Minutes of IFEA Annual General Assembly Meeting

15:00 pm, October 9 (Saturday), 2010
Santoroni Hall, Athens Hilton, Athens, Greece

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Hoskinson at 3:16 pm with 49 people in attendance, representing 18 countries present.

Regrets received from E. Vizcarra (Regent Director of Asia), I. Rotstein (Chairman of the Research Committee).

Minutes of the AGM held on April 30, 2009 in Orlando Florida USA were accepted as circulated through the web site 90 days prior to the current meeting (France; Australia).

The report of President Tony Hoskinson reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted. (Canada; Australia). The report highlighted the changes of IFEA By-Laws. He expressed his gratitude to LOC of 8th WEC in Athens, and all committee members. He also addressed on the change of regents and officers. He thanked Maggio, Torneck, Abbott, Dorn, and Bogaerts. He expressed his regret at the lost two member societies, the Philippines Association (EAP) and the Columbian Society, and welcomed two new member societies, Brazil and Russia.

The report of President-Elect Joseph Maggio reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was described and accepted. (India; South Africa). He highlighted the cleaned web site, owning the server to make more active and to be independent of the web site sponsor, Sybron Dental. He also thanked Hoskinson, Abbott, Torneck and Bogaerts.

The report of Secretary Torneck reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 2) and accepted (Korea; Australia). The report highlighted works during his term as the secretary: preparation for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 AGMs, minutes of 2008 and 2009 AGM, seeking each country web, renewal of the contact information of each member. Russia and Brazil applied for the membership with proper documents. With these two countries, the member will be over 27.

The report also includes the maintenance of dialogue with Panopoulos on the 8th WEC and policies, request to update the contact information of the component associations/societies, and requests for the nominations at the web site. In finishing his last year as the IFEA secretary, he thanked all the officers and the members for their effort and co-operation.

Report of the Treasurer Bogaerts reflected on the financial status of IFEA (Appendix 3) and was accepted (France; Australia). The report highlighted that the number of paid member societies was 26 out of 28, that IFEA has $132,854.13 on deposit as of August 31, 2010, that the interest return was $2,563.11 from March of 2009 to March of 2010 which was $903.69 lower than that of March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010 which was $4999 from Mar 31, 2009 to Mar 31, 2010. These were posted at web site. He also described the difficulties in reaching the member countries and wanted to check the e-mail list and correct the contact person of each member societies.
Secretary Torneck described that the Regent reports (Appendix 4) were listed on the web site and they were accepted. (Australia, USA)

Education Committee Report was reported by the chairman of the Education Committee (Sam Dorn) and accepted (Japan; USA). The report highlighted the use of the Educational Grant in the past year to support an endodontic educator of needy country (Fiji) to have her education in Australia for one year and she returned to Fiji to teach endodontics.

Sam encouraged needy countries to apply for that purpose, and asked current members to give this information to any dental school in Asia or Africa that is not a member country to apply the grant.

Research Committee Chair (Rotstein) was not present but the Assembly was informed that the award recipient (2009) of the IFEA Research Award was Dr. Babak Nurbakhsh, Discipline of Endodontics, University of Toronto. His project was entitled “Cone beam tomography investigation of mucositis in the antrum associated with endodontic disease in maxillary teeth”. The assembly asked Maggio to present the protocols of the Award on the web site.

The Chair of the 8th World Congress held in Athens October 6-9, 2010, Panopoulos reported that the number of the scientific presentations was 241 (7 plenary lectures, 25 country representative lectures, 23 free lectures, 33 oral presentations, 147 poster presentations, and 6 video presentations), 34 exhibition booths, more than 900 participants from 61 countries. He expressed his thanks and that he will submit the final report by e-mail.

The Chair of the 9th World Congress (Suda) to be held in Tokyo reported with announcing the date of the Congress as May 23rd to 26th, 2013 together with the Japanese Endodontic Association (JEA) and Joint Scientific Meeting between KAE and JEA (Appendix 5). He stated that it is his honor to host the Congress in Japan, that title of the Congress is “Shaping the future of Endodontics”, and that the venue is Tokyo International Forum. Information on this Congress is already on the JEA web site (http://www2.convention.co.jp/ifea2013). The secretariat is Japan Convention Service. The Chair also described the size of JEA and facilities of Tokyo International Forum, and appreciated the LOC of Athens Congress and Hellenic Endodontic Society for the successful Congress.

The credentials for membership of the Russia (ESRD) were presented to the Assembly (Australia: India) and unanimously accepted and approved for membership.

A member from Russia stated the investment by his government into health and education field and thanked to be a new member.

The credentials for membership of the Brazilian Endodontic Association (SBE) were presented to the Assembly (Australia: France) and unanimously accepted and approved for membership.

For the next (10th) WEC venue, among the three submissions to hold the World Endodontic Congress (the 10th WEC) in 2016, Spain had withdrawn and Dr. Gopi Krishna from India and Dr. Peet VAN DER Vyver from Republic of South Africa (RSA) presented official presentations on behalf of their endodontic organizations. They discussed venues, transportations, tour and cultures etc. The choice was determined by a closed vote of the member countries. Republic of South Africa (RSA) was chosen for the 10th WEC in 2016 and approved.

A nomination slate for new Regents and Officers were presented to the Assembly. As no other nominations were submitted in accordance with the ByLaws the slate was accepted and approved. The Officers for 2010/11 are: Past Pres. - Tony Hoskinson, President - Joe Maggio, Pres. Elect - Patrick Bogaerts, Secretary - Sung Kyo Kim, Treasurer - Mark Wotzke.

The Regents for 2010/11 are: Africa - Clive Sidley, Asia - Hideaki Suda, Europe - Miguel Minana, N. America - Barry Chapnick, Oceania - Alan Nerwich, S. America - Ricardo Lalisc Committee Chairs are, Education - Sam Dorn, Research - Markus Haapasalo.

President Maggio gave a gift (a crystal ice bucket) to Past President Hoskinson for his contributions to IFEA as the president. He noted that the number of countries attending the Athens Congress was 61 and congratulated IFEA as the principle world meeting in endodontics. He stressed the need to improve the education and executive committee to make a better organization. He proposed a possible new category of membership that would allow countries with fewer members to join IFEA. He also outlined a committee of AAE (with its influence and fin
ancial resources) be a part of the Communication Committee of IFEA. They would provide international collaboration when asked. He finally expressed his pleasure to work with the executive officers.

The date of the next AGM of IFEA was scheduled in conjunction with 15th Biennial Congress of the European Society of Endodontology (ESE) for September 14-17, 2011 in Rome, Italy.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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