



## **EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR COLPOSCOPY & PATHOLOGY OF THE LOWER GENITAL TRACT (EFC)**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN BELGRADE ON SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 12:00 A.M. AT SAVA CENTER**

### **1 Present: Representatives of 17 Member Societies**

### **2 President's Report**

The president recalled the past EFC Conferences in Dublin, Rhodos and Paris. He particularly addressed his thanks to Professor Vesna Kesic for her major contribution in organising the ongoing congress in Belgrad which was proving to be a tremendous success.

The President then thanked individual members of the EFC Committee who have led successful initiatives during the past 3 years. Charles Redman who has helped to introduce and implement guidelines on Standards and Quality in Colposcopy in Europe by identifying the essential Core Competencies and Dr Mahmood Shafi who, with the help of Katja Behrens, and Thomas Loning, has developed Guidelines for the Management and Treatment of CIN. He stated that all this information could be found on the EFC website which has been modified and is managed by Dr Jens Quaas. The President stressed the importance of uniformity in training throughout Europe. He confirmed that the EFC has developed a template for training courses and are supporting national training courses in several different European countries.

### **3 Financial Report**

The treasurer of the EFC, Liz Dollery, confirmed that the Federation remained short of funds and pointed out that a lot of countries had not paid their dues although it was only 2 euro per head per member. She stated that meetings of the Committee had been kept to a minimum to maintain funds and that some committee meetings have been incorporated into the larger national meetings to save on expense. At the date of the Congress in Belgrad the EFC funds stood at £29,000 sterling (approximately 38.000 Euro).

The Treasurer explained that up until recently the EFC funds had been kept under the auspices of the Birmingham Women's Hospital Charitable Trust. However, for legal reasons, it is now necessary for the EFC to be registered as a Charity in its own right and an application is being placed before the Charity Commission for England and Wales. As a result of this a new EFC Bank account has been opened with the HSBC in the United Kingdom.

### **4 Election of Officers**

#### **4.1 President**

Professor Santiago Dexeus, the already elected president, was inaugurated at the meeting.

#### **4.2 President Elect**

The President explained that the call for nominations for President Elect were distributed to all members societies by e-mail in May 2007. Only one nomination was received, from Germany for Professor K.U. Petry. In accordance with the rules, therefore, the nomination list would be closed, provided that every Member State had been contacted. The President asked for acceptance or possible objections. The representatives from France, Dr C Bergeron and Dr P Boulanger, stated that they had not received the e-mail inviting nominations, and explained that they wished to nominate Professor Antony Basta of Poland as a candidate for President Elect. Professor Basta confirmed that he was willing to be nominated as a candidate, and the

Assembly accepted the new nomination list of K.U. Petry and A. Basta. The President invited Dr. Bergeron to introduce Professor Basta, and Dr Loening introduced Professor Petry as candidates for President Elect. Thereafter, voting forms were explained. Each National Society had one vote, and Voting Forms were handed out to the representatives of the 17 Member States who were present. The voting forms were collected and evaluated by T. Loening. S. Dexeus and L. Dollery. The final result was 11 votes for K.U. Petry, and 6 votes for A. Basta. Professor K.U. Petry was, therefore, elected President Elect of the EFC. The President congratulated K.U. Petry, and thanked Professor Basta for agreeing to be nominated.

**4.3 Secretary**

It was agreed that Thomas Loening would remain as Honorary Secretary.

**4.4 Treasurer**

It was agreed that Liz Dollery would remain as Honorary Treasurer.

**5 Adoption of new Member Societies**

Turkey, Georgia, Russia, Macedonia and Albania were officially adopted as new member states of the European Federation

**6 Future Conference.**

**2010 Berlin** – Professor Ulrich Petry gave a presentation about Berlin, which is the venue of the Fifth EFC Congress in 2010. He confirmed that arrangements for the meeting are progressing satisfactorily.

**2013** The President declared that Istanbul/Turkey and Prague/Czech.Republic had submitted bids to host of the 6<sup>th</sup> European Congress for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology in the Year 2013. Voting forms were explained and given to the representatives of the 17 Member States who were present. Representatives of those National Societies voted for the country of their choice. The voting forms were collected and evaluated by T. Loening. S. Dexeus and L. Dollery. The final vote went to Prague/Czech.Republic (9:8 votes). The President congratulated the Czech. Society, and thanked the Turkish Society for their bid.

**7 Any other Business**

None