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Minutes of 8th General Assembly of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes Held in the Palacio des Congressos, Madrid, Spain on Thursday 7th September, 1972 at 11.15 a.m.

Present: Dr. W. Creutzfeldt (President)
Dr. V. Conard (Secretary)
Dr. K. Schöffling (Treasurer)
Dr. K. Oberdisse (Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia)
and 132 members

1. Minutes

The President reported that the Minutes of the 7th General Assembly, held in Southampton, England had been printed in *Diabetologia* Vol. 8, No. 3, June 1972, and asked whether they might be taken as a correct record. The General Assembly having signified its approval, the President and Secretary signed the file copy as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising from 7th General Assembly

There were none.

3. Reports

a) President

Dr. Creutzfeldt began his report by referring to the great loss sustained by the Association and the diabetic community by the deaths of two of the Association's Honorary Members, Dr. B.A. Houssay and Dr. H.C.

Hagedoorn, both distinguished contributors to our knowledge of diabetes. The General Assembly stood in silent respect in their memory.

The President then expressed the thanks of the Association to Dr. J.L. Rodriguez-Miñon and his colleagues of the Spanish Society of Diabetes for the admirable arrangements made for the meeting in Madrid.

The President assured the General Assembly that the Association was active and flourishing, and, anticipating the Treasurer's report, said that the 7th Annual Meeting, in Southampton, had resulted in a profit to the Association of more than £500. He wished to record the appreciation of the Association to the individual members of the Medical & Scientific Section of the British Diabetic Association for their generous donations, which substantially contributed towards this profit.

Continuing, the President expressed the Association's thanks to Mme. S. Leisi-Konopka and Dr. A.E. Renold and his colleagues in Geneva, for again undertaking the

translation of the abstracts, and to Novo Industri A/S for their generous sponsorship of this work.

The President went on to report that the Minkowski Award Committee had unanimously awarded the 1972 Prize to Dr. W.J. Malaisse of Brussels, and expressed the Association's gratitude to Farbwerke Hoechst A.G. for their continued provision of this coveted prize.

Following the death of Dr. Solomon A. Berson, and at the suggestion of Dr. P.J. Randle, Dr. Jesse Roth of Bethesda, U.S.A. had been invited to attend the 8th Annual Meeting of the Association as a guest and to deliver a Lecture in memory of Dr. Berson. It was not intended that this would be an annual lecture, but the Council of the Association believed that the contribution of Dr. Berson was of such importance to merit this recognition.

Three Pfizer-Europe Travel Fellowships had been awarded in 1972, to Dr. E. Couturier of Brussels, Dr. L. Gustafsson of Gothenburg and Dr. B. Borrebaek of Oslo. Dr. Creutzfeldt mentioned that the first recipient of a Pfizer-Europe Travel Fellowship had been Dr. L. Orci, who had given a paper during the meeting in Madrid reporting on work that had been partly carried out during his tenure of the Fellowship.

Dr. Creutzfeldt emphasized how deeply grateful was the Association for the generous provision of US\$ 24000 over a three-year period which enabled the Association to carry out one of its aims, and introduced Dr. R.D. Mann, Managing Director of Pfizer-Europe.

Dr. Mann said that Pfizer-Europe felt that these awards had been of value and expressed his company's thanks to Dr. Albert Renold for his valuable help in making the awards. Handing over to the President the final payment of US\$ 8000, Dr. Mann said he was happy to announce that his company had decided to continue these awards for a further three year period. His remarks and presentation were greeted with loud applause.

Dr. Creutzfeldt then commented on the impending retirement of Dr. K. Oberdisse at the end of 1972 after eight years as Editor-in-Chief of Diabetologia, and to warm applause expressed the Association's gratitude to Dr. Oberdisse and also to Dr. K. Jahnke, the Managing Editor, for their untiring efforts to make Diabetologia a successful and internationally recognized Journal.

Closing his report, the President thanked Mr. Jackson, the Executive Director, and Mrs. Hazel Elias, his secretary, for their able work and finally expressed the Association's thanks to the many pharmaceutical companies, who actively supported its work and to the Officers and members of the Council for their valuable advice. In particular, the President mentioned Dr. K. Schöffling, who retired during the current meeting as Treasurer of the Association and on behalf of the members said how much his careful husbandry and control of the Association's financial affairs had been appreciated over the past three years.

b) Treasurer

In presenting the Accounts, Dr. Schöffling pointed out that no comparable figures for the previous year were shown, due to currency devaluations during the year and market fluctuations, which made a true comparison impractical. The Treasurer then presented his report as follows:

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

	SFr.	SFr.
Supporting & Associate members Subscriptions and Donations	29386.13	
Active Members Subscriptions	18631.32	
Donations: General Funds	4517.33	
Bank Interest	258.30	52793.08

Less:

Diabetologia Expenses		19258.79
Secretariat Expenses		
Salaries	13130.00	
Rent, Post, Phone etc.	10368.25	
Travel	732.25	
7th Annual Meeting expenses	1698.21	
Audit Fee	318.15	26246.86

Executive Committee Meeting

Expenses	2197.76	
Treasurer's & Secretary's Expenses	4324.00	
Bank Charges & Taxes	103.16	52130.57
Surplus		662.51
	SFr.	52793.08

Balance sheet as at 31st December, 1971

<i>Income & Expenditure Account</i>	SFr.	SFr.
Balance at 1st January 1971	67782.14	
Add: Surplus for the year	662.51	68444.65

Pfizer — Europe Travel Fellowship Fund

Balance at 1st January, 1971	16859.92	
Add: Pfizer-Europe Grant	30675.42	47535.34
Less: Awards	34340.80	13194.54

EASD Travel Fund

Balance at 1st January, 1971	15210.72	
Add: Donations	486.32	
Add: Interest — Ford Motor Co.	2826.80	18523.84

Annual Meetings Fund

Profit on 7th Annual Meeting		5295.73
Subscriptions received in advance		12818.85
	SFr.	118277.61

Represented by:

Investment: Ford Motor Co.

Promissory Notes	65118.45
Cash at Banks	62043.22

Sundry Debtors:

8th Annual Meeting	1577.22
Supporting Member Subscriptions	2020.00
Diabetologia Expenses	351.08
Miscellaneous	129.58
Pfizer Travel Fund	30675.42
7th Annual Meeting	29128.70
	63882.00
	191043.67

Less: Sundry Creditors

Diabetologia Expenses	896.98
British Diabetic Association	2565.40
Pfizer Travel Fund	34340.80
7th Annual Meeting	34962.88
	72766.06
	SFr.
	118277.61

Dr. Schöffling was happy to announce that Supporting and Associate Member Subscriptions had increased by about SFr. 8000, and that there were now 10 Supporting Members and five Associate Members. Donations to the General Funds had declined slightly, but more than SFr. 3000 had been received from the Association des Diabétologues de la Langue Française in respect of subscriptions for 1964—1970 and this had been taken into account as donations in the current year.

There had been a considerable decrease in the cost of administration, by approximately SFr. 12000, principally due to the fact that the 7th Annual Meeting was held in Southampton and the Executive Director was not therefore involved in heavy travelling costs.

The cost to the Association of Diabetologia fell by about SFr. 10000, other expenses remaining approximately the same.

In summary, the Association's income had increased by approximately SFr. 15000 and its expenses fell by about SFr. 22000, so that there was a modest excess of income over expenditure of SFr. 662, compared with a deficit of SFr. 37000 in 1970.

Turing to the Balance Sheet, Dr. Schöffling reported that the Pfizer-Europe Travel Fellowship Fund had been used by three Award Holders, and reiterated the President's expression of gratitude to Pfizer-Europe for their continued active support. Dr. Schöffling also drew the attention of the members to the Association's own travel funds, which amounted to SFr. 18500 and which had been used to supplement the Novo Travel Grants. Interest from the Ford Motor Co. Promissory Notes had been credited to this fund, as well as donations from members. Dr. Schöffling drew attention to a new fund, Annual Meetings Fund, which had been created with the profit from the 7th Annual Meeting, and to which any profits resulting from future meetings would be credited. This fund would be used to cover the expenses of any guests invited to attend the annual meetings. Dr. Schöffling emphasized that the organisation of annual meetings is expected to be so arranged that no expenses fell on the Association, but any profit accruing should be passed on to the Association, as had happened with the 7th Annual Meeting.

Together with the accumulated surplus, the Association's assets at the end of 1971 stood at SFr. 118000. Dr. Schöffling explained that sundry debtors and sundry creditors were higher than usual, owing to the finalisation of the Southampton meeting accounts and the transfer of the Pfizer-Europe grant for their Fellowships which had not happened until 1972.

The Treasurer then reported that thanks to Dr. H. Bibergeil, a new account had been opened in East Berlin. Details of this new account would be sent to members in those countries unable to transfer currency out of Eastern Europe.

Finally, Dr. Schöffling said that he was happy to hand over the accounts to Dr. R. F. Mahler in good order and in a strong state, and expressed his thanks to Mr. J. G. L. Jackson and Mrs. Elias for their support and help.

The President thanked Dr. Schöffling for his report.

c) Honorary Auditors

In Dr. Malins' absence, Dr. J. J. Hoet spoke both for himself and Dr. Malins in confirming that from their examination of the statements passed to them the accounts were in good order, and discharged the Treasurer from responsibility for the year ended 31st December, 1971. Dr. Hoet then elaborated on one of the points mentioned by Dr. Creutzfeldt in his report, namely the profit from the 7th Annual Meeting. Dr. Hoet explained that this profit was largely accounted for by the fact that 30% of the donations made to the 7th Annual Meeting in Southampton had been received from individual members of the Medical & Scientific Section of the British Diabetic Association. Dr. Hoet expressed his thanks to the members of the Medical & Scientific Section of the British Diabetic Association for this token of friendship and his statement was greeted with loud applause.

d) Honorary Secretary

Dr. Conard opened his report by expressing his thanks to Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Elias for their continued support from the administrative headquarters, which made his own duties very light.

Dr. Conard reported that 135 new members had been admitted to membership and at the end of June 1972 the total membership was 960, drawn from 37 different countries, as shown in table below:

Distribution of EASD Membership

Africa	2	Netherlands	c/f 28
Australia	4	New Zealand	2
Austria	19	Norway	8
Belgium	44	Pakistan	2
Bulgaria	6	Poland	14
Canada	3	Portugal	5
Chile	1	Romania	18
Czechoslovakia	25	Spain	30
Denmark	60	Sweden	35
Finland	10	Switzerland	60
France	145	Turkey	5
Germany	135	United Arab Republic	5
Greece	8	United Kingdom &	
Hungary	14	Ireland	126
India	3	United States of	
Israel	6	America	22
Italy	95	Uruguay	1
Japan	3	West Indies	1
Lebanon	2	Yugoslavia	12
Luxembourg	2		
	b/f 585	Total:	960

Dr. Conard reminded the General Assembly of the advantages of membership. Members were entitled to attend the annual meetings at a registration fee half that charged to non-members and to subscribe to Diabetes and Diabetologia at greatly reduced subscriptions. Additionally, there was an opportunity to apply for Travel Grants, and this year the Association had been able to award 24 Novo Travel Grants and a further 12 grants from the Association's own travel funds, to enable young participants to attend the Annual Meeting. He reminded members that applicants for these grants should be less than 40 years of age, and the presenting author or co-author of an accepted paper.

Dr. Conard said that 298 abstracts had been submitted to the Programme Committee for the current meeting, which was an increase over the previous year of 50%. This had placed a huge burden on the translators in Geneva and on the members of the Programme Committee and Dr. Conard said that in future this number might have to be limited in some way.

Continuing, Dr. Conard reported that there would be no scientific meeting of the Association in 1973, since the 8th Congress of the International Diabetes Federation was being held in Brussels. Time would be allowed for the General Assembly of the Association, and the two named Lectures of the Association, the Minkowski and the Claude Bernard Lectures, would be given during the meeting. As the 1973 Minkowski Lecture would therefore be delivered in July, the closing date for the nominations of the Minkowski Prize for 1973 had been put forward to 1st January, 1973.

The Congress Programme would include invited papers, Panel Discussions, Workshops and a Postgraduate Programme, as well as a Medico-Socio Programme. Dr. Conard said that all presentations would be made in English, but there would be simultaneous translation in English, French, Dutch and German for the Medico-Socio Programme and Postgraduate Programme.

Future meetings would be held in Athens (1974); Munich (1975); Helsinki (1976); and Jerusalem (1977).

The President thanked Dr. Conard for his report.

The President then referred to the question of the huge increase in the number of abstracts which had been submitted, and advised the General Assembly that this problem had been discussed by the Council of the Association. The Council had decided that in future the Programme Committee would divide the submitted abstracts into three categories: a) accepted for the programme; b)

accepted for printing in the book of abstracts and subsequently in "Diabetologia"; c) rejected. Dr. Creutzfeldt said that it had now become necessary to set standards to which abstracts submitted must comply. Abstracts would now have to contain the main aims, results and conclusions of the study involved, as well as the methods used. The Programme Committee would in future consist of five persons of different disciplines. The Committee would be elected by the Executive Committee, on the nomination of the Honorary Secretary of the Association, who would act as Chairman and Convenor of the Programme Committee. No individual would be permitted to submit more than two abstracts as author or co-author. Discussions were taking place with Novo Industri A/S and Dr. Renold and his colleagues in Geneva regarding the continued provision of the abstract volume in two languages.

The General Assembly accepted these recommendations.

e) Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia

Dr. Oberdisse reported that the number of subscribers had further increased. At the end of 1971 there was a total of 1437 subscribers distributed over 95 countries.

Dr. Oberdisse said that the number of manuscripts submitted had again risen — by more than 25% — whilst the number of rejected papers had remained almost the same; and it was apparent that in 1972 there would be an even greater increase of papers submitted over 1971. Dr. Oberdisse said that the time between receipt and acceptance of papers had been further reduced to 2 months. Springer-Verlag required 3½ months for typesetting and proof correction, and the total time between receipt of papers and publication was felt to be satisfactory at 5½ months. However, Dr. Oberdisse said that further delay could be incurred by the gathering back-log of papers waiting for publication, due to the limited publication space. The only remedy for this would be to increase the number of pages, which would inevitably lead to an increase in the cost of the journal. Dr. Oberdisse stated that the decision to accept papers in English only from the beginning of 1972 had been working very well and should lead to a wider distribution of the journal.

The Editor-in-Chief reported that Dr. D.A.B. Young had been replaced as Assistant Editor by Drs. P.H. Sönksen and R.J. Jarrett of London, who had performed their tasks admirably.

Dr. Oberdisse reminded the General Assembly that he and Dr. K. Jahnke would be retiring as Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor at the end of the year and that Dr. W. Creutzfeldt and Dr. K. Schöffling had been elected to replace them as Joint Editors-in-Chief. Dr. Oberdisse requested that from 1st October, 1972, any papers submitted for publication should be sent to the Chief Editor, Dr. Creutzfeldt.

Turning to the composition of the Editorial Board, Dr. Oberdisse said that the appointment of Dr. Creutzfeldt as Chief Editor had created a vacancy on the Editorial Board and the Council had approved the appointment of Dr. E.R. Froesch to the vacancy; or failing him, Dr. R. Assan. Dr. Oberdisse also reported that the Council had approved the appointment of Drs. J. Schlichtkrull, R. Assan, H. Bibergeil, D.A. Pyke, K.F. Weinges, H.D. Söling and E. Cerasi to the vacancies in the Advisory Board created by the retirement by rotation of Drs. Czyzyk, Lipmann, Mialhe, Nikkilä, Pfeiffer and Seubert. In the event of Dr. Assan being appointed to the Editorial Board, the Council had agreed to appoint Dr. P. Vague to the vacancy in the Advisory Board. These new appointments would take effect from 1st January, 1973.

Finally, Dr. Oberdisse thanked the members of the

Editorial Board and the Advisory Board and the many referees for all their assistance in helping to maintain the standard of the journal, and expressed particular gratitude to Dr. Jahnke for his collaboration and friendship over the past eight years.

4. Elections

a) Council Members 1973—1976

Drs. F.M. Gerritzen (Netherlands); E.A. Nikkilä (Finland); J. Pirart (Belgium); K. Seige (DDR); and M. Serrano-Rios (Spain) were unanimously elected to the Council to take office after the General Assembly in Brussels, for the period 1973—1976.

b) Honorary Secretary 1973—1976

Dr. B. Hellman (Sweden) was unanimously elected to take office as Honorary Secretary of the Association in succession to Dr. V. Conard for the period 1973—1976.

c) Honorary Auditors 1973—1974

Drs. J.J. Hoet and J.M. Malins were re-elected as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

d) Honorary Members

The President reported that with the deaths of Drs. Houssay and Hagedoorn, the Association now had only one Honorary Member, Prof. Charles Best. Prof. F.G. Young (Cambridge, U.K.); Prof. Rachmiel Levine (Duarte, U.S.A.); and Prof. M. Dérot (Paris, France) were unanimously elected as additional Honorary Members in recognition of their distinguished services to diabetic research.

e) Vice-President

Dr. Creutzfeldt reported that the Council had appointed Dr. Jean Vague, of Marseille, as a Vice-President in succession to Dr. Dérot, who had retired by rotation.

5. Study Groups

a) Pregnancy

Dr. J.J. Hoet reported that the Group would be meeting from 10—12 September, 1972 in Madrid and the programme included 21 papers covering a wide range of topics. Thirteen members and twenty guests would be attending.

b) Epidemiology

Dr. R.J. Jarrett reported that the Group had met in Bern-Riggisberg in May 1972.

The three sessions covered "blood sugar variation and the factors affecting it", and the "relationship between hyperglycaemia and serum lipids"; the final session was concerned with other associations of hyperglycaemia.

c) Education

Dr. J.J. Hoet explained that the efforts of the sub-committee on Education had been directed towards the organisation of the Postgraduate Course in Zadar-Yugoslavia in April 1972, which participants had found to be a worthwhile experience. The organisation had run smoothly despite the outbreak of smallpox eight weeks before, the meeting was due to begin and for which the quarantine regulations were removed only a few days before the start of the meeting.

114 people attended from 12 countries and less than 50% were from Yugoslavia. Attendance at the lectures had remained at a steady 75%. Dr. Hoet said that a questionnaire would be sent to all participants and when these were returned the committee would be better able to assess the measure of success of the meeting.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting at 12.10 p.m.