

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC HAEMOGENETICS (ISFH) ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1995 IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN (18.30 - 19.40)**

**TOP 1 Welcome by the President**

W. Bär opened the General Assembly at 18.30 and welcomed the participants. He extended the thanks of the Executive Committee and of the participants of the meeting to A. Carracedo (President of the Congress), L. Concheiro (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: J. Herbich, K. Luff and H. Patzak.  
The President asked the Assembly to stand in commemoration of the dead.

**TOP 3 Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly in Venice, October 10, 1993**

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 4 sessions (2 in Zürich and 2 in Santiago de Compostela).

He thanks again all individuals involved in the organisation of the 16th International Congress for their excellent work.

With regard to the Biennial Scientific Prize, W. Bär mentioned that there were only two applications and that the Prize has not been awarded. In future, the Vicepresident (with the help of some experts) should make propositions concerning the prize to the Board. This *modus procedendi* is accepted by the General Assembly

*4.2. Report of the Secretary*

W. Mayr reported that the total number of members of the ISFH on Sept. 10, 1995 was 747 (in comparison, the number of members on Sept. 30, 1993 was 726). 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 128.165,23 DM (including the fund for the Scientific Prize). During the last two years, expenditure has continued to exceed income, mainly due to the expenses for the production of the Proceedings of the International Congress; therefore, the Executive Committee proposed to the General Assembly to increase the membership fee from DM 40,- to DM 50,- (in 1996). This proposal was accepted with acclamation.

#### *4.4. Report of the Representative of the Working Parties*

A. Carracedo gave a short review on the increasing activities of the Working Parties, especially with respect to standardisation. During the 16th International Congress, meetings of 7 Working Parties have been scheduled.

#### *4.5. Report of the Auditors of the Account*

A. Kloostermann stated that he checked the account together with V. Pascali. 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 N. Morling, the Executive Committee was relieved of its duties by the General Assembly.

### **TOP 5          Report of the Activities of the DNA Commission**

B. Budowle, the chairman of the DNA Commission of the ISFH, reported that a recommendation on PCR-based polymorphisms has been produced and published. In future, the DNA Commission will mainly deal with the following topics: nomenclature, biostatistics and quality control.

### **TOP 6          Honorary Membership**

W. Bär then proposed on behalf of the Executive Committee that Sir Alec Jeffreys be elected as Honorary Member; this outstanding scientist was elected with acclamation.

### **TOP 7          Elections of Members of the Executive Committee**

This business was performed by an Election Committee consisting of N. Morling and S. Rand. 118 members were present.

#### *7.1. Election of the President*

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

B. Olaisen was elected unanimously (8 abstentions).

#### *7.2. Election of the Treasure*

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

P. Lincoln was elected (7 abstentions, 1 negative vote).

#### *7.3. 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 (7 abstentions).

#### *7.4. 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 8          Place and President of the next International Congress in 1995**

The offer by B. Olaisen to organise the 17th International Congress of the ISFH in Oslo (September 2 - 5, 1997) has been gratefully accepted by the General Assembly.

### **TOP 9          Miscellaneous**

W. Bär thanked B. Brinkmann who served for 16 years in different functions of the Executive Committee of the ISFH.

Thereafter, he thanked all participants and closed the General Assembly at 19.40.