INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC HAEMOGENETICS

Protocol 1999/1

of the Meeting of the Board in Tenerife, Hotel Jardines de Nivaria, on January 15, 1999 at 09.00

Participants:

B. Olaisen (President)

P. Lincoln A. Carracedo W.R. Mayr

Protocol by W.R. Mayr

TOP 1

Adoption of the Protocol 1998/1 (Meeting of the Board in Zürich, May 19, 1998)

The protocol is adopted.

TOP 2

Business of the Members of the Board

B. Olaisen

B. Olaisen states that the name of the Society should be changed to International Society of Forensic Genetics; such a change will also include an alteration of §2 (1) of the statutes (deletion of "in human blood" in the first sentence). These changes will be proposed during the next General Assembly of the ISFH in San Francisco.

W.R. Mayr

Several new members are admitted: Valkyria ROLO VILLELA (Brasilia), Ana DINIZ DE MELLO MOREIRA (Brasilia), Elizeu FAGUNDES DE CARVALHO (Rio de Janeiro), Luciano CHAVES ARANTES (Brasilia), Lennie PINEDA DEL VILLAR (Macaraibo), Christian DEMANET (Brussels), Rhona SLOANE (Durham), Barbara DANIEL (London), Masoumeh NADJI (Tehran), Anna PEREZ LEZAUN (Barcelona), Jaume BERTRANPETIT

(Barcelona), Helen DAVEY (Dundee), Raul FERREIRA CAPOTE (Havana), Fermin AMARO LOPEZ (Havana), Carina ARGUELLES (Rosadas), Marcio FERREIRA (Brasilia), Alexis HERNANDEZ (La Laguna)

P. Lincoln

P. Lincoln reports that the financial situation of the ISFH is greatly improved; see Annex

A. Carracedo

The dates of the meetings of the various working parties of the ISFH will be sent to the Secretary who will include these informations in the next newsletter.

TOP 3

Conference 1999 in San Francisco

The Board discusses the plans by G. Sensabaugh; the organisation of the Conference in San Francisco seems to progress without major difficulties. Concerning the final programme, the Board will meet in June 1999 (if possible in Zürich) in order to make the last selections. The proceedings of the meeting will be published by Elsevier (B. Olaisen and P. Lincoln will sign the contract).

TOP 4

EDNAP / ENFSI

The Board discusses the points raised in a letter by N. Morling (function of an IFSH Working Party, new members). N. Morling will be informed with respect to the status of the working parties, especially that the ISFH Board approves and coordinates the activities of these groups; the question of membership should be clarified within the working parties.

ENFSI which wants to be "affiliated" to the ISFH will be asked to clarify their request.

A meeting has been held on Jan. 15.1.1999 at 14.30 in Tenerife with the ISFH Board and EDNAP and ENFSI representatives. In this meeting, the function of both groups has been clarified (EDNAP: research and innovation, ENFSI: implementation and operation); furthermore, N. Morling and D. Werrett will present a joint paper to the ISFH Board in which their plans are coordinated. For the moment, ENFSI does not want to become a Working Party, but looks for an extensive cooperation according to §2 (2) of the ISFH statutes. In order to inform the ISFH members concerning their activities, EDNAP and ENFSI will organise a common session during the ISFH Conferences.

TOP 5

Scientific Prize, Newsletter, Honorary Membership, General Assembly in San Francisco, next International Congress

The statutes of the scientific prize will be included in the next newsletter. Further suggestions concerning topics for the next newsletter should be sent to the Secretary.

As candidate for Honorary Membership, A. Carracedo proposes Prof. Villanueva (Spain). In the General Assembly, a change of the name of the ISFH to ISFG and a change of the statutes will be proposed (see TOP 2).

For the elections, the Board should think about a candidate for the function of Representative for All Working Parties; candidate for President: A. Carracedo, for Treasurer: P. Schneider. The Board should also think about the place for the next International Conference (for the moment, there exists only the candidature of C. Doutremepuich / Arcachon).

TOP 6

ISFH Homepage

Suggestions should be sent to A. Carracedo, especially concerning links to other pages of the web.

TOP 7

Varia

No items

TOP 8

Date, place and topics of the next Board Meeting

Suggestion: Zürich, middle of June 1999; main topic: Conference in San Francisco

W.R. Mayr

Wien, January 25, 1999