

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 20, 1989, HILTON HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS

TOP 1 Welcome by the President

B. Brinkmann opens the General Assembly and welcomes the participants. He extends the thanks of the Executive Committee to H. Polesky, the Congress President, and to all persons who have contributed to the success of the Congress.

TOP 2 To Commemorate the Dead

The death of the following members has been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee since the last General Assembly:

Dr. Benstead, UK

Prof. Dr. Krah, FRG

Prof. Dr. Krauland, FRG

Prof. Dr. Marn, Yugoslavia

The President asked the Assembly to stand in commemoration of the dead.

TOP 3 Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly in Wien, August 27, 1987

The Executive Committee has not received any comments regarding the minutes of the last General Assembly. Since nobody asks for discussion, the above-mentioned protocol is adopted.

TOP 4 Report of the Executive Committee and the Auditors of the Account

4.1. Report of the President

B. Brinkmann reports that the Executive Committee has handled its business since the last congress in 4 sessions.

The proceedings of the 12th Congress of the ISFH in Wien has been published as "Advances in Forensic Haemogenetics 2". This series will be continued and the proceedings of the meeting in New Orleans will be published in "Advances in Forensic Haemogenetics 3".

The DNA Commission prepared in 3 sessions a resolution on the use of DNA polymorphisms in forensic haemogenetics which is published in several journals. The work of this commission will be continued, especially in order to solve problems of standardisation and biostatistics. The members of the ISFH are invited to address pertinent suggestions to the DNA Commission.

Laboratories who can offer their help for resolving problematic cases should contact the Secretary of the ISFH.

As nobody submitted papers for the scientific award of the ISFH, B. Brinkmann suggested to change the statutes of the prize by deleting the 2nd half of the last sentence in §1. Furthermore, the existence of this award should be emphasized in the next newsletters, mentioning that published and unpublished articles can be submitted.

6.2. Election of the Secretary

The Executive Committee proposes W. Mayr; no alternative candidate is put forward by the General Assembly.

Result of the vote: for W. Mayr:	68
against:	1
abstentions:	2

total ballot papers distributed:	71
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W. Mayr is elected Secretary.

6.3. Election of the Representative of all Working Parties

The Executive Committee proposes U. Rossi; no alternative candidate is put forward by the General Assembly.

Result of the vote: for U. Rossi:	68
against:	2
abstentions:	2

total ballot papers distributed:	72
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U. Rossi is elected Representative of all Working Parties.

6.4. Elections of two Auditors of the Account

G. de Lange and A. Kloostermann, as well as A. Carracedo and V. Pascali (substitutes), are elected with acclamation.

TOP 7 Place and President of the Next International Congress in 1991

Two German cities applied for the organisation of the 14th International Congress of the ISFH: Hamburg (H.H. Hoppe and W. Martin) and Mainz (C. Rittner). The General Assembly decided in a secret ballot to have this meeting in Mainz (37 votes for Mainz, 29 for Hamburg and 4 votes void).

TOP 8 Miscellaneous

The changes of the statutes of the award of the ISFH as proposed by B. Brinkmann (see TOP 4.1.) are accepted unanimously by the General Assembly.

The President thanks all participants and closes the General Assembly.