

**European Association for the Study of Diabetic Eye Complications Study Group
Annual General Assembly
Royal Dublin Society, Dublin, Eire
26th May 2012**

Minutes of Meeting

Board Members present:

Ann Katrin Sjølie, President
Massimo Porta, Vice President
Simon Harding, FRCOphth, MD, Treasurer Secretary, (Chair of meeting)

Apologies

Dr Tunde Peto, Secretary
Pierre-Jean Guillausseau, Past President

Minute 12/01 Report of 2012 meeting

Board members and delegates thanked Dr Mark Cahill and Miss Siobhan Kelly for their excellent organisation and scientific content of the EASDec annual meeting in Dublin.

Simon Harding gave apologies to delegates from Dr Tunde Peto and explained that he had been asked to act on her behalf as Secretary to the General Assembly.

There were 110 delegates to the scientific conference including board members and invited keynote lecturers with an additional 25 who had joined from the Irish College of Ophthalmologists Annual meeting that took place on the 24th and 25th May.

40 abstracts had been received of which 17 were accepted as oral presentations. Due to an oversight the programme that had been printed had a number of omissions and typographical errors. The Board apologised to delegates about this.

Abstracts were generally of a good standard with only a few minor corrections required.

There had been a problem with the printed programme. The Board apologised for the several typographical errors and the omission of Prof Einaar Stephansson, one of the keynote speakers.

The best abstract prize was awarded to Iris Walraven from The Netherlands

The best poster prize was awarded to Sarah Wilson from Northern Ireland

Sponsorship was provided by Novartis UK and Novartis Ireland. Exhibitors were: Digital Healthcare, Alimera Science, Risk Medical Solutions, Topcon Eire, John Bannon Ltd

Minute 12/02 Treasurer's report

The EASDec Treasurer's Account received £7,900 from Gdansk.

Registrations are being organised by Board in the future with the setting up of a World pay account at a cost that we will have to factor into the fees.

The balance before the opening of registrations for the 2012 meeting was ~£30,000, but there will be substantial expenses

Minute 12/03 Constitution

The constitution had been revised at the Oxford meeting in 2009. New guidance had been received from the EASD Executive Committee. A revised constitution has been prepared by the Board containing minor rewrites of terminology and phrasing. Detailed abstract submission guidance has been removed. The revised constitution will be placed on the EASDec website for comment before forwarding to the EASD Executive Committee in 6 weeks.

Some issues had become apparent during this review:

The EASD requires a definition of "membership". This in EASDec comprises a list of delegates from past meetings and an email broadcast list that can be joined via the website.

The responsibilities of the Board compared to the Local Organising Committee is not clear and has been clarified including regarding financial responsibility, accounts and management of surplus.

Minute 12/04 Future officers

Professor Pierre-Jean Guillausseau retired from the Board as Past President. The Board thanked him for his many years of contribution to the EASDec Study Group.

Professor Anne Katrin Sjolie completed her term as President in 2012 and was thanked by the Board for all her hard work and leadership. She takes over as Past President.

Professor Massimo Porta becomes President in 2012 and serves for 3 years. He nominated Professor Rafael Simo from Barcelona as his Treasurer. He takes over from Prof Harding.

The Board nominated Professor Simon Harding to be the next Vice-President. This was accepted by the General Assembly.

The interest of Prof Reiner Schlingermann was noted and this will be included in the next election when the cycle of diabetologist/opthalmologist is in the correct sequence.

Dr Tunde Peto continues as Secretary.

Minute 12/05 Visibility of EASDec

Prof Massimo Porta spoke about the visibility of EASDec. He made two proposals that could improve visibility:

- to issue consensus statements and guidance on topical and critical issues in the diagnosis and management of diabetic retinopathy. One example of this will be developed from the symposium, "The European Diabetic Macular Oedema Treatment Symposium".

- propose a symposium at EURETINA

- develop a series of case presentations on line, built from EASDec presentations.

Minute 12/06 Future meetings

Prof Rafael Simo described the plans for the 2013 meeting to take place in Barcelona between 23rd -25th May 2012. Local organisation will be through the company Gotic.

Prof Eduardo Midená proposed Padova for the 2104 meeting and this was accepted by the Assembly.

Simon Harding thanked both future local organisers on behalf of the Board.

Proposals were sought for 2015. Initial interest was received from Prof Sehnaz Karadeniz and Istanbul and Prof Einar Stephansson and Reykjavik.

Minute 12/07 Any other business

There was no other business and so the meeting was closed

SP Harding / 5.6.12