmayr will pay the costs to Elsevier.

Guidelines for the congress president: Stegmayr sends the WAA guidelines to the board members and they will decide if we adopt it.

Institutional membership: No experience so far. It was suggested it should be close to individual membership because the costs of the journal have to be covered.

The institute pays the fees and provides the names of the applying members.

The first member pays full. Thereafter, 40 € for reduced membership fee for the others.

Reduced congress fees for all members: Further details in the Bylaws.

Underdeveloped country membership fee: Underdeveloped countries should be treated like institutional members but each member has voting power. The decisions are time limited for two years (2006, 2007). First member pay full fee and the others pay 40 Euro/member.

Countries: Romania, Estonia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Albania, Macedonia, Moldavia, Ukraina, Russia. When someone applies from a country not mentioned above the president, treasurer and secretary decide if this person is to be treated as a citizen of an underdeveloped country or not.

This is valid for one year at a time and than the board decides again.

Gail Rock request of support of WAA meeting 2008 or 2010: ESFH is eager to give any intellectual support. The President will write a letter (ESFH will support the meeting scientifically but not financially).

Letter from the Indian Apheresis Center: The President writes a letter to support the Indian Society scientifically but not financially.

New World Apheresis Registry 4000 aphereses are registered already. ESFH members should be encouraged to take part. (www.iml.umu.se/medicin)

Poster Awards: At the 2007 meeting up to three awards can be given (Third: 500.--, Second 1000.--, First. 1500.--). A jury of 5 persons selected by the congress president together with the ESFH president will judge. Distribution: Young poster award (less than 40 years) 1500€, General awards (1000 € and 500 €). Important is the scientific value and design of the poster and the presence of the presenter at the poster during the poster session.

Activities in the future: The President will address various experts in the field to approach this issue similar to a process like Cochrane to develop guidelines for apheresis treatment. Members interested to help out with a topic are welcome to contact the President (bernd.stegmayr@medicine.umu.se).

Report from the district directors: Announcements of activities will be put into the ESFH Homepage. Invitations to the members of the ESFH- Umea meeting June 20-21, 2006 will be made through the District Directors. Blaha reports about the activities in his district.

New members for the board: Members are encouraged to suggest new board members.

Future Meetings: Discussion about joint meetings with other societies (e.g. Cardiology, Rheology, Neurology)

A Turkish Abstract form will be evaluated for use of ESFH after translation by Arslan.

Miscellaneous: WAA has a new homepage (www.worldapheresis.org). The ESFH site will open a link to the WAA homepage.