

53rd IUIS Council ***Rio de Janeiro, 22 August 2007***

Present: Gérard Chaouat, Mohamed R. Daha, Alioune Dieye, Peter Doherty, Anna Erdei, Olivera Finn, Jorge Kalil, Stefan Kaufmann, Michelle Letarte, José D. Lopes, Seppo Meri, Marianna M. Newkirk, Christopher R. Parish, Clelia Maria Riera, Sergio Romagnani, Christopher E. Rudd, Reinhold E. Schmidt, Elopy Nimele Sibanda, Kiyoshi Takatsu, Rudolf Valenta, René A. W. van Lier, Rolf M. Zinkernagel.

1. Opening

The new president of the IUIS, Peter Doherty, welcomes all delegates to the meeting and hopes that the coming 3 years are going to be an exciting period for IUIS. He is very happy that the RIO ICI meeting is running smoothly and he is especially excited about the large number of young delegates. He is looking forward to the 14th ICI meeting which will be held in Kobe, Japan in 2010.

2. Council Members

Most of the council members of the 13th Council of IUIS have been re-elected. The new council members are: Clelia Riera, Reinhold Schmidt and René van Lier. Further, Stefan Kaufmann was elected as incoming vice-president. Pippa Marrack, past president, has left the executive board of IUIS. Each of the council members then present themselves to the audience.

3. Secretary General's Report

The Secretary General, Mohamed Daha, has tabled his report during the 52nd Council Meeting. He indicates that his personal assistant, Eva van der Kwast, may be contacted next to our IUIS Central Office, Mrs. Sylvia Trittinger, for any business concerning IUIS. In addition, he himself is always ready to advise council members concerning any activities of the IUIS. It is expected that Sylvia Trittinger will be leading our Central Office in Vienna until October 2007. Thereafter, Mrs. Gerlinde Jahn is expected to be the contact person for IUIS in Vienna.

4. Treasurer's Report

Stefan Kaufmann, the current President of EFIS, indicates that in contrast to earlier requests, EFIS will not require an increase of its budget proposal for 2008 (see report of the 52nd Council Meeting). Following some discussion the budget for 2008 is accepted by the council as presented. Concerning possible additional income for IUIS from the 13th ICI meeting, Jorge Kalil, president of this congress, is hopeful on positive outcome but he does not expect a major positive balance.

5. Short report from Committee Chairs

Since the 52nd IUIS Council Meeting was held only a few days before, the delegates are suggested to read the reports from the 52nd Council Meeting for details. During the General Discussion it is suggested that may be an ethics

committee would be good to have as well. However this matter is quite complicated because there are major differences between different countries and therefore it will be difficult to get to a harmonization of this topic.

6. Short Report from Federations

Again reports by most federations have been tabled during the 52nd council meeting. The delegates are suggested to see the reports from the earlier meeting.

7. Other business / Next Meeting

A. Elopy Sibanda, council member from Zimbabwe, has served in the council for more than 10 years, and he is a little disappointed about the real help that Africa has received in the terms of solving the needs of the African population. He feels that there is much more room to let Africa profit from the umbrella function of IUIS. Stefan Kaufmann indicates that only if clear cut projects are defined, options can be created to obtain funds for the projects. All agree that the needs of Africa have to be addressed in a more direct way in the near future. Moh Daha proposes that there should be direct contact between members from the developing nations with the Education Committee and the Clinical Immunology Committee of IUIS.

B. Concerning the next and 54th meeting of the Council of the IUIS, an invitation letter from the Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology was received. The EXCO of IUIS appreciates this invitation. Since Council Meetings until now have been held generally on invitation by one of the Federations of IUIS, the President suggests to await a possible invitation from FIMSA. The FIMSA meeting is expected to take place in October 2008. It is suggested that the "first right" should go to an IUIS Federation Society. If no invitation comes from an IUIS Federation, then the Council will be delighted to accept the invitation of the Austrian Society. Prof. Doherty thanks the Austrian Society in advance for their help.

C. The meeting is closed at 17:30 P.M.

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Moh. Daha