

***The Diabetes and Nutrition Study Group (DNSG) of the EASD
Ebeltoft, Denmark, June 30-July 3, 2005***

***Minutes of the General Assembly of the 23rd International
Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition
July 1st 2005***

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Angela Rivellesse at 16:15.
2. Minutes from the 22 International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition, S astaholm, Sweden, 1-3 July 2004 were approved by the members of the General Assembly. (These minutes were presented to members at www.DNSG.org).
3. Eighty-five people, from 19 countries participated in the 2005 Symposium. There were seven invited speakers and 36 oral and poster presentations. Thirty-three members participated in the General Assembly Meeting.
4. Activities during the preceding year:
 - The DNSG satellite symposium during the EASD meeting on “Evidence-based nutritional management: a European perspective” (Chairmen K.Hermansen and J.Mann) was held in Munich 2004.
 - A review of the existing recommendations was done by Jim Mann to determine if they were still current in light of existing and new literature.
 - The membership list has been populated to include members on all existing lists. Actually, there are 114 members and 5 honorary members
 - A proposal for a new website has been developed with “Utility” Paris, France.
 - Collaborative contacts have been made with other Associations to encourage exchange of ideas and collaboration.

5. Treasurer's report

- There is a positive balance of 23,750 Euros as of August 6, 2005.
- Anne-Marie Kruse will update the balance to reflect additional expenditures.
- The account will remain in Denmark, as agreed by K. Hermansen to facilitate management.
- The report was accepted by the members of the General Assembly.

6. Website:

- A number of website companies have been contacted during the year. Utility, Paris appears to be able to respond to all of our needs at the lowest price.
- A presentation was made to the General Assembly by Mr. Bradley Sellars, Utility, Paris France.
- Members posed a number of questions which will be answered by Mr. Sellars and distributed to all members who were present at the meeting by e-mail.
- Members will direct their comments to the Chairman or Secretary by the end of August.
- The Bureau will decide whether to accept, reject or modify the contract by the middle of September 2005.

5. Implementation of the Guidelines:

- The Guidelines need to be translated into all relevant languages. The group stressed that this must be a literal translation.
- The guidelines have already been translated in to Italian, German, Greek and have been accepted by the respective Societies for Diabetes
- A working group for the implementation of guidelines in the different countries was created . To this working group, which will be coordinated by Monika Toeller, members, in particular dietitians from different countries can participate. The group will work during this year on the creation of practical tools(i. e. teaching programmes for doctors, dieticians , patients) and will refer the results of their work to DNSG group at the next symposium. Malina Petkova for Bulgaria, Ivo de Leeuw for Belgium, Sylvia Wein for Germany and Ingunn Bergstad for Norway gave their adhesion to the group. People from other countries (Greece, Italy, France, Sweeden, Finland etc) will give their adhesion writing to the chairman or, directly, to Monika Toeller.

6. Collaboration with the European Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition:

- The ESPEN has contacted the Chairman and requested that she present at their next meeting in August 2005. The topic will be: **Reducing cardiovascular risk in diabetes: the potential of dietary modifications**
- We will invite one/ two of their members to our next meeting, 2006, in Italy, asking them to speak about Nutritional problems in critically ill patients with hyperglycemia .
- We will try to start a collaboration with ESPEN on this topic

7. New members:

- Konstantinos Makrilakis (Greece),
- Petra Sowa (Germany), and
- Sylvia Wein (Germany)

were approved as new members by the General Assembly.

8. Prizes:

- Young Investigators Awards (NOVO NORDISK Scandinavia)
 - Reziwanggu Abudula (Denmark),
 - Agneta Andersson (Sweden),
 - Hilde Brekke (Sweden)
- Nutricia Travel Grants:
 - Ursula Schwab (Finland)
 - Silvia Valtuene Martinez (Italy),

9. Future Meetings:

- 24th International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition will take place in Vietri sul Mare, Italy from June 29 – July 2, 2006.

Deadline for abstracts: March 15, 2006 .

Lower registration fee: before May 7, 2006.

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- Meeting 2007: Finland (Matti Uusitupa will organize the meeting).
- Meeting 2008: Bulgaria (Malina Petkova will organize the meeting).

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Chwalow, Secretary
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