

## **Minutes of the 29. General Assembly Meeting**

June 2, 1998, Mainz, Germany

The General Assembly meeting was held in the Hilton Hotel in Mainz and was attended by 19 delegates of active and provisional members, one applicant for affiliate membership and a representative of the E.O.S. The attendance list is added. The president Dr. Wolfgang Schmiedel conducted the meeting.

### **1. Opening**

Dr. Schmiedel opened the meeting at 12:10 hours and welcomed all who were present.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Faure (France), Ferrini (Italy), Markostamos (Greece), Medin (Sweden), van der Linden (Netherlands) and Llamas (Spain). Denmark was not represented.

### **3. Changes in and amendments to the agenda**

No changes or amendments were proposed.

### **4. Minutes of the 27. General Assembly Meeting on March 21, 1997 in Paris**

The president discussed the minutes point by point. The word "Cypriot" was changed to Cyprus. Roald stated that Iceland will apply for membership in the fall and Karvelas said that Cyprus will apply in the near future. Flood told that since the meeting in Paris, nothing has changed in Ireland. Schmiedel asked if EFOSA could be of any help.

It was decided that the Irish colleagues should make a draft for a letter from EFOSA to their minister of health. Lawton explained that on July 1, 1998, a specialist register will be established in Britain. The B.O.S. will then apply for active membership. The delegates were pleased with this development.

Canut explained again the situation in Spain. He pointed again on the necessity of a definition of a "specialist in orthodontics". Kurol said that there is a document of the E.U. in which this is described. The president promised to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Picchioni and Maino will try to find a solution for the problems in Italy. The president of EFOSA is willing to act as an arbitrator.

Bolender gave a report of the meeting of EFOSA, EOS and FEO which was held the evening before this meeting. Athanasiou said that FEO would like to participate in the Forum for national societies.

The president stated that EFOSA, EOS and FEO should work together and not against each other.

Kurol expected that in the future Euro-Qual reports might be a task for EFOSA.

Karvelas will write a letter to the national associations and ask them what they think is essential to have a home page on the web. The directory can be put on a diskette; some discussion followed. The majority was in favour of setting up a web-site. The decision was to continue with the preparation.

## **5. Correspondence**

The most relevant outgoing correspondence was: The letter of the nomination committee, the agenda of this meeting and the minutes of the previous one. The most important incoming correspondence consisted of apologies for absence, an accreditation report of the B.O.S., a letter from the Hellenic Professional Union of Orthodontics about the nomination of councillors, letters of acceptance of the nomination from Kurol, Medin, Schmiedel, Bijlstra, Faure and Fellner, and a combined letter from the EOS and EFOSA to the E.U. authorities which was read by the president.

## **6. Application for affiliate membership of the Swiss Orthodontic Society**

The secretary declared that he had received all documents from the specialist group of the Swiss Orthodontic Society and found them in good order.

The assembly voted unanimously in favour of acceptance of the specialist group of the S.O.S. as affiliate member of EFOSA. Dr. Madone was congratulated by the president

## **7. The annual report of the secretary**

The secretary read the report and it was accepted without alterations.

## **8. The annual report of the treasures**

The treasurer reported that the expenses exceeded the revenues, due to increased activities of EFOSA.

## **9. Perspective members**

The EFOSA now consists of 7 active members (Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden), 3 provisional members (Ireland, Spain, United Kingdom) and 1 affiliate member (Switzerland).

Iceland, Finland, Belgium, Austria, Italy, Luxembourg and Portugal are still missing. Iceland will probably apply in the fall.

## **10. Accreditation of orthodontic postgraduate training**

Only the B.O.S. has sent an accreditation report.

The president explained that there is some uncertainty about the exact meaning of the word "accreditation". The president proposed that all members will forward a written report about the situation in their country. Kurol proposed that the council should make a questionnaire and send this around (it should include with questions about the legal aspects of the use of auxiliary personnel). The president remembers that Euro-Qual had a questionnaire about auxiliary personnel. The new council have to take care of these matters.

## **11. Election of council members**

The president read the letter from van der Linden, chairman of the nomination committee. The proposal was not received favourably in all countries and caused some problems.

The main problem was the proposal of two colleagues from one country. The president proposed to discuss the problems open and frankly. He gave the word to Dr. Kettler who explained the working and the task of the nomination committee.

After a break Athanasiou proposed: President: J. Kurol, Vice-president: R.J. Bijlstra, secretary: W. Schmiedel and a delegate from Denmark, Norway, Greece or France for treasurer. The president proposed Karvelas as treasurer which was seconded by Bolender. The following council was chosen:

1. President: Juri Kurol (Sweden)
2. Vice-president: Ronald Bijlstra (The Netherlands)
3. Secretary: Wolfgang Schmiedel (Germany)
4. Treasurer: Paul Karvelas (Greece)

## **12. Election of auditors**

The proposed auditors, Boris Faure (France) and Ulrich Fellner (Germany) were chosen.

### **13. Any other matters**

Juri Kurol thanked Charles Bolender who left the council. Bolender can be regarded as the founder of EFOSA and has put a lot of energy in EFOSA for many, many years. He received a warm applause.

Some discussion followed about the proposed roster for election of new council members. The nomination committee proposed to elect the president for 4 years, the vice president for 1 year, the secretary for 2 years and the treasurer for 3 years in order to keep some continuity in the council. It was decided that the council will work out a solution that is in accordance with the constitution.

### **14. Closing**

The president closed the meeting at about 15.00 hours.