

INTERNATIONAL PATIENT ORGANISATION FOR PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCIES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of IPOPI held on Friday 6 October 2006 in Budapest, Hungary

Present: The voting delegates from the following NMOs – Argentina; Australia; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany (DSAI); Germany (IMIB); Hungary; Iceland; India; Italy; Iran; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Serbia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; UK; USA IDF; USA JMF and the following members of the Board - Bianca Pizzera (Chairman); Anneli Larsson (Vice-Chair); Eva Brox; Kathy Antilla; Vicki Modell; Jose Drabwell (Treasurer); Stephen Baxter; Joy Rosario
In Attendance: David Watters (Executive Director)

1. Welcome and Chairpersons Report

Mrs Pizzera welcomed those present and presented our new members from Argentina, Australia, Hungary and India with their national flags and welcomed them into full membership of IPOPI. Each NMO was received by warm applause from those present.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Ireland, Morocco and Poland

3. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

Adoption of the Minutes as an accurate record of proceedings was agreed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts

Mrs Drabwell (Honorary Treasurer) presented the accounts for the year to 31 December 2005. This showed a surplus and it was hoped that the accounts would give an even healthier picture at the end of 2006. There were no questions and the adoption of the Report and Accounts was agreed unanimously. The work of IPOPI, reflected in the Report, had been reported extensively during the Congress and there were no questions about this. That the Report and Accounts be accepted was proposed by Mr Hughan (UK) and seconded by Mrs Pergent (France)

5. Appointment of Auditors

Mrs Drabwell explained that under the Rules governing our affairs, we are required to appoint financial auditors each year. Mrs Drabwell proposed that M.I.W. Passmore of Passmore Weeks be appointed auditors for the financial year ending December 31 2006. This was seconded by Mr Fandrup and agreed unanimously.

6. Election of the Executive Committee (the Board) for 2004/06

Mr Watters outlined that there were 12 candidates for the eight available seats on the Board. A voting slip had been prepared for each NMO and this had been given to the voting delegate from each NMO. Each NMO had a maximum of eight votes. The counting of votes and oversight of the election was conducted by Mr Whelan

(Canada) and Mrs Boyle (USA). In due course it was announced that the Board members appointed to serve until 2008 were: Mr Baxter, Mrs Brox, Mrs Drabwell, Mr Fandrup, Mrs Modell, Mrs Pergent, Mrs Pizzera and Mrs Rosario. Mrs Pizzera thanked those who were not elected for offering themselves for election and in particular thanked Mrs Larsson who was leaving the Board. This sentiment was echoed by applause from Assembly members.

7. New business

Considerable time had been devoted to discussion of the new items of business listed below earlier in the Congress. They had been circulated to NMOs some two months in advance of the meeting and additionally made available on the IPOPI website. Mr Watters outlined that there had been no questions referred back to the Board but had answered a number of questions the previous day when the subject was opened to the NMO delegates present at a special session to discuss the items. *Amendments to the Charter:* The Charter had been made available in two formats – one that showed the proposed changes in red type and one that was a complete version of the proposed new version. Mr Waas raised a point concerning the proposal to limit to one the number of IPOPI NMOs in each country. There was discussion but the proposal by Mr Waas to leave the Charter as it was in this respect found no support and the proposal failed. There being no other discussion Mr Fandrup proposed that the amendments be adopted en masse. This was seconded by Mrs Pizzera and agreed with one vote against.

Rules of Procedure – A proposal: The proposed Rules of Procedure had also been discussed at some length during a session the previous day. Mr Waas made a further proposal that attracted no support and as such failed. There being no other discussion, adoption of the RoP was proposed by Mr Fandrup, seconded by Mrs Drabwell, and agreed with one vote against.

NMO Accreditation: Mr Watters explained that IPOPI had always had criteria for membership and the paper presented to the Board explained the process more fully and also allowed for a new category of membership – associate membership. There was no discussion and adoption was proposed by Mr Hughan and seconded by Mrs Larsson. This motion was carried with one vote against.

NMO Assessments – subscriptions: This had also been discussed at an earlier session and Mr Watters introduced the subject briefly indicating in particular that any assessment would be reasonable and affordable. There was no discussion and having been proposed by Mrs Pizzera and seconded by Mrs Drabwell, this motion was approved unanimously.

8. Any other business

The Executive Director drew attention to the fact that Sunday 29 April 2006 would be international primary immunodeficiency day. Further information would be made available to NMOs by e-mail in the very near future.

Mr Waas expressed his congratulations to IPOPI and to the Board for all that they had achieved during the past two years and in particular congratulated and thanked Mrs Pizzera for her leadership of the organisation.

The meeting closed at 10am.