



Minutes of the General Meeting May 14th, Bristol, United Kingdom

Present: Roger Banks (boardmember UK), Thomas Dorn (boardmember Switzerland) Frans Ewals, Jean Lane, Peter Martin (boardmember Germany), Frieda de Meij (minutes), Eva Olah, Frans Scholte (President, The Netherlands), Vladimir Trajkovski,

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The president welcomed all members present, especially the new members, Mrs Jean Lane from Ireland and Mr. Vladimir Trajkovski from Macedonia. As time is limited not all items on the agenda will be discussed.

A short introduction round was held. Apologies for absence were received from Maria Arvio (board member from Finland), Jeannie Bormans, Mieke Bouma, Madzy Rispens.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Amsterdam, September 4, 2009.

The minutes were agreed by those present.

3. Matters arising.

Election of board members

Board members are expected to step down after three years. They are eligible for re-election up to a maximum of nine years. This year Dr. Peter Martin and Dr. Roger Banks have to step down, both are re-elected. Last year Dr. Barnabas from Romania was invited to become a board member, but unfortunately he was not able to come to Bristol. Next year he will be invited again.

New logo, new name

Last year a change of name and logo was suggested, but the members present think this not a good idea as the name of MAMH is well known within the field of ID-medicine. Therefore it is decided to leave name and logo unchanged.

4. President's report

The most important activities in the past year were the preparation of the congress and the participation in the WHO-Europe initiative Better Health for Better Lives. In the year to come we want to take new initiatives to strengthen the ties between our members. We also will continue the contacts with eastern European countries, with WHO Europe and with the European Union.

5. Treasurer's report

Frieda de Meij presents the income and expenditure summary for the past 9 months. The financial situation of MAMH is stable. This year we have a positive result. The memberships of 2010 have not yet been collected. We granted a loan of 4000 euro's to Bristol 2010 and it looks like this amount will be fully repaid.

Income	
Membership	1770,00
Interest	5,21
	1775,21

Expenses	
Bank, transfer & payment charges	18,78
Memberships	28,64
Travel cost	1121,15
	1168,57

Net result	607,14
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6. Strategic plan

Proposal best practices (Maria Arvio):

No initiatives were taken.

Involvement of members (Thomas Dorn)

The question is how to increase the number of individual members. Suggestions are:

- contact medical organizations and surgeons for membership
- organize regional conferences on regional topics
- board members will try to find and contact the right people in their country
- defining our goals for the near future
- find new possibilities to stay in contact such as linked in, face book
- make contact with other professional organizations in this field
- sing in with IMHAL and join leadership meetings of member organizations
- ask the members if they agree with putting their data on the internet, completed with their specialty and special interests. This could be a good way to contact each other for exchanging ideas or to ask advice.

All these useful ideas will be discussed within the board and tasks will be divided. Personal contacts are very important. In the coming year Frans Scholte will try to contact people from Poland and Moldavia.

Education of doctors (Peter Martin):

During the congress Peter Martin held a presentation on this subject titled "Specialist training in the medical care for people with intellectual disabilities -the German model". Other presentations on the same subject were by Mrs. Helen Sherrard: "Specialist training in intellectual disability medicine in the UK" and Frans Ewals: "Specialist training in the medical care for people with intellectual disabilities - the Dutch mode".

Also an effort was made to reanimate the round table which was held in Maastricht in 2006, but up till now without success. We will keep trying however, as this is an important issue.

Profiling of MAMH (Roger Banks)

The WHO initiative, a the draft declaration and amendments for the health care of children and young people with intellectual disabilities and their families in Europe, were discussed and agreed at a meeting in March. The declaration will be presented at a

meeting of WHO Europe, which will be held on 26-27 November 2010 in Bucharest, Romania. Afterwards MAMH will offer support to implement the declaration in different European countries.

Roger would like the website to be more inviting and updated and suggests to ask someone to help us with this.

At this point the meeting has to end as the congress is starting again so the remaining points (European contacts and new activities) will not be discussed.

7. New activities

See above

8. Closure of the meeting

The president thanks those present for their contribution and closed the meeting.