

Summary of the 9th Diabetic Foot Study Group (of the EASD)  
**BUSINESS MEETING and Elections**  
Saturday, 26. September 2009 at 18:30  
The Golf Hotel, Bled, Slovenia

**Present:**

Dr. Edward Jude, Chairman - GB  
Dr. Vilma Urbancic-Rovan, Scientific Secretary -SLO  
Dr. Carine van Schie, Treasurer - NL  
Dr. Alexandra Jirkovska - Czech Republic  
Dr. Anna Korzon-Burakowska - Poland  
Dr. Ralf Lobmann -D  
Eve Stamm, Secretary- D  
and 63 DFSG members

Excused: David Armstrong USA, Neil Baker, GB and Carlo Caravaggi, I

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1. **Open meeting:** Chairman E. Jude opened the meeting at 18:25.
2. **Farewell and elections:** 3 committee members leave this year - D. Armstrong, A. Jirkovska and V. Urbancic-Rovan. E.Jude thanked them for their work and support over the years.  
7 candidates R. Bem (CZ) I. Dumont (B) K. Kirketerp-Moller (DK) M.-F. Kong (GB) N. Petrova (GB) S. Rajbajani (GB) and N.Tentolouris (Gr) gave a short introductory talk. DFSG members voted using electronic voting pads (new this year). Results to be announced at the end of the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the 8th business meeting** in Lucca, Italy 13th September 2008 approved.
4. **News from the IDF Consultative Section / IWGDF** by Karel Bakker: latest news of new working groups, involving many experts in the fields of radiology and vascular surgery from Europe and the USA. 2 to 3 month courses for educating people in foot care in developing countries. The Step-by-Step programme is growing very rapidly. To create awareness of foot care 2 year programmes teaching basic and wound care coupled with data collection. Begun in India and Tanzania and due to great success took place in Pakistan as well with 140 teams involved who did a great job. The Congo will be looked at next plus Botswana and hopefully Ghana. Egypt has a team of 35 thanks to Dr. Gawish. Anyone who wants extra information is invited to contact Karel Bakker by email.
5. **Slovenian Meeting:** C.van Schie, Treasurer was called to the discuss the financials. Participants in Slovenia were down compared to DFSG 2008. Fewer non-members attended. The number of presenting authors stayed the same. The most participants came from NL/DK/D/It/Gr/Russ and GB with more Slovenians than usual.

The books show a loss of €20.000 this year mainly due to the fact that this meeting was more expensive than others with less paying non-members who provide the bulk of income. It is difficult to compare countries on the basis of expenses alone because different venues have very different prices depending on the country. Even though the loss is €20.000 there is still €57.000 on the DFSG account.

**Abstracts:** 144 abstracts received in total of these 39 were rejected. There was a change of style. Case reports oral and poster were judged separately this year. Only 10% of all abstracts accepted are case reports. There was a 1st and 2nd prize awarded for the first time for Prize Orals and Prize Posters. This will be carried on next year.

#### 6. Report and discussion:

*The Executive Committee decided the following in their meeting:* Only 1 abstract per delegate to be submitted per meeting and only the first author can present if he is present at the meeting. No substitutes allowed.

*Ways to increase income:* All fees will be increased. Presenting authors should, for the first time in 2010, pay a small non-refundable fee of €100 and non-presenting members will be charged €50 extra - €250 by the 1st deadline - €350 by the 2nd. No increase for non-members.

Non-member Nurses and podiatrists in Uppsala can attend for a slightly reduced fee.

Hotel stay to be cut down from 3 nights to 2 nights to save money.

Should also try to obtain more money from industry.

If there is enough surplus a limited number of small grants will be offered to support young people who are not qualified doctors. Applications should be made by email with a letter from the department head to the chairman via Eve Stamm.

The Executive Committee members will pay the same fee as presenting authors, €100.

#### 7. Any other business:

E. Jude welcomed the new ordinary Executive Committee members, *N. Petrova - GB,*

*K. Kirketerp-Moller - DK - and N. Tentolouris - Gr.*

Comments on future meetings. K. Van Acker asked if the group could help with finances?

E. Jude explained that only 10 companies funded DFSG this year and that all suggestions were welcome.

Exhibitors down in number due to the world financial crisis. It is always important to keep sponsors happy especially if they attended for many years. Maybe a reduction will be made to their fee for Uppsala?

M.-F. Kong complained - the poster room was too cramped and small. E. Jude said this will be changed in Uppsala. The move to have more transparent vote counting was expressed.

E. Jude said this was transparent enough but thought would be given to this.

Z. Xu suggested that a future meeting be held in China.

#### 8. Date and venue of DFSG 2010: 17. to 19. September 2010 in Uppsala Sweden.

Magnus Löndahl, the local organiser, gave an interesting Power Point presentation on Uppsala.

19:25 MEETING closed