

EAFP Council Meeting Stanstead, 3 October 2006

Present: David Alderman (President), David Bruno (vice president), Ellen Ariel (Publications Officer), Paul Midtyling (General Secretary), Sven Bergmann (Treasurer) and Steve Feist (Meetings Secretary).

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.**
- 2. Previous action points were reviewed.**
- 3. Meeting Secretary report.**

The Conference Scientific Committee is chaired by S Feist and includes members of the Grado Local Organising Committee (LOC), the EAFP Council, the EAFP Bulletin subject editors and informal assistance as needed. The input of latter will be acknowledged in appropriate fashion.

The role of the committee is to advise on possible keynotes. Consult on development of programme, assistance with reviewing abstracts and potentially acting as chairpersons.

There was some discussions on the session titles and workshops.

Budget documents from NewTeam were evaluated. Points for clarification were highlighted and negotiations with the conference organisers will be undertaken.

The Council is seeking expressions of interest for the 2011 Conference and beyond and an announcement will be placed in a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin and on the website calling for suggestions.

- 4. Treasurer's report.**

Problems with account access for the new treasurer have been identified and are being resolved.

Accounts for 2004 and 2005 will be presented for approval at the Council meeting scheduled for Spring 2007.

Facilities for direct electronic transfer in order to reduce charges associated with bank transfers are now in place and are being encouraged through dialogue with branch officers.

- 5. General Secretary report.**

Membership database has been successfully transferred to Lis Knudsen (Aarhus Laboratory) and is now in Access format. Updates being dealt with efficiently, with good contact with the General Secretary. The Council acknowledges the progress made and

agreed to continue to provide financial resource on receipt of quarterly reports. The Council intends to make the membership database more efficient and will enable access to financial information in order to check membership fees etc.

Membership status – There have been 46 new members, 98 lost to the association, giving a total current membership of 990. This reflects a continued decrease in membership in recent years.

The Council reviewed current membership fees. For 2007 will be as follows: Regular members, 50 Swiss Francs (SF), students, 25SF, libraries 120SF, sustaining members 490SF.

The Council agreed to establish a Croatian Branch Officer.

6. Publications Officer.

Approximately 40 submissions to the Bulletin with 35 papers published this year to date. The reduced length of papers has resulted in more papers being published. The editorial board system is working very well. The input of Lis Knudsen in particular for organisation of the Bulletin is gratefully acknowledged.

It was agreed that a project group be established to make proposals for improving present administration systems and the EAFP website. M Hiney previously agreed to chair this group (consisting of P Midtlyng, E Ariel, S Bergmann and Nacho de Blas).

7. Vice President and President.

The Handbook has been updated and is currently in press. Distribution will be with issue 5 of the Bulletin at the end of October 2006.

The Council discussed the composition of the Statutes Committee and the following have been appointed - Inger Daalsgard (Chair), Barry Hill, H-J Schlodfeldt, Brit Bang Jensen and Andy Barnes. It is anticipated that initial proposals for the revised statutes be available for review at the Spring 2007 Council meeting.

8. Council Membership – elections for 2007.

The General Secretary, vice president and publications secretary positions are due for election in 2007. A call for nominations for these positions will be published in Issue 1 of the Bulletin and concurrently on the website for nominations to be received by 1 April 2007.

9. Any other business.

The CD of the Histopathology Workshop from the 2005 Conference has been issued with the latest EAFP Bulletin.

10. Date and location of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Oslo, Norway provisionally for the 25/26 April 2007.

The meeting closed at 15.15.

S W Feist
EAFP Meetings Secretary.