



**SIOP 2002, Porto, Portugal**  
**Annual General Assembly of SIOP Europe – Friday, September 20, 2002**  
**from 13.00 to 14.00 hrs.**  
**Room S6 + S7 at the Europarque Congress Centre, Porto, Portugal**

**MINUTES**

1. Opening  
Prof. M. Stevens opens the meeting and welcomes all SIOP members present.  
He apologises for starting the meeting so late. He will write to the members of SIOP Europe in order to stimulate them to come to these annual meetings.
2. Minutes of the SIOP Annual General Assembly, October 23, 2001, ECCO11, Lisbon, Portugal  
No objections are raised by the members present and the minutes are approved.
3. Report from the President (M. Stevens)  
He thanks three members of the SIOP Europe Board who have worked very hard to promote SIOP Europe and who finish their terms this year: Prof. J.M. Zucker, Dr. J. Treuner and Dr. J. Plaschkes. Prof. Stevens notes that SIOPE is very grateful that they guided the continental branch in the very early days.  
SIOP Europe is a young organisation. There are still many challenges for the Board and the membership regarding what is meant by SIOP Europe and what could and should be the responsibilities of SIOP Europe. In part the identity of SIOP Europe is shaped by the relationship with other organisations. He reflects on the following:  
-Relationship with SIOP International:  
SIOP Int. decided some years ago that they wanted to develop a structure that devolved a lot of activities into continental groups. Of course the different continental groups have different agendas. What SIOP Europe has to confront in Europe is not the same as the agenda for SIOP Africa or SIOP Asia. The end result will hopefully be the same though: to improve the care of children with cancer and their families. The suggestion by SIOP Int. to form a council of the presidents of the continental societies with the Board of SIOP will hopefully be adopted next year.  
One of the consequences of strategic review undertaken by SIOP Int. is the statement that clinical trials will no longer be the remit and responsibility of SIOP Int. He recognises that clinical trials bearing the SIOP label are not the only trials that go on in Europe, but they are substantially European based and substantially recruit from within the European Countries.  
The challenge for SIOP Europe is to look at how the arrangements for clinical trials structures could and should evolve and what responsibility SIOP Europe might have



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Interests/varia	Euro	413,98
Increment & Increment MM Funds	Euro	853,24

Expenses:

Board meetings	Euro	6.694,11
Education & Training Comm meet.	Euro	4.771,42
Varia	Euro	859,64
Secretarial costs	Euro	20.204,20
Bank charges	Euro	237,44

At present the money of SIOP Europe available is: Euro 155.119,54

An amount of Euro 25.000 will be made available for scholarships for ECCO12. GH notes that SIOP Europe has sufficient money to meet and provide some scholarships, but it does not have enough money to run trials.

Prof. Stevens asks the members to formally approve the accounts. The members have no objections and the accounts are approved. Prof. Stevens thanks the members.

5. Report from the Secretary-General (J. Plaschkes)

- New Secretary-General :

Dr. Plaschkes announces the new President-elect: Prof. G. Henze and the new Secretary-General: Dr. K. Schmiegelow.

Prof. Stevens thanks Dr. Plaschkes and Prof. Zucker for all their efforts made for SIOP Europe.

6. ECCO 12, Kopenhagen, Denmark, September 21-25, 2003

Dr. J. de Kraker notes that ECCO is no longer a pure medical oncology meeting, but paediatrics and paediatric oncology is becoming more and more involved.

At ECCO12 there will be various joint sessions with the adult oncologists and the nurses and there will be some specific paediatric sessions. Scholarships will be awarded and the SIOP Europe Award will be presented.

It is inquired if it is possible to submit a paper to both ECCO and SIOP Cairo. Prof. Stevens notes that there is some sensitivity about double presentations, but particularly for young researchers he would have no difficulty with this.

Prof. Stevens and Dr. de Kraker note that people who cannot go to Cairo, should think seriously about going to ECCO.

7. Education and Training

This is taken off the agenda due to lack of time.

8. Trials (J. de Kraker)

This is taken off the agenda due to lack of time.

9. European Journal of Cancer (EJC)

Prof. Stevens introduces Dr. J. Pritchard, paediatric editor of the European Journal of Cancer. Dr. Pritchard presents the European Journal of Cancer. He introduces Dr. Emma Cannell, scientific editor of the journal. He notes that many SIOP Europe members have

helped developing the journal by being on the paediatric oncology panel or by having reviewed for the journal, or just by using the journal. The journal is doing quite well. This is also thanks to the editorship of Dr. J. Smythe. Amongst his achievements is the increase of the impact factor, from 2.7 to 3.5 between 2000 and 2001. The Journal is affiliated to the other European societies: ESMO, ESTRO, ESSO, EORTC and is therefore strongly linked with FECS. As at present there is more affiliation with the adult oncology societies, the journal feels that it is a good time to propose that the European section of SIOP starts to consider The European Journal of Cancer as an outlet for its work.

Mrs. E. Cannell adds that there is an EJC on-line only: This is an on-line subscription of only 44 Euro per year for 18 issues of the European Journal of Cancer, full content on the web site. This might be interesting for the SIOP Europe members.

Dr. J. Pritchard thanks the members for the opportunity to speak.

Prof. Stevens also thanks the members and hopes for more members at the SIOP Europe AGM next year. He closes the meeting.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE AGM**

C. Bergeron	D. Walker
G. Bisogno	F. Wesenberg
P. Brock	J.M. Zucker
M. Carli	
N. Clausen	
J. de Kraker	
H. Hasle	
G. Henze	
H. Jürgens	
P. Kogner	
H. Kosmidis	
G. Laureys	
S. Lie	
H. Mottl	
V. Papadakis	
G. Perilongo	
A. Pession	
J. Plaschkes	
C. Rechner	
F. Sorialioglou	
F. Schilling	
B.P. Sodre-Borges	
M. Stevens	
F. Tzorztatou-Stathopoulou	
P. Wacker	

