



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

European Section

Annual General Meeting

15 February 2007

Dstl Porton Down, Salisbury, UK.

Minutes

Introduction

Graham Bostock welcomed all present to the 2007 AGM. He thanked dstl for allowing ISRP to hold the meeting on their site and to visit the laboratories. There were 47 attendees comprising ISRP members and non-members attending the Spring meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Andy Capon (secretary/treasurer), Ian Maxwell (vice chairman), Grant Richardson, Sven van der Gijp and Frank Hallett

Minutes of the last meeting

Graham Bostock read the minutes of the 2006 AGM held at BGIA on 17 May 2006. He pointed out that the minutes had been circulated to members by e-mail

Matters arising

Ian Maxwell had raised the question regarding tax liabilities of the Society. The secretary had corresponded with the Inland Revenue who confirmed that the Society had no tax liability.

It had been suggested that other bank accounts might yield a higher rate of interest. Andy Capon had discussed this with our Bank Manager. It was confirmed that slightly higher rates of interest would be available on certain accounts. However the Bank Manager recommended that because of impending business related to the International Conference our accounts should not be changed at this time.

Stuart Harris proposed that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Clive Chadwick and passed without opposition

Chairman's report

Graham Bostock presented the Chairman's report. He informed the meeting that the European section had held one meeting only during the year as the International conference was held in Toronto during August – September.

The combined Spring meeting and AGM was held at BGIA, Sankt Augustin, Germany in May 2006.

The main task for the committee was planning the 2008 International Conference. After due consideration, Dublin was chosen as a venue. The committee visited Dublin to inspect hotel facilities and finalise arrangements.

It was recognised that additional help would be required to cope with organising the conference and the committee wished to co-opt members who would be willing to help. Stuart Harris had agreed to be nominated as a committee member and this proposal was seconded by Jim Naylor and passed unopposed.

Lars Ronner was recently appointed Secretary to the International Board of Directors and he also agreed to be nominated as an additional committee member. This proposal was seconded by Mike Clayton and passed without opposition.

Secretary's Report and Treasurers Report

In the absence of Andy Capon both reports were circulated at the meeting

The chairman pointed out that the European section had 72 individual members, 6 corporate members and one honorary member

Acceptance of both reports was proposed by Ian Bennett and seconded by Alan McArthur

Fees

Graham Bostock reported that there were no plans to alter the current fees. These are currently £55 for individual membership and £350 for Corporate Membership.

Election of Officers

The committee was elected en-bloc

Officers

Graham Bostock	Chairman (International Board Director)
Ian Maxwell	Vice Chairman
Andy Capon	Secretary/Treasurer

Committee Members

Sven van der Gijp	(International Board Director)
Grant Richardson	(International Board Director)
Leo Steenweg	(International Board Director)
John Cuthbert	
Richard Brown	
Joanne Partridge	
Mike Williams	

The committee will be supported by

George Robins (Secretarial administration)

Wendy Lawley (Financial Administration)

International Society Business

As recorded earlier, the 2008 International Conference will be held in Dublin

Sven van der Gijp will be the Project Chairman for the conference.

Mike Thomas asked whether the conference would have a theme. In reply Graham Bostock said that it had been decided not to have any specific theme to encourage a wide area of interest.

Mike Clayton suggested that the organising committee should consider Workshops and Round Robins.

Jim Naylor asked how successful the Toronto Conference had been. Leo Steenweg replied that technically and financially the conference was good with 130 attendees from 19 countries.

Mike Clayton commented that presentations were crammed in with insufficient time for discussion. He also thought that there should be stricter control on length of time allowed for each presentation. Leo Steenweg replied that the options would be parallel sessions or limited numbers of papers

Any other business

Ian Bennett asked if there would be other European Section meetings before the Dublin conference. Graham Bostock replied that the plans were to hold one meeting in the Autumn and also one next Spring.