

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC HAEMOGENETICS (ISFH) ON OCTOBER 14, 1993 IN THE PALAZZO DEL CINEMA IN VENEZIA-LIDO (17.00 - 18.15)

TOP 1 Welcome by the President

W. Bär opened the General Assembly at 17.00 and welcomed the participants. He extended the thanks of the Executive Committee and of the participants of the meeting to A. Fiori (President of the Congress), U. Rossi (President of the Organizing Committee) and to all persons who contributed to the success of the conference.

TOP 2 To Commemorate the Dead

The death of the following members was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee since the last General Assembly: A. Arndt-Hanser, H. Berndt, E. Essen-Möller, H. Gürtler, N. Preuss, W. Spielmann, K.H. Stürner and D. Tills.

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

TOP 3 Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly in Mainz, Sept. 20, 1991

The Executive Committee had not received any comments regarding to the minutes of the last General Assembly. Since nobody asked for discussion, the above-mentioned protocol was adopted.

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

4.1. Report of the President

W. Bär reported that the Executive Committee had handled its business since the last Congress in only 3 sessions.

He reported that he was asked to discuss with the Board of the ISFH criteria for the qualification of laboratory directors in forensic DNA work and explained to the General Assembly that the Board decided not to be directly involved in this project but to offer some help to commissions which will deal in future with such problems.

With regard to the Biennial Scientific Prize, W. Bär mentioned that there was only one application and that the Prize has not been awarded. In order to increase the interest in the Prize, new statutes have been written (see TOP 6).

4.2. Report of the Secretary

W. Mayr reported that the total number of members of the ISFH on Sept. 30, 1993 was 726 (in comparison, the number of members on Sept. 20, 1991 was 695). Despite the increase in this figure, some publicity is needed in order to recruit more members; all members of the ISFH were asked to be active in this respect.

4.3. Report of the Treasurer

P. Lincoln reported that the total balance was 169.029,22 DM (including the fund for the Scientific Prize); there was no significant change in the last two years. Because of this good balance, it was decided not to increase the membership fee.

4.4. Report of the Representative of the Working Parties

U. Rossi gave a short review on the activities of the Working Parties and declared that he will resign from his position. W. Bär thanked him for the excellent work he has done in his function.

4.5. Report of the Auditors of the Account

H. Janssen stated that he checked the account together with A. Carracedo. The account was found to be in order and handled in a perfect way. Therefore, the Treasurer is relieved by the General Assembly.

4.6. Relief of the Executive Committee

On a motion by S. Rand, The Executive Committee was relieved of its duties by the General Assembly.

TOP 5 Alteration of the Statutes of the ISFH

The alteration of the Statutes of the ISFH (see Annex 1) have been accepted unanimously.

TOP 6 Statutes for the Biennial Scientific Prize of the ISFH

The changes on the Statutes of the Biennial Scientific Prize (see Annex 1) have been accepted unanimously.

TOP 7 Report of the Activities of the DNA Commission

B. Budowle, the chairman of the DNA Commission of the ISFH, reported on the activities of the DNA Commission. Two articles dealing with DNA polymorphisms have been published by the DNA Commission, a third one on PCR-based polymorphisms which has been produced in the meeting on Oct. 12, 1993 in Venezia-Lido will be published soon.

TOP 8 Honorary Membership

The President congratulated D.A. Hopkinson and H. Matsumoto on their Honorary Membership.

W. Bär then proposed on behalf of the Executive Committee that A. Arndt-Hanser and R. Büttler be elected as Honorary Members (A. Arndt-Hanser as a posthumous one). These 2 outstanding personalities were elected with acclamation.

TOP 9 Elections of Members of the Executive Committee

This business was performed by an Election Committee consisting of N. Morling and S. Rand. 121 members were present.

9.1. Election of the President

The Executive Committee proposed W. Bär; no alternative candidate was put forward by the General Assembly.

W. Bär was elected unanimously (3 abstentions).

9.2. Election of the Secretary

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

W. Mayr was elected unanimously (4 abstentions).

9.3. Election of the Representative for all Working Parties

The Executive Committee proposed A. Carracedo; no alternative candidate was put forward by the General Assembly.

A. Carracedo was elected unanimously (3 abstentions).

9.4. Election of two Auditors of the Account

B. Eriksen and A. Kloosterman, as well as V. Pascali and J. Morris (substitutes) were elected with acclamation.

TOP 10 Place and President of the next International Congress in 1995

Two suggestions were discussed: Santiago de Compostella (Spain) / L. Concheiro and A. Carracedo (Congress President and President of the Organizing Committee, respectively) and Scottsdale, Arizona / B. Budowle. A clear-cut majority of the members (80%) were in favour of Santiago de Compostella; the 16th International Congress of the ISFH will take place there probably in September 1995.

TOP 11 Miscellaneous

W. Bär reported that the ISFH will support a symposium organised by the Japanese Working Party during the Meeting of the International Academy of Forensic Sciences 1996 in Tokyo.

The President thanked all participants and closed the General Assembly at 18.15.

Enclosure 2 / Anlage 2

Alterations in the Register of Members / Änderungen im Mitgliederstand

1. Admissions / Aufnahmen

D. Corach, Buenos Aires
G. Penacino, Buenos Aires
J.L. Esteban, Zamudio
C. Christakis, Limassol
G.M. Weichold, München
W. Keil, München
G. Bauer, Wien
M. Crespillo Marquez, Barcelona
C.N. Maguire, Wetherby
B. Jaume Roig, Palma
E. Prat, Madrid
C. Gunzer, Villach
A. Pieper, Basdorf
M. Stenersen, Oslo
E. Efremov, Skopje
L. Magnani, Mantua
M. Fairley, Glasgow
T. Sawaguchi, Tokyo
A. Sawaguchi, Tokyo
M. Sawill, Christchurch
R. Wenk, Baltimore
G. Rysiecki, Abingdon
C. Augustin, Hamburg
J. Inda Ortiz de Zarate, Bilbao
C. Fillancq, Rosny sous Bois
A. Alkhayat, Dubai
J.A. Montoro, Valencia
N. Puig-Alcaraz, Valencia
H. Pfitzinger, Strasbourg
L. Weitnauer, Milano
L. Casarino, Genova
C. Seidl, Frankfurt/Main
W. Österreich, Basdorf
S. West, Düsseldorf
H. Haas, Giessen
O. Tsuganezawa, Kagoshima
I. Fernandez, Leioa
M. Sasaki, Asahikawa
E. Ambach, Innsbruck
D. Syndercombe Court, London

F. Montes Lopez, Madrid
A. Langö, Linköping
J. Bartel, Heidelberg
H. Geada, Lisboa
R.M. Espinheira, Lisboa
T. Manuel Maia de Oliveira Ribeiro, Lisboa

2. Withdrawals / Austritte

J. Bernheim, Geneve
R. Pflugshaupt, Bern
G. Schmidt, Heidelberg
P. Lindenberg, Kiel