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Minutes of the General Assembly of EAGO Cracow 1989

Place: Forum Hotel, Cracow, Poland.

Date: Saturday 9 September 1989.

Chairman: Professor Claude Sureau (France).

Secretary: Professor Tom Eskes (The Netherlands).

Those

present: 69 delegates of the 4th Annual Meeting of EAGO.

1. The **Chairman** called the Assembly to the order and welcomed the delegates. The agenda was adopted as distributed.
2. **The Minutes of the General Assembly** held in Nijmegen in 1988 were approved after the correction on:
page 2 line 2: Basle to be replaced by Lausanne.
page 3 line 3: 10th Anniversary to 100th Anniversary.
3. **Report by the Secretary-General**
 - 3.1. Committee on History of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Europe (see proposal Dr. Hermes d'Oliveira Castanhas, Portugal).
It was decided that a project-group should be founded under the leadership of Dr. Hermes d'Oliveira Castanhas, including various phases in their development.
 - a. *phase one* would be to make an inventarisation on the various objects that are available in Europe.
 - b. *phase two*: to prepare a European (World) exhibition in 1995 (see also letter Sr. Laszlo Lampé, Hungary).It was noted that *councillors* of various countries can be of great help as well as University Departments or Societies.
This initiative was welcomed by the General Assembly.

3.2. Project Preterm Birth.

As mentioned in the Minutes of the Council and the General Assembly in 1988 a proposal for a multi-centre trial on *Preterm Birth* has been sent by the Secretary-General to the EEC (Concerted Action Projects). There will be an invitation in May 1990 to discuss the project with the Project Managing Group in Paris.

3.3. Project Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCO).

Dr. Rocker sent a questionnaire to members of EAGO. He will be asked to report on the results.

3.4. European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Biology (EJOGR).

A Publisher's report is handed over to the members of the Executive Board. The Journal got a face lift by having a new cover showing the EAGO logo of the Bridge.

- Receiving Editors have been nominated in U.K., F.R.G., France and the EC.
- Members of EAGO may obtain the Journal at a reduced price.
- Because of the increase flow of manuscripts, funding has to be obtained for the Proceedings of the EAGO Congress.

3.5. The Secretary-General suggested that ESGI could stand for an European Society for Gynaecologic Investigation. Such a Society was founded in the U.S.A. (SGI) in 1956, allowing young trainees to present their Ph.D. work before publication.

There are 20 members of the SGI in Europe and they felt that such an effort could be worthwhile within EAGO.

It was felt that a purely scientific session could be a part of the EAGO Congress but that 'disturbance' of clinicians had to be avoided.

Hans Ludwig mentioned the priority of publication of prize winning awards as important.

Richard Beard mentioned at this point that EAGO does not have enough money for research awards or grants.

4. Report of the Treasurer

Professor Hans Bossart reported that the balance of EAGO's bank account in Lausanne is S.Fr. 15.440.61.

He requested that each *councillor* should report the financial situation per country in June of each year to the Treasurer and should transfer half of their funds to Lausanne. In this manner a capital can be formed from which the interest can be used for prize-winners or other scientific (exchange) purposes (see proposal).

5. Any other business.

5.1. Meetings.

The *application for the organisation of EAGO congresses* in 1994 was made by Monaco (Harden), Italy (Nappi) and Ireland (Henry).

It seems feasible to have Monaco in 1994 and Italy in 1995 if the Irish accept to organise a congress in 1997. The President will address the various candidates. Hungary (1996) is fixed because of the Centenary of the Hungarian Society.

The dates for the 5th Congress in Athens are 3–6 October 1990 and for Moscow (6th Congress) 5–8 June 1991.

Dr. Nappi and Dr. Harden will be asked to find an agreement. During the Council Meeting in Athens a decision will be made.

5.2. For Athens (1990) the following topics are proposed by

Professor Aravantinos.

5.2.1. Ovarian cancer.

5.2.2. High-Risk Pregnancy.

5.2.3. Reproductive Endocrinology
– the dominant follicle.

5.2.4. Gynaecological endoscopy.

5.2.5. Perinatal mortality.

Professor Aravantinos will nominate the Greek counterparts for the organisation of these Plenary sessions.

The above-mentioned colleagues constitute also the members of the Scientific Committee for 1990.

Excellent abstracts concerning the above-mentioned topics will be put into the Plenary sessions.

It will be proposed to the Council and General Assembly to nominate Professor Aravantinos in the Executive committee in 1990.

The General Assembly approved the proposal.

5.3. Change of Officers.

The General Assembly will be asked to approve the nomination of Carlo Di Renzo (Italy) as officer.

The General Assembly approved this nomination.

5.4. A request of the Israel Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology to acquire membership of EAGO will be presented for approval in the Council Meeting and General Assembly. If accepted we stress the fact that EAGO is an association of individual members.

The General Assembly approved this proposal with enthusiasm.

5.5. The topics for the 6th Congress in Moscow were presented by Dr. Savelyeva.

Three topics will be covered in Plenary Sessions:

– Hypertension and pregnancy.

– Endometriosis.

– Environment and health.

5.6. *Dr. Wagner (WHO)* congratulated EAGO with their activities and congress.

He stressed the importance of perinatal epidemiology. He presented the report of WHO in bookform 'Having a baby in Europe'. The Secretary-General drew attention to the Book Review published in *EJOGR* (volume 25, pagina 168–170, 1987) of this book and invited Dr. Wagner to apply for membership of EAGO.

5.7. The Prize Winners of this Congress were announced by Dr. J. Krzysiek, Secretary of the Local Scientific Committee. He stressed the fact that both awards are given by posters, stressing this type of scientific information.

The First Prize was given to the poster of *R.P.M. Steegers-Theunissen*, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University Hospital Nijmegen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

The prize-winning poster was entitled: 'Effects of oral supplementation of folic acid and vitamin B12 during pregnancy on maternal blood and amniotic fluid concentration.'

The Second Prize was given to the poster of *G. Creatsas*, Division of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology, 1st Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 'Alexandra' Maternity Hospital and Department of Biochemistry, University of Athens, Athens, Greece.

The prize-winning poster was entitled:

'Prostaglandins: $\text{PGF}_{2\alpha}$, PGE_2 6-keto- $\text{PGF}_{1\alpha}$ and TXB_2 serum levels in dysmenorrhoeic adolescents before, during and after treatment with oral contraceptives.'

Both abstracts (or full paper if wanted) will be published in *EJOGR*. The Assembly applauded for these young colleagues.

5.8. The President expressed warm thanks to Professor Rudi Klimek and his organising committee for the excellent organisation. Professor Klimek replied by also expressing his gratitude for the presence of Professor John Tomkison as the former Secretary-General of FIGO and Professor Denys Fairweather as the present Secretary-General of FIGO.

5.9. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Claude Sureau
The President

Tom Eskes
The Secretary-General