



ISoP General Assembly
21 October 2014
Holiday Inn Riverside Tianjin (China)
13.00-13.45

Present: Society President H Le Louet, EC members and about 150 members of the Society and delegates ISoP 2014.

President H Le Louet opened the General Assembly by welcoming members and requesting approval of the agenda, as well as approval of the Pisa GA minutes. Both documents were accepted by the General Assembly. The Pisa GA minutes have been posted on the ISoP website several months prior to the GA in Tianjin.

I) President's Report

The President outlined some of the activities that had occurred during the year:

- The current 14th Annual Meeting of ISoP Tianjin
- A successful mid-year training course in April in Zagreb, Croatia
- The 1st ISoP UMC Training in June in Manila, Philippines
- Stable finances of the Society
- Currently >560 members from government, academic institutes, and pharmaceutical industry and
- A new national Chapter: Welcome to the Israel chapter!

The president outlined the necessity of a new policy to take into account the evolution of the Society. Then Prof R Edwards, past President of ISoP and with the agreement of all ISoP past presidents suggested that ISoP should form a committee (Action Group/Task force) to pursue the aims and conclusions of the Berlin strategic meeting in 2012. Some participants supported the view that ISoP should appraise its current performance and rules and should consider how more core activities of ISoP could be implemented and promoted in the future to patients and health professionals.

To form such a committee was agreed by the General Assembly.

II) Globalisation

After the successful training in Zagreb and in Manila, 14th Annual meeting in Tianjin, the 15th Annual Meeting will be held in Prague/Czech Republic. Training courses are also being developed in India/Asia and South America.

H Le Louet invited bids for the 2016 and 2017 Annual Meetings.

President H Le Louet warmly welcomed Irene Fermont, coordinator of the Israel chapter of ISoP. Some other chapters are in development, and H Le Louet invited



members to contact the ISoP Administration (administration@isoponline.org), if they would like to start a chapter in their country or region.

III) Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

A SIG is a group of ISoP members (min. 5) and non-ISoP members acting as volunteers and working on a specific and relevant topic within the scope and aims of the Society.

U Hagemann, Secretary General, reminded that two SIGs, i.e. 'Women's Health' and 'Risk Communication' have been established and already approved by the Executive Committee. He thanked P Bahri for her presentation about the ISoP SIG Risk Communication, given on Monday 20 October in Tianjin. The EC will continue to be very supportive with the creation of SIGs.

If members want to create or establish a SIG, please contact the ISoP administrative secretariat.

IV) Financial report

Treasurer B Edwards presented an overview of the current Society's finances prepared by the accountants in Geneva. The balance by 30th September 2014 stood at 40,000 EUR.

The Treasurer described a stable financial situation for this year, which showed a profit mainly due to the successful meetings in Pisa, Zagreb and Manila. There will be no amount of funds set aside for bursaries next year.

Membership fees as of January 2015 will continue to be 215 € (with *Drug Safety* online) for individual members, and 95 € (with *Drug Safety* online) for members from emerging countries, students and retired individuals.

B Edwards asked if there were any questions from the General Assembly.

S Tomczyk from the chapter NASoP asked if there will be grant for chapters, and B Edwards explained that there is no grant for chapters but from time to time ISoP can support training activities in funding travel for ISoP speakers.

The accounts were accepted by the General Assembly.

V) Elections 2015 and Nominating Committee

A Dodoo, Chair of the 2015 Election Nominating Committee, explained that the elections to the Executive Committee will take place online next year in summer on the ISoP website. A Dodoo explained that the Society is in need of new and young candidates.



VI) Membership services

The President thanked Sophie Spence for her work regarding the membership administration with ISO P now having more than 560 members from 65 countries in the year 2014.

He also thanked Nitin Joshi, editor of ISO P's official journal *Drug Safety*, for his collaboration.

VII) Education & Training programme (ETP)

With more advanced training courses on the agenda, A Bate, chair of the ETP group, mentioned the development of collaboration with others organisations and learning societies for the coming years, confirming the 2nd ISO P UMC training in Mysore (India) in January, and a mid-year ISO P training course in Sao Paulo, Brazil in March 2015.

As A Bate explained, in principle, ISO P is keen to conduct training courses in addition to the annual and mid year meetings, and if ISO P members feel a strong need for PV training in their country, please contact us at training@isoponline.org

Then, he warmly thanked J Beckmann for his long lasting work on the PV Curriculum which is now published in the journal *Drug Safety* and for his keynote talk on Monday 20 October entitled "The WHO-ISO P core elements of a comprehensive modular curriculum".

President Le Louet warmly thanked Andrew Bate and the ISO P 2014 organizers for their work in making this Annual Meeting a great success.

VIII) Honorary member

R Edwards (UMC), after agreement through the Executive Committee, proposed to the General Assembly the nomination of Cheng Jinghua as honorary member of ISO P.

Cheng Jinghua is the pioneer of the pharmacovigilance in China, and among many achievements, Cheng has collaborated to the creation of the Chinese agency SFDA in 1998.

The Assembly unanimously approved the nomination.

IX) AOB

Then R Edwards reminded the General Assembly about the project to develop and publish an ISO P monograph on the 'Future of Pharmacovigilance' and is



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looking forward to receiving more contributions from members. Format and final agreement by Adis/Springer will be dependent on the submission of section topics and authors.

Proposed items/abstracts/brief outlines of contributions should be sent to ISoP by end of December 2014.

The meeting closed at 15.15

Signature: Date:

Hervé Le Louet, President

Ulrich Hagemann, Secretary-General