

MINUTES OF THE 38th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF DIABETES

held in the Balaton Hall, Budapest Fair Center on Wednesday 4th September 2002

Present: Drs PA Halban (President)
 H Kolb (Honorary Treasurer)
 AJM Boulton (Honorary Secretary)
 W Waldhäusl (Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia)
 V Jörgens (Executive Director)

and 67 members

The President welcomed everyone to the 38th General Assembly. He asked those present to stand in memory of the following members who had passed away: Drs M Berger (D), L Krall (USA), F Malaisse-Lagae (B), D McGarry (USA), K Oberdisse (D) and G Sachse (D).

1. MINUTES, 37th GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2001

Since there were no comments, the minutes were approved and officially signed as a correct record.

2. REPORTS

a) President: Dr Halban said he would like to take the opportunity to thank the Local Organising Committee, headed by Drs Halmos and Jermendy, for the tremendous amount of work they had done over the years to organise the 38th Annual Meeting in Budapest, which was being attended by a record number of participants.

Dr Halban thanked the industry partners for the financial support received from them. He continued that most of his report would deal with the activities of EFSD. He explained that EFSD had started funding grants after a process of rigorous peer review. The EFSD supports the following programmes:

- EFSD/JDRF/Novo Nordisk Type 1 Diabetes Research Programme
- EFSD/Novo Nordisk Type 2 Diabetes Research Programme

- EFSD/Johnson & Johnson European Research Programme for Type 2 Diabetes
- EFSD/Servier European Research Programme on Vascular Complications of Type 2 Diabetes
- 2002 Albert Renold Career Development Award
- 2002 EFSD-MSD Travel Fellowship Awards

The President continued by reporting that negotiations with Eli Lilly concerning a new partnership had been completed. This will be called the EFSD/Eli Lilly Fund and will contribute upto 2 million Euro over a period of 3 years. This brings total committed funding by EFSD to over 16 million Euro. He explained that discussions with GlaxoSmithKline were on-going and he hoped to be able to announce details of a new partnership in the forthcoming months.

Dr Halban reported that after successful campaigning in Brussels diabetes research was back in the 6th Framework Programme. An Expression of Interest had been submitted by EASD under the name of EURADIA, which is composed of EASD, FEND, IDF and 5 industry partners (Aventis, Eli Lilly, Glaxo-SmithKline, Novo Nordisk and Servier). Regardless of any eventual request for funding from the EU, EURADIA will already start to co-ordinate and further promote diabetes research in Europe.

b) Honorary Treasurer

Dr Kolb reported that for the past three years the income had fluctuated depending on the various balances from the Annual Meetings. The amounts which could be donated either to the EFSD or the country

where the Meeting had been held varied accordingly. Dr Kolb continued that the income from membership fees was down slightly in 2001 because some Gold members had not yet paid by the end of 2001. Donations had increased slightly and bank interest had increased substantially due to the fact that the positive balances from two Meetings had been received. The total income for 2001 was Euro 2,193,570 and this covered the expenditures of the Association as well as providing some savings. These savings would in part be used to cover costs of the EASD in 2003 when there would be no Annual Meeting. Any additional assets would be donated to the European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes. Regarding expenditure, the rental costs had increased because of the move to larger, more expensive premises. Included in the Free Loans were one to Budapest and one to Athens. Travel and Stayment Grants had remained stable.

Dr Halban thanked Dr Kolb on behalf of EASD for the tremendous amount of work he did as Honorary Treasurer.

c) Honorary Auditors

Dr Landgraf reported on behalf of himself and Dr Skrha. He confirmed that the accounts had been checked in Düsseldorf and were in perfect order. When there were no questions, Dr Halban asked for a vote to accept the accounts. The accounts were accepted by all members present with one abstention (Dr Kolb).

d) Honorary Secretary

Dr Boulton reported that a record number (1921) of abstracts had been received and reviewed anonymously at the Programme Committee Meeting. Of those accepted 258 were orals and 992 were posters, resulting in a rejection rate of 35%. In anticipation of the next EASD Meeting (Munich, September 2004) Dr Boulton said he had decided it was sensible to appoint the Programme Committee as early as possible (June 2003) so that they could meet at the IDF Paris meeting in August 2003 to put together the State of the Art Lectures and Symposia. Regarding the EASD/ADA and ADA/EASD Symposia, they would be organised at the respective Annual Meetings. EASD had put together some guidelines for the development of these symposia.

Dr Boulton reported that 117 Travel Grants in the amount of Euro 72,902 and 16 Stayment Grants had been awarded.

Dr Boulton explained that due to the need for standardisation of glycated haemoglobin measurements and mainly at the instigation of Dr J Nerup, a meeting had been held in the EASD office in Düsseldorf in January with members of the ADA, IDF, the Federation of Clinical Chemists and EASD. A report on the meeting had been included in *Diabetologia*. It was agreed that work should continue to develop a master

equation to relate the new methodology to the previous reference method and that measurement should be corrected by such a master equation to DCCT/UKPDS standards. Subsequent to this meeting there was a meeting hosted by the National Glycohaemoglobin Standardisation Programme (NGSP) during the ADA meeting in San Francisco. The NGSP was strongly of the opinion that there should be standardisation of GHb so that standard lab results could be comparable to DCCT/UKPDS standards.

Dr Halban thanked Dr Boulton for the enormous amount of work he had put into organising the scientific content of the 38th Annual Meeting, for which to date he had received only praise. He asked if there were any questions. Dr Heine paid his compliments to Dr Boulton saying that it was really a major issue not to have an overlap in symposia. He asked if members could submit ideas for symposia a little earlier. Dr Boulton said this was certainly a good idea. Dr Landgraf questioned the fact that the Meet the Professor sessions had not taken place this year. Dr Boulton said that due to the fact that some sessions had been poorly attended in Glasgow, it had been decided to discontinue them.

e) Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia

Dr Waldhäusl reported that *Diabetologia* maintained a volume of roughly 1600 pages. About 900 manuscripts were received for review with an acceptance rate of around 22%. The overall time interval from receipt to publication was 181 days in 2001 compared with 175 days in 2000. Most articles were received from Japan, USA and UK. The Impact Factor is 6.3 and 7.7 for *Diabetes*.

Dr Halban thanked Dr Waldhäusl for his report and asked if there were any questions. The question of electronic submissions was raised. Dr Waldhäusl said that Version 2 of Scholar One was not suitable for use by *Diabetologia*, so they were waiting for Version 3. Dr Heine said he was surprised that the number of papers was stabilising, because he thought the number for *Diabetes* had increased. Dr Waldhäusl said he had no figures for USA.

He pointed out that the quality of the articles was already improving. Dr Heine asked if there was a need to increase the number of pages. Dr Waldhäusl said he did not think this was necessary at the moment.

f) Chair, Post Graduate Education Sub-committee

Dr Feldt-Rasmussen reported that he had taken over the position from Dr Boulton. He continued that during the second half of 2001 and the first half of 2002 courses had been held in Ireland, Austria, Norway and Greece. The now annual course held in Loipersdorf, Austria and organised by Dr Pieber had been very well attended and the post course evaluation had been excellent. Future courses were planned for Hungary (directly after the Annual Meeting in Budapest), Germany

(two courses), Italy, Austria and Lithuania. Dr Feldt-Rasmussen said that holding a course in Africa was currently being considered in association with ADA and in collaboration with the local IDF office there.

Dr Halban thanked Dr Feldt-Rasmussen, adding that the courses had attracted world-wide attention for their quality. When there were no questions, he moved on.

3. ELECTIONS

a) Vice-President 2002–2005

The Council's election of Dr Wallberg-Henriksson (S) was unanimously approved.

Dr Halban presented Dr Soltész with the Albert Renold Medal for his faithful services as Vice-President for the period 1999–2002.

b) Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia 2003–2006

The Council's election of Dr E Gale (UK), who had left the room, was unanimously approved.

c) Honorary Treasurer 2003–2006

The Council's election of Dr J Skrha (CZ) was unanimously approved.

d) Honorary Auditors 2002–2005

The Council's nomination of Drs Spinaz (CH) and Scheen (B) was unanimously approved.

e) Council Members 2003–2006

Drs I Gourieva (Russia), S Lenzen (D), C Sanjeevi (S), and J-L- Selam (F) were unanimously elected by the General Assembly.

4. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The nominations of Drs M Berger (D) and T Deckert (DK) were unanimously accepted by the General Assembly. Dr Halban explained he had contacted Dr Berger in July, shortly before his death. Dr Berger said he was touched and would be deeply honoured to accept Honorary Membership. Dr Deckert was unfortunately unable to attend the Meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Halban announced that an e-mail would be sent to all members with a valid address asking them to make a contribution to the Foundation with the intention of setting up a Members Fellowship/Grant.

The President brought the meeting to a close at 18:50 by thanking the members of the Council and Executive Committee for all the work they had done. He also thanked Dr Nerup for his collaboration as Chairman of the Advisory Board and Dr Jörgens, Cathy, Karen, Mary and Regina at the EASD office for their friendly help and co-operation.

Table 1. Consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 December 2001

Income	Euro 2000	Euro 2001
Membership fees incl. Diabetetologia	607.188,04	494.024,21
Donations	227.798,58	269.195,93
Springer Reimbursement		188.891,15
Annual Meeting Balance	4.059.857,78	731.108,55
– repaid free loan	164.203,61	
– reimbursed AM expenses	295.266,15	347.480,19
Bank interest	48.526,79	108.226,05
Closing of Spanish A/C		378,70
Scientists Training Course fees	4.170,97	3.742,96
Expired Bonds, taxes	255.645,94	
Reimbursed expenses from EFSD		35.000,00
Reimbursed taxes (KapErtSt+Soli)		15.522,25
Total Income	5.662.657,86	2.193.569,99

Expenditure	Euro 2000	Euro 2001
Salaries (Secr,ExDir,Soc.Ins)	208.749,40	252.233,40
Rent, Heating, Electricity	15.526,87	27.125,00
Post, Phone/Fax, Printing	32.766,88	29.010,81
Travel / Meeting Expenses	109.894,93	147.862,05
Office Costs, incl. Bank charges	51.047,27	53.103,91
Extra office help	1.964,38	5.782,20
Legal cost and accounting	8.541,45	5.353,56
Annual Meeting expenses	137.145,55	298.266,09
Abstract Volume	–,—	–,—
Free loans to Local Organisers	82.101,81	223.023,95
Donation to Local Organisers		1.161.039,45
Travel and Stayment Grants	108.933,14	105.027,65
Prizes and Fellowships	223.323,90	126.124,00
Donation others	16.420,36	
Diabetologia subscriptions	521.075,48	325.440,44
Editorial Office	106.074,68	104.245,04
Other items incl. PGESC, Office Move	14.154,93	68.092,37
Scientists Training Course	55.939,08	12.924,29
Presidents' Secretaries		30.242,73
EFSD	2.303.095,61	376.500,94
Bonds	424.767,29	
Total	4.421.523,01	3.351.397,88

Exchange rates:

2000: £/Euro 0,6090; DM/Euro 1,95583

2001: £/Euro 0,6221; DM/Euro 1,95583

All EASD Accounts

	31 December 2000		31 December 2001	
		Euro		Euro
Current a/c (DreBa/Dt)		37.958,41		1.277.511,56
Fixed		613.550,26		
Extra Savings		79.471,22		
Bonds		422.045,00		
Euro-Subtotal		1.153.024,89		1.277.511,56
	Pound Sterling	in Euro	Pound Sterling	in Euro
Current a/c	500,00	802,18	500,00	816,74
Business Res. a/c	707.061,42	1.161.020,39	30.844,70	50.383,95
Treasury Reserve	200.000,00	328.407,22	80.000,00	130.677,74
Pound-Subtotal	907.561,42	1.490.229,79	111.344,70	181.878,43
	SFr	in Euro	SFr	in Euro
SFr Current + Fixed	124.452,75	81.753,10	127.096,05	85.675,45
	Pesetas	in Euro		
Current a/c	66.364,00	398,86		
Total Euro:		2.725.406,64		1.545.065,44
Exchange rates:	31 December 2000		31 December 2001	
	DM/Euro	1,95583	DM/Euro	1,95583
	£/Euro	1,6044	£/Euro	1,6335
	SFr/Euro	0,6569	SFr/Euro	0,6741
	PTs/Euro (100)	0,601		

Table 2. Future EASD Annual Meetings

2004	5–9 September	Munich, Germany
2005	10–15 September	Athens, Greece
2006		Copenhagen/Malmö, Denmark/Sweden
2007		Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2008		Turin, Italy
2009		Vienna, Austria

Table 3. Breakdown of membership by country compared to previous years:

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Albania	3	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Algeria	0	0	8	8	6	13	2	4	4	1	0
Argentina	12	9	12	12	9	8	7	8	7	6	6
Armenia	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Australia	97	90	87	97	66	79	69	62	66	61	54
Austria	86	101	93	85	71	112	70	60	54	57	37
Azerbaijan (CIS)	6	5	5	9	10	7	7	7	0	0	0
Bahrain	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	20	8	13	28	23	18	14	6	3	3	1
Belarus (CIS)	17	18	13	0	7	7	3	4	1	0	1
Belgium	120	141	185	145	122	153	144	133	154	161	140
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bosnia-Herzegov	2	15	19	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	29	30	28	32	19	20	13	12	10	9	9
Bulgaria	39	36	41	41	34	66	62	67	59	36	32

Table 3. (continued)

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Cameroon	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	52	4	39	47	29	34	38	37	36	32	33
Chad	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chile	4	5	6	6	4	4	5	4	3	3	4
China	18	13	7	5	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Columbia	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	0
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Croatia	74	68	71	48	44	35	33	38	25	22	25
Cuba	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0
Cyprus	9	8	10	9	9	8	7	9	8	8	8
Czech Rep.	73	83	49	58	45	37	51	60	44	45	70
Denmark	305	314	303	327	241	284	275	249	273	266	256
Dominican Rep.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	0
Ecuador	2	2	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Egypt	31	29	29	27	19	23	23	20	11	12	12
Estonia	22	27	30	19	19	17	17	8	7	6	5
Finland	113	108	136	125	91	111	102	96	93	100	95
France	175	161	191	174	163	216	229	205	217	218	222
Georgia	16	13	7	13	7	5	3	2	2	1	1
Germany	539	526	559	515	440	488	435	416	363	350	315
Greece	152	153	150	156	141	138	145	138	126	125	131
Guatemala	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Honduras	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary	81	102	90	85	63	95	62	63	58	56	48
Iceland	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
India	34	16	19	14	11	14	14	9	8	9	6
Indonesia	2	3	4	1	5	3	1	1	1	1	1
Iraq	1	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Iran	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0
Ireland	30	31	30	24	16	18	20	23	29	34	38
Israel	79	149	55	65	44	50	46	55	48	35	40
Italy	269	297	284	334	274	311	373	451	422	454	427
Jamaica	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	178	165	173	162	136	141	112	86	76	62	52
Jordan	1	1	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kazakhstan (CIS)	4	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	3	3	1
Kenya	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kirgistan	2	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Korea	24	14	11	7	5	6	6	5	6	6	3
Kuwait	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	4
Latvia	13	9	11	9	4	7	6	5	1	1	0
Lebanon	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Libya	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	22	20	22	25	21	14	12	12	10	9	9
Luxemburg	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	2
Macao	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
FYRoMacedonia	73	30	11	16	16	9	12	11	7	2	0
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Malta	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	3	4	0	0
Mauritius	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	19	12	8	7	4	3	4	4	3	3	3
Moldavia	3	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morocco	2	3	5	5	5	5	1	2	2	2	3
New Zealand	16	15	15	13	10	11	9	8	10	10	11
Norway	67	81	81	76	59	77	102	70	105	76	68
Oman	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1
Pakistan	3	3	9	9	4	6	6	5	3	2	2
Panama	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Pap. New Guinea	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paraguay	2	2	3	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	1

Table 3. (continued)

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Peru	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1
Philippines	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
Poland	153	157	146	88	79	93	93	105	80	63	56
Polynesia France	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	75	78	83	85	68	103	97	97	105	55	57
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	130	114	94	68	55	54	48	51	44	38	59
Russia	87	86	82	84	61	49	56	52	37	35	30
Saudi Arabia	3	4	9	10	6	12	8	14	17	19	9
Senegal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	7	3	6	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	4
Slovakia	46	40	31	37	23	32	32	27	20	0	0
Slovenia	42	46	53	54	40	40	30	30	21	13	7
South Africa	17	19	25	17	16	22	14	26	27	35	27
Spain	234	224	240	374	174	226	199	172	162	152	131
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sudan	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sweden	301	279	295	334	250	342	353	250	310	337	270
Switzerland	84	98	94	91	79	83	75	79	86	85	104
Syria	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tahiti	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Taiwan	13	7	10	10	8	11	10	10	12	8	7
Tanzania	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	0
Tatarstan (CIS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Thailand	37	33	17	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	3
The Netherlands	219	204	222	244	170	212	232	245	213	180	151
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Tunisia	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Turkey	36	52	49	45	42	46	38	42	32	21	13
Ukraine (CIS)	44	54	62	45	26	27	34	29	16	14	10
United A Emirates	0	1	1	1	–	2	1	2	3	1	2
United Kingdom	588	451	484	515	404	461	430	390	404	396	495
USA	301	301	276	301	263	276	264	239	232	209	199
Uruguay	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Uzbekistan (CIS)	8	6	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	1
Venezuela	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	47	42	40	36	36	31	35	32	0	15	18
Zimbabwe	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 4. Figures for membership at the end of 2001 compared to previous years:

2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987
5454	5308	5303	5379	4164	4854	4650	4406	4244	4000	3847	3645	3317	2918	2317

Agenda for the 39th General Assembly of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes to be held in Paris, France, 28 August 2003 at 17:30

1. Minutes of the 38th General Assembly, Budapest, Hungary

2. Reports

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| a) President | Dr. P. A. Halban |
| b) Honorary Treasurer | Dr. H. Kolb |
| c) Honorary Auditors | Dr. A. Scheen
Dr. G. Spinass |
| d) Honorary Secretary | Dr. A. J. M. Boulton |
| e) Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia | Dr. W. Waldhäusl |

3. Elections

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| a) Vice-President 2003--2006 | in place of
Dr. A. de Leiva (E) |
| b) President 2004--2007 | in place of
Dr. P.A. Halban (CH) |
| c) Council Members 2004--2007 | in place of
Dr. U. Di Mario (I)
Dr. N. D. Hancu (RO)
Dr. J. A. Maassen (NL)
Dr. E. Standl (D) |

4. Study Groups

EASD Health Economics and
Diabetes Care Study Group

5. Honorary Membership

Sir George Alberti (UK)
Dr. P. Lefèbvre (B)

6. Any other business