

Summary of the 7th **Diabetic Foot Study Group** (of the EASD)
BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, 12. September 2006 at 18:00
LO Skolen, Elsinore, Denmark

Present: Dr. S. Morbach, Chairman - Germany
Ms. K. Larsen, Vice Chairman - Denmark
Dr. V. Urbancic-Rovan, Scientific Secretary - Slovenia
Dr. E. Jude, Treasurer - GB
Dr. I. Gurieva - Russia
Dr. A. Jirkovska - Czech Rep
Dr. D. Armstrong - USA
Dr. C. Manes - Greece
Dr. J.-L. Richard - France
Dr. N. Schaper - NL
Eve Stamm - DFSG Secretary
Plus 65 **DFSG** Members

- 1. Open Meeting** - by S. Morbach at 18:05 who gave thanks to I. Gurieva, C. Manes and N. Schaper, who retire from the Executive Committee this year, for their hard work over the previous years. They were presented with a leaving present with a *Danish flavour*.
- 2. Elections** - 2 candidates introduced themselves with a short talk, a 3rd candidate, who could not attend the meeting personally, was introduced by V. Urbancic-Rovan. 2 vote counters chosen -results to be announced at the end of the meeting-.
- 3. Business Meeting Minutes** of the 6th Business Meeting of the **DFSG** held in Kassandra, Chalkidiki, Greece on 9. September 2005 - approved by the Assembly. The minutes appeared on www.dfsg.org 10 weeks before this conference; members approve of this idea, because it gives them a chance to read them at their leisure.
- 4. Update WDD2005 / Noordwijkerhout 2007** - K. Bakker gave a 10 minute overview of the activities of the WDD. He thanked I. Gurieva who hosted a meeting for over 700 delegates on foot care in Moscow and A. Boulton for his lecture on foot care. 8 articles appeared in The Lancet on foot care thanks to W. Jeffcoate. He talked about Brazil in 2006 and the fact that 6 regional press conferences took place in 7 regions of IDF, also about activities in India and Tanzania as well as the support of the WHO and IDF. K. Bakker said he was very happy with the positive global interest.
- 5. Danish Meeting** - 269 participants, almost the same as Greece 2005 and slightly more than Germany 2004. 97 abstracts were accepted. The first year of anonymous abstract scoring was approved by the Assembly. People felt abstracts were judged more fairly this way. A. Boulton praised the Danish venue for its location, food and weather. M. Edmonds praised the quality of the abstracts presented and was seconded by many voices from the floor.
- 6. The Future of **DFSG****
 - a. Rules of Membership Financing future meetings** - S. Morbach suggested a small fee be charged for presenting authors and an increase in the fee for non-presenting members. He asked the Assembly for their feelings.

The *general consensus* was that presenting authors should not pay a fee but that **DFSG** members should pay more if the financial situation worsens. It was agreed that it was important to attract non-members because they boost the finances.

A. Boulton thinks **DFSG** celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2008 could be a good selling point to encourage companies to invest. L. Uccioli sees no reason to change the existing rules he would rather see non-members paying more. P. Holstein suggested making a budget then deciding on a yearly basis. A. Boulton said that many groups have problems raising money and maybe EASD could help; he also suggested that presenting authors under 35 should be allowed to attend for free.

S. Morbach was asked to explain the membership rule: namely that any first, or co-author if the first author cannot attend, who successfully presents an oral, oral poster or poster abstract at a yearly meeting can apply to become a Member of **DFSG**. At least 1 out of 3 meetings must be attended otherwise membership is automatically forfeited. One must not necessarily be a member of EASD.

b. Format of future meetings - The Assembly was of the opinion that there was no reason to make any big change. P. Holstein suggested that delegates should make more time to visit exhibitors in 2008. S. Morbach would like to decrease the number of oral presentations and increase the number of oral poster presentations.

7. Any Other Business - S. Morbach welcomed the new Executive Committee Members; Carine Van Schie from the Netherlands and Carlo Caravaggi from Italy. Karel Bakker announced that Sweden has started a 3 year podiatry course - compliments to K.Larsen for her efforts with this.

Date and venue of **DFSG 2008** - DFSG will meet from 11. - 14. September 2008 at a venue in Italy. (EASD meets in Rome from 7. - 11. Sept). A Piaggese and C. Caravaggi will head the local organising committee. Venue information will be available on www.dfsg.org soon.

18:55 Meeting closed