



**XLIst Annual Meeting of the
European Histamine Research Society
Belfast, Northern Ireland.
General Assembly**

May 5th 2012

Lagan Suite, Hilton Hotel (16.20 – 17.25)

Present: Anita Sydbom (President), Gill Sturman (Publications Secretary), Pertti Panula (Treasurer). Council Members: Pierre Chatelain, Frank Ahrens, Marlon Cowart, Elena Rivera and Hubert Schwelberger.

There were 51 other members of the society at this meeting.

Minutes were taken by Gill Sturman.

Anita welcomed everyone to this meeting and thanked them for all their help and support since the last meeting of the society.

1. Apologies András Falus (Editor of Inflammation Research), Ingrid Schunack, Piero and Maria Rosa Mannaioni, Ingrid Olhagen-Uvnäs, Friedhelm Diel, Jean-Charles Schwartz, Takehiko Watanabe, Igor Gushhin, Evi Zampeli, Gilles Tamagnan, Mojca Kržan, Tommas Ellender, Sara Toth, Robin Ganellin and Monique Garbarg, and Roman Khanferyan have all sent their apologies for this meeting.

2. Minutes from last meeting Previously these had been circulated. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes None

4. Correspondence It was noted that Anita had received and sent over 2000 e-mails during this year for the society. There was a lot of correspondence about keeping the mailing list up to date. She has had various communications on behalf of the society during the year. She had either replied directly or got the most appropriate society member to reply to them. Thank you letters had been sent to the various sponsors of last year's meeting. There have been 7 News Letters sent out during the year. Also letters to potential sponsors/supporters for this meeting were sent in the autumn.

5. Membership Applications Throughout the year membership applications have been received from the people tabulated below.

Membership Applications 2011/12		
Name	Town	Country
Naresha Saligrama	Burlington	USA
Gustavo Provensi	Florence	Italy
Itzel Escobedo Avila	Mexico City	Mexico
Yan Zhao	Lyon	France
Gustavo Nieto Alamilla	Mexico City	Mexico

Additionally there are 16 people who attended last year's meeting in Sochi and their membership needs to be ratified (Appendix 1). Membership for all these people was agreed.

6. Inflammation Research

a. Journal of Inflammation Research. The editor of Inflammation Research (Andr as Falus) had sent information about this to Anita. The impact factor for 2010 was now 2.004 – an increase over the previous year which was 1.59 in 2009. In 2011 there had been thirty-six manuscripts submitted to the journal with 13 being accepted, 16 rejected and 7 are pending.

b. Publications of Proceedings of our meetings. Gill reported that all the abstracts (41) plus 4 reports (meeting, Walter Schunack's obituary, Birth of the Histamine Club and 40 years of the EHRS) had been published. She thanked all the referees which had helped her get the proceedings to the publishers by the beginning of August with publication less than 4 weeks later. The instructions for the publication of this year's meeting will be the same as last year (see the back of the Programme and Abstracts book). She requested that the abstracts are submitted electronically only and by the 1st June.

Action : all participant of this meeting

7. Finances

a. Student Bursaries Anita reported we had been unable to get any new student bursary support this year. However, Anna Eldin Assem has very generously given 2000  to the society. Thus 2 student bursaries could be funded this year. Also we had a bursary from the G.B. West Memorial Trust and the society funded 6 from our own funds using the Novo Nordisk grant we had been given in the past. The table below lists the students and which bursary they had been allocated.

Name	Country	Sponsor
Naresha Saligrama	USA	EHRS
Gustavo Provensi	Italy	ESK Assem Student Bursary
Kerstin Wingen	Germany	EHRS
Itzel Escobedo Avila	Mexico	EHRS
Yan Zhao	France	EHRS
Gustavo Nieto-Alamilla	Mexico	EHRS
Tadahito Nakamura	Japan	ESK Assem Student Bursary

Magdalena Kurnik	Poland	GBWest Memorial Trust
Diego Martinel Lamas	Argentina	EHRs

b. EHRs Young Investigators Award Anita reported that Tim Esbenshade of Abbott Laboratories has donated \$1552.55 (the surplus from an H3 receptor meeting) and this will sponsor the EHRs Young Investigators Award this year. In all there had been 9 applications for this award. It was agreed that there will be 750€ for the first prize and 500€ for the runner up. The other finalists each will receive a certificate of Highly Commended. There were four finalists this year; namely Tomáš Perečko (Slovakia), Gustavo Provensi (Italy), Naresha Saligrama (USA) and Yan Zhao (France). It was noted that regrettably at the last minute Alessandro Pini (Italy) could not attend this meeting and so has had to withdraw from the competition. The winners will be announced at the Farewell Dinner.

c. Current Financial Situation. Pertti presented the accounts which have been audited by Rob Leurs and Jerzy Jochem during the meeting.
(See Appendix 2 for the accounts).

8. Elections to council (Publication Secretary and Belgian Council Member)

Gill Sturman was re-elected as Publications Secretary (proposed by Anita Sydbom and seconded by Madeleine Ennis) and Pierre Chatelain (the Belgian Council member) was also re-elected (proposed by Anita Sydbom and seconded by Gill Sturman). Anita gave Gill a present for all the help during her Presidency.

9. Present meeting Madeleine said that the meeting's success was due to the participants. 130 people had registered for this meeting; some only for a day. She had been able to obtain sponsorship from HSC Infection & Immunity Translational Research Group, IBL International, Janssen, Randox, Cambridge Research Biochemicals, Premier Scientific, Almac and Davidson & Hardy Ltd. The Hilton Hotel required 75 rooms to be occupied and actually 86 were by the society. Everyone agreed that it had been an excellent meeting – well organised with superb science. Madeleine gave presents to Katherine Tiligada and Anita for helping her with this meeting.

10. Next meeting 2013 The 42nd meeting will be held 8-11th May in Lodz, Poland and organised by Agnieszka Fogel.

Agnieszka explained that she was going to hold the meeting in the 3 star Ambassador Hotel which was located in the centre of Lodz. She showed some slides of the hotel and also Lodz besides telling the society some of her ideas on the cultural aspects of the meeting. She knew that the cost of her meeting would be less than this current meeting. Anita, on behalf of the society, thanked her for all this preparatory work.

11. Future meetings Anita Sydbom and then Paul Chazot have been canvassing various members of the society about hosting future meetings.

To date our calendar is as follows:

Lyon 2014

Amsterdam 2015

Malaga 2016

with Frankfurt and Dublin after these.

12. Website Anna Gilicze of the András Falus group is still responsible for updating the website. She has performed this work very well and quickly adding news. Paul Chazot is responsible for the scientific part of the website. It was noted that the EHRS is now on Facebook.

13. Japanese Histamine Research Society (JHRS). Anita has been approached by the President of the JHRS to see if we would be willing to have a link on our website to their English website which has just been set up – this was agreed. They have already a link to our website on theirs. Additionally they want to promote a good relationship with our society and hope that there will be a lot of cooperation between the 2 societies. It was noted that Japanese histamine researchers regularly attend our meetings. However, this year our meeting was taking place during their National Holiday Week and this meant that flights from Japan to Belfast were very expensive. There was a discussion about how we could increase the cooperation between the 2 societies but would leave it to the local organizers to minimize the clashing of dates (first week of May).

14. Election of president and new Council Members. Anita thanked Elena Rivera, Marlon Cowart, Frank Ahrens and Hubert Schwelberger for all their hard work over the last 3 years as Council Members and gave them all presents. Five members of the society have put themselves forward as candidates and their election addresses have been circulated previously. They are Nick Carruthers (USA), Jian-Sheng Lin (France), Erna Pap (Hungary), Beatrice Passani (Italy) and Astrid Sasse (Ireland). A ballot was taken and Nick Carruthers, Jian-Sheng Lin, Beatrice Passani and Astrid Sasse were duly elected to serve on our Council. Additionally Anita's second and last term of office as President has now finished. Paul Chazot has put himself forward for this position. He has been 'shadowing' Anita's correspondence etc. throughout this past year. He was proposed by Anita Sydbom and seconded by Pierre Chatelain. There were no other proposals from the floor. Paul Chazot was unanimously elected as our new President. Many thanks were given to Anita for all her hard work to the society over the last 6 years.

15. Any other business

a. Anita told the Council about a request she has had from Bernie Gibbs concerning histamine intolerance. He suggests that the EHRS gives some guidance about this topic on our website. Various suggestions as to how, or if it is necessary, to provide some information /guidance / science about this topic on our website were discussed. It was decided that this would be a job for the new Council.

Action : New Council & Bernie Gibbs

b. Then the President proposed (seconded by Frank Ahrens) Agnieszka Fogel for Honorary Membership (see Appendix 3 for the Statutes on this). She has been a very longstanding attendee of our meetings. There have been 3 meetings in Lodz; she organised the 1998 meeting and is organising the next meeting. This nomination was unanimously accepted by the society members.

c. Anita then passed the Reindeer Gavel over to our new President Paul Chazot.

Meeting was closed at 17.25

Appendix 1 People who attended last year's meeting in Sochi and whose membership was approved by the society.

New delegates at EHRS meeting in Sochi 2011

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Appendix 2 Finances

EHRS Finance

2012 Balance ACCT 310-15005097-34

Date	Action	Credit	Debet	Balance
090511	Last balance			3161,54
260511	Young Sci Birnkammer		650,00-	
260511	Young Sci Ellender		650,00-	
150611	Membership fees Durham	2 575,00		
020112	Banking fees		98,97-	
020112	Interest	2,19		
190112	JNJ Pharmaceuticals	3 555,43		7 895,19
130312	Assem donation	2000,00		9895,19
270312	Banking costs		9,68-	9885,51
030512	Anita Sydbom costs		298,50-	
030512	Gill Sturman costs		1903,16-	7683,85
030512	Current balance			7683,85

2012 Balance ACCT 310-15005097-34-003-0-086

Date	Action	Credit	Debet	Balance
050411	Last balance			52 699,44
050711	Interest	130,07		52 829,51
051011	Interest	131,82		52 961,33
020112	Interest	132,14		53 093,47
310312	Interest	105,87		53 199,34
040412	Current balance			53 199,34

2012 Balance ACCT 310-15005097-34-011-9-00

260312	Abbott donation (TE)	USD 1 552,55		1 552,55
260312	Current balance			1 552,55

Appendix 3 EHRS Statues about Honorary Membership

“The highest award is that of honorary membership and it is only given to very special society people. To obtain Honorary Membership, the person has to be elected by over two-thirds of the ordinary members at the General Assembly.

They should be elected by at least 2/3 of members present at the General Assembly after nomination by the President and approval by the Council. Honorary members do not pay membership dues but have voting rights.”