INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC HAEMOGENETICS

Protocol 1997/2

of the Meeting of the Board in Oslo, Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, on September 2, 1997

Participants:

B. Olaisen (President)

W. Bär P. Lincoln A. Carracedo W.R. Mayr

Protocol by W.R. Mayr

TOP 1

Adoption of the Protocol 1997/1 (Meeting of the Board in Oslo, July 4 and 5, 1997)

The protocol is adopted.

TOP 2

School for Forensic Haemogenetics / F. de Stefano

Francesco de Stefano reports in a rather vague way on the idea to found a "School of Forensic Haemogenetics" which should organise courses in Sestri Levante. After a long discussion, the Board decided to ask him to elaborate and submit a concrete plan which can be easily discussed.

Business of the Members of the Board

B. Olaisen

B. Olaisen gives a detailled view on the organisation of the Conference. All other members of the Board thank him very much for the large amount of work which was done by him and his collaborators for the Congress.

W. Bär

Scientific prize: the Board selects 2 winners of the scientific prize - A. Sanjantila (Helsinki) and C. Kimpton (Birmingham) for the UK DNA Database Group. The prize winners will be mentioned during the General Assembly of the ISFH.

W.R. Mayr

Several new members are admitted: Nigel WATSON (Glasgow), Maria JOBIM (Porto Allegre), Gregor BEIN (Giessen), Uriarte JON (Bilbao) and Gillian TULLY (Birmingham).

P. Lincoln

P. Lincoln reports that the asset of the ISFH is now DM 101.701,-. This corresponds to a reduction of around DM 25.000,- mainly due to the high price of the last issue of the

For these reasons, the membership fee should be increased by the General Assembly to DM 70,-. The Advances will not be printed by Springer but by a publishing company with much cheaper prices (approximately only one third) - P. Lincoln will negotiate with these people; due to the lower costs and due to a financial sponsorships recruited by P. Lincoln, the ISFH will be able to provide the Advances free of charge to all members and to all non-members attending the International ISFH Conference.

With regard to the members which are not paying their fee (around 150), the Board decided that P. Lincoln should write them a letter stating that they will excluded if the fees are not paid.

A. Carracedo

A short summary of the report to be given at the General Assembly is presented to the Borad.

TOP 4

General Assembly in Oslo

The election Committee will consist of N. Morling and S. Rand. For the elections, the Board will nominate the following individuals: B. Olaisen / President; W.R. Mayr / Secretary; A. Carracedo / Representative for all Working Parties; two Auditors of the Account (and their substitutes): A. Kloosterman, A. Alonso (V. Pascali and B. Dupuy).

Membership fees: see TOP 3

Honorary Membership: the Board will propose R. Walker. The diploma for Sir Alec Jeffreys will be handed out to him before his lecture in a plenary session of the Oslo meeting.

TOP 5

Date and Place of the 18th Congress of the ISFH

The proposition by G. Sensabaugh to have the Congress 1999 in California (San Francisco) a few days before the Congress of the International Association of Forensic Sciences in Los Angeles is accepted by the Board as P. Lincoln could convince him to integrate in the Organising Committee other scientists of the USA, especially B. Budowle.

TOP 6

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No items

TOP 7

Date, Place and Topics of the Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be fixed by e-mail correspondence.

W.R. Mayr

Wien, September 16, 1997