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Minutes

Minutes of IASSID Council
Council Meeting No. 1 (Term 2004–2008)

Date and Venue: Saturday, June 19, 2004 (13:30–15:30) at Le Corum Conference Center (Room BC1), Montpellier, France

Council Present: Giorgio Albertini, Monica Bjorkman, Philip Davidson, Robert Davis, Ilana Duvdevany, Fabrizio Fea, David Felce, Richard Hastings, Tony Holland, Sheila Hollins, Ulla Jacobson, Stephen Kealy, Henny Lantman, Maria Malbran, Keith McVilly, Glynis Murphy, Helene Ouelette-Kuntz, Hans Reinders, Neil Ross, Bob Schalock, Suemitsu Shigeru, Carla Vlaskamp, Patricia Noonan Walsh

Council Apologies: Matthew Janicki, Mike Kerr, Vianne Timmons

President David Felce opened the first meeting of the Council's 2004–2008 term and welcomed both newly elected and re-elected members of the IASSID Council and thanked them all for their willingness to work on behalf of IASSID for the next 4 years. President Felce expressed – on behalf of the Council – his sincerest appreciation to Dr. Neil Ross, the Past-President, for his leadership during the previous Council term, introduced the new officers of the Association, and welcomed Dr. Vianne Timmons of Canada who will serve as the Association's Secretary during the current term.

Agenda items covered:

1. The 13th International Congress of the IASSID, held in Montpellier, France, June 2004

Dr. Patricia Noonan Walsh warmly congratulated President Felce, the 2004 Programme Committee and the local Organising Committee (under the Chairmanship of Charles Aussiloux), for organizing a successful and stimulating conference, and this was echoed by all present. He reported that some 1382 delegates attended the Congress and some 1300 papers and posters were presented in about 420 sessions. He thanked the plenary speakers for their graciousness and willingness to present during the Congress and indicated that the overall feedback from delegates was that the Congress was an overwhelming success.

2. The New Vice-Presidents

President Felce identified that over the next 4 years, the Association will make maximum use of e-mail, working groups, the SIRGs, and a variety of ad hoc committees to advance the IASSID's work agenda. He also discussed the reorganization approved by the General Assembly in which IASSID gained two new Vice-Presidents. Dr. Felce discussed the expanded function of Vice-Presidents, introduced the newly elected Vice-Presidents, and explained the roles they will each play with IASSID within the next 4 years. The new Vice-Presidentss include Dr. Henny Lantman of the Netherlands, who will be responsible for SIRG coordination, liaising with the Association's organization members, and research centers, as well as liaising with the Treasurer over the individual memberships; Dr. Patricia Noonan Walsh of the Republic of Ireland, who will be responsible for liaising with the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, and the European Union; Dr. Tony Holland, of the United Kingdom, who will be responsible for the Association's publications; and Stephen Kealy, of the Republic of Ireland, who will be responsible for awards and recognition, the nominations and elections, and the articles and bylaws.

3. The President-elect and the 2008 Congress

Dr. Glynis Murphy, of the United Kingdom, was introduced and acknowledged. Dr. Murphy acknowledged the selection of Cape Town, South Africa as the site for the 2008 IASSID Congress and identified that the main challenge for the 2008 Program Committee will be to draw a large representation from Africa at the Congress. Drs Carla Vlaskamp (of the Netherlands) and Sheila Hollins (of the United Kingdom) indicated that they would be in a position to identify a number of groups in Africa with whom they have a professional contact. Dr. Murphy identified the need to have an Assistant Chair of the Program Committee with experience of Africa and invited Council members to provide input to the Program Committee.

4. Ad Hoc Committees

A need to establish a committee on developing countries was discussed given the Cape Town venue for the 2008 Congress. The IASSID Executive Meeting was asked to further explore this at its next meeting.

5. Inclusion International

With respect to the 2008 Congress and interorganizational relationships, an extensive discussion ensued on linking with Inclusion International given their work in Africa. No formal decision was made and this item was deferred for further discussion at the first IASSID Executive Meeting.

6. IASSID Meetings

Dr. Ouelette-Kuntz of Canada suggested that IASSID investigate holding electronic meetings during this Council term and said she would follow up on sourcing information for electronic meetings.

Council voted to hold its annual meetings for the 2004–2008 term at the following sites: Taipei, Taiwan in June 2005; Maastricht, the Netherlands in August 2006; and Santiago, Chile in 2007. The Taiwan Council meeting will be held just prior to the Asian–Pacific IASSID Conference and the Netherlands meeting will be held just prior to the IASSID–Europe Conference.

Adjourn

Dr. Felce closed the meeting.

Submitted
Vianne Timmons
Secretary

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