



EUROPEAN NETWORK OF TRAINEES IN
OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

MINUTES
of the
8th Annual Meeting of the ENTOG Council

Ljubljana, November 27th, 2004

1) Formalities.

- a. The President made a roll-call of delegations. A quorum was in place as delegations from 16 of 17 member organisations were present. The following member organisations were present: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and The UK. The member organisation from Poland and Germany were absent. Trainees from Hungary, Russia and Turkey were welcomed at the meeting in a non-voting capacity.

2) Adoption of Minutes of the 7th Council meeting.

- a. The President, Søren Brostrøm, remarked, that Latvia should be noted as present at the Amsterdam Council meeting last year.
- b. With that amendment, the minutes were adopted.

3) Report of the President.

- a. The President started with outlining the history of the annual meetings and exchange programmes, and the background establishing ENTOG.
- b. He summarized the decisions of the last Council meeting, and outlined the work done by the Executive elected at that meeting:
 - i. Søren Brostrøm (Denmark), President
 - ii. Jacky Nizard (France), General Secretary
 - iii. Martin Huser (Czech Republic), Treasurer
 - iv. Eva-Maria Sommer (Austria), Member
 - v. Pietro Gambadauro (Italy), Member
- c. The first task of the Executive had been to revise the Business Plan, which was presented to EBCOG and published on www.entog.net. The Business Plan had outlined these priorities of ENTOG
 - i. Creating trainees' committees
 - ii. Annual meetings & exchanges
 - iii. EBCOG Congresses
 - iv. EBCOG Committees
- d. Three new member organisations had been formed in the preceding year:
 - i. Forum Junge Gynäkologie, Austria
 - ii. Subunit of trainees and young specialists in ob/gyn, Latvia
 - iii. Committee of trainees in OB/GYN, Lithuania
- e. The exchange programme and meeting this year in Slovenia had been an overwhelming success, with more than 30 participants from 17 countries for the exchange, and more than 80 participants from 23 countries for the meeting. The

success was in large part due to the efforts of the Slovenian trainees, which were warmly thanked.

- f. In the EBCOG Standing Committee on Training and Assessment (SCTA), the 'Recommendations for Postgraduate Training' and the 'Logbook' had been updated in 2004 with ENTOG playing an active role in that process. The documents had made a clearer definitions of roles in training, and made a move towards defining competence and skills, not procedures.
- g. Re. ENTOG participation in the Hospital Recognition Committee, the main ENTOG objective is still to have trainees participate in visits.

4) Report of subcommittees and working groups.

- a. The Treasurer, Martin Huser, reported that there had been two meetings of the Standing Committee on Training and Assessment, with many new points:
 - i. The definition of obstetrics and gynaecology has been adapted
 - ii. Introduction of the notion of program coordinator in an educational program, and the notion of "correct deficiency in training"
 - iii. Training requirements: the number of procedures was widely discussed. The numbers of procedures are still mandatory, and are minimum numbers.
 - iv. The competence was defined as minimum number of procedures to be able to perform the main procedures by themselves. Number of procedures is the only available tool for assessment of competence on a European level.
 - v. Some definitions were modified: trainee, trainer...
- b. A discussion followed the presentations of the President and the Treasurer:
 - i. The logbook should only be seen as a guideline that can be used by countries if they don't have their own.
 - ii. Training should focus on general OB/GYN, after specialization people can sub-specialize
 - iii. Re the minimum number of procedures, some thought that sufficient numbers don't make of a trainee a competent specialist, while others expressed that minimum numbers help trainees in countries where they are not sufficiently trained. The President remarked that the technical skills are not sufficient, many other intellectual and communication skills are at least as much important for a trainee to be competent.
 - iv. There is a need for a contact in each country for trainees who are willing to travel within Europe for more than organised ENTOG exchange program.
 - v. The bank transfer for ENTOG exchange and meeting registration fees are a problem because they cost a lot in some countries. ENTOG should think about some simpler way to pay without transfer, such as payment on arrival for example.
 - vi. Several members expressed a need to have more frequent updates from the Executive, e.g. with regular newsletters.

5) Presentations of new national committees of trainees.

- a. Eva-Maria Sommer, Austria, and Daiga Baranovska, Latvia, presented there recently established national committees of trainees. Also, Zeki Mesten, a trainee from Turkey gave a short introduction to the training system in his country.

6) Proposals for future ENTOG activities.

- a. No proposals had been submitted before the required deadline of 1 November.

7) Financial Report and Budget.

- a. The Treasurer presented the financial report, which showed a healthy balanced. The External Auditor, Professor W. Dunlop of Newcastle, had reviewed the financial accounts and documents. The proposed Budget estimated expenditure for 2005 at 6000 €/year, which is 1000€ more than the granted money from EBCOG. There was a debate on whether the local organising committee should help ENTOG with finding money. The membership fee issue has been addressed but will technically not be applicable. The Financial Report and Budget were unanimously approved.

8) Elections of members of the Executive Committee.

- a. Three posts were up for re-election, as Søren Brostrøm, Jacky Nizard and Martin Huser were all elected for 2-year periods at the 2003 Council. Eva-Maria Sommer and Pietro Gambadauro were elected for 2-year periods at the 2004 Council.
- b. Jacky Nizard wished to step down. The President thanked him warmly for his contribution to ENTOG.
- c. Søren Brostrøm, Denmark, offered his candidature for re-election to the office of President. With no other candidates, he was elected for a 1-year period cf. the Statutes 3.2
- d. Eva-Maria Sommer, Austria, and Sari Silventoinen, Finland, offered their candidatures for the office of Secretary General. Eva-Maria Sommer was elected to a 2-year period after winning the absolute majority in a secret ballot.
- e. Martin Huser, Czech Republic, offered his candidature for re-election to the office of President. With no other candidates, he was elected for a 1-year period cf. the Statutes 3.2
- f. Sari Silventoinen, Finland, Lili Steblovnik, Slovenia, and Ioannis Grammatikakis, Greece, offered their candidatures as member of the Executive. Lili Steblovnik was elected to a 2-year period after winning the absolute majority in a secret ballot.

9) Proposal for time and venue of the next Council meeting.

- a. The venue for 2005 will be Barcelona, as previously decided in Council. These topics were proposed for the meeting: gender and recruitment.
- b. Poland, Greece, and Denmark had all proposed themselves as the venue of the meeting and exchange in 2006. Denmark was chosen by a majority vote.

10) Any other business.

- a. The President thanked the Slovenian trainees and their organisation, SATOG, for organizing everything to perfection.