

European Society of Pathology (ESP)

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- A. **Date: Saturday, 7th February 2004.**
Place: Palais des Congrès, Porte Maillot 75016, PARIS, France.

Time: 15.30 hrs.

This extraordinary general assembly has been called, following notification to all members of the Society in the covering letter to the ballot, dated 10th October 2003, and in the November 2003 issue of Virchows Archives (the official journal of the European Society of Pathology), page 700.

As the total numbers of members attending was fewer than two-thirds of the total membership, the meeting was declared non-quorate. A second meeting was therefore called for 30 minutes later, in accordance with Article 17 of the Statutes.

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1. Welcome.

The chairman, the President of the Society, Professor Antonio Cardesa welcomed members of the Society to the extraordinary general assembly.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

This was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 10th September 2003.

These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

a). Matters Arising.

It was announced that as Prof. Jahn Nesland had resigned as Secretary, Dr. Roderick HW Simpson had acted as temporary secretary. The meeting approved that Dr. Simpson should complete the term of Prof. Nesland.

4. Report of the President.

The President reported that the Executive Committee had met that morning and discussed the issues to be presented to the General Assembly.

5. Statutes and By-Laws.

It had been brought to the notice of the Secretary that the statutes as they stand are out of date and do not comply with the Belgian Law on non-profit societies. Therefore, Profs. Cardesa, Marichal and van Haelst and Dr. Simpson, in accordance with the wishes of the Executive Committee (as expressed in its meeting of 10th September 2003), had looked at these in attempt to eliminate some of the ambiguities. Dr. Simpson presented the amended statutes. The proposed changes were approved

unanimously by the meeting (i.e. by greater than the required two-thirds majority) and will be published on the ESP website, www.europathology.org.

6. Announcement of the Results of the Election for President Elect 2003-05.

The count was held in Barcelona in December 2003. The question on the ballot paper was: "The recommendation of the Executive Committee (2001-2003) for the post of *President-elect* was N. J. AGNANTIS (Ioannina, Greece). Please indicate your approval of this recommendation by placing X in the appropriate box."

Result. The total number of votes cast was as follows:

Approved:..... 367 (70.31%).

Not Approved:..... 142 (27.20%).

Abstentions:..... 2 (0.38%).

Spoiled papers:..... 11 (2.11%).

Total:..... 522 (100%).

The meeting therefore decided unanimously that Prof. Niki Agnantis was elected as President-Elect of the European Society of Pathology with immediate effect until September 2005, whereupon she will succeed to the Presidency.

7. Report of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 20th ESP Congress, Paris 2005.

Prof. Pierre Bedossa had earlier presented the outline scientific programme to the Advisory and Executive Committees. The programme is well advanced. The first announcement has already been issued, and the second announcement is due for publication in September 2004, together with the registration and abstract submission forms. The budgetary aspects will be discussed by the Executive Committee at their next meeting at Iguacu Falls, Brazil in June 2004.

8. Any Other Business.

a). Updating the By-Laws will be performed by a Constitutional Sub-Committee.

b). Proposed Rules for Elections.

Prof. Wells presented proposals to the Executive Committee and it is expected that they will form part of the By-Laws.

9. Date and Place of Next General Assembly.

During the 20th European Congress of Pathology in Paris, September 2005.

Signed:

Professor Antonio Cardesa, President of the ESP.

Dr. Roderick HW Simpson, Secretary of the ESP.

21st April 2004.