

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday 12 October 2008, 9:00 to 13:00 (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Room: Galaxy, Hilton Hotel  
Athens, Greece

Minutes – approved, Sao Paulo

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by President Konrad Muller at 9:00 AM.
2. Minutes of September 16, 2006 Meeting, Montreal  
Moved - that the minutes of the Montreal 2006 Council meeting be approved – Harvey Goldman  
Seconded – Fred Silva  
Carried
3. President's Report/Executive Committee Actions  
See attached report from Konrad Muller  
President Muller gave a brief overview of his report which has been circulated. Activities during the two years of his presidency included visits to Cape Town and Malaysia and Australasian activities in the Pacific and Solomon Islands and Indonesian. The most difficult challenge has been the effort to build a better funding base for educational activities. We are seeing regional educational activities increase across the world with the IAP Education Committee run by Kristin Henry focusing on key problems. It is early days but the education program is underway with the IAP as a key body carrying Pathology Education to the wide world. There remain a number of problems, including the credentialing of Pathologists, a difficult area which makes it hard for Pathologists to move across countries. It has been a challenging time and having accomplished some of the things I set out to do, as always, some remain for others, particularly the incoming President Florabel Mullick, to take up.  
  
Moved - that the President's report be received - Konrad Muller  
Seconded – Jack Strong  
Motion carried
4. Report of the Secretary  
See attached report from David Hardwick  
Secretary Hardwick read from and commented on parts of his report: "the minutes from Denver have been distributed and a variety of other things. It has been an interesting challenge to transit the secretariat office from Florabel Mullick to us but we have had a good deal of assistance from Florabel and Jim Affonco in getting the material from previous meetings and now we have a comprehensive handle on things. Report minutes have been put up on the web on an IAP Secretary web site created to handle administrative activities and which has allowed us to distribute material. I want to signal an additional change from previous and that is we have had a lot of paper and we have provided it as well at this meeting. But after this meeting, in the meeting in Sao Paulo, we will be distributing reports, including the VP reports on the web. It is an interesting challenge to have them because as you may be aware, Vancouver is a long way from Athens and to get here you have to leave before some of the reports have been sent in so they can not be pre-printed. So it is appropriate now that we use the web, as it is virtually available on a world wide basis. In addition we will be putting the minutes and agendas for meetings on the web and will be providing paper only to the extent that it is necessary. I would like to point out that the costs of printing at a hotel like this are very substantial and that this is an inappropriate use of Academy and other funds. Work continues on distribution lists. As you are well aware there

is a constant change of email addresses very much like the soup de jour so you have to keep a close eye on them. We did conduct an electronic e-mail ballot this year for a vote for the Education Committee which was very successful and I point out that this is entirely consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws. So where we do need votes to be held, on a do able basis they can be appropriately conducted electronically world wide. There will be discussions with Robin regarding merging the IAP Homepage and IAP Central as the current situation is a transient stage which let us shift activities as the Secretariat moved from the AFIP to the University of British Columbia so we could put materials appropriately on the web and maintain it.

Correspondence regarding the formation of Divisions has been distributed as part of my report. The East African Division consisting of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi with thirty four provisional members has completed the steps required for ratification with one of the best, most business like, well documented, well funded proposals for forming a Division to be brought forward.

Moved - that the President's report be received – David Hardwick

Seconded – Harvey Goldman

Motion carried

5. Report of the Treasurer

See attached report from Jack Strong

- a. **Audit Report:** Treasurer Strong reported the financial statements of the Academy for the financial year ending June 2008 have been reviewed by the auditors and they report compliance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.
- b. **Biennium Budget:** Treasurer Strong reported the Finance Committee has met and they have gone over the budget variance for the last two years, comparing budgeted items with actual expenses. The good year was 06/07 when the proceeds from the Congress in Montreal were realized. Income is from dues, investment income, Congress proceeds and unrealized gains/losses which we must now report. In 06/07 there was a large unrealized gain and in 07/08 there was an almost as large unrealized loss with a net over two years of \$20K. Overall, IAP assets are up \$200K over the last two years. The Finance Committee has approved a projected budget for 08/09 and 09/10 to be handed out at Council where it will be tabled with a recommendation for approval. Projected Budget income assumes constant membership dues, Congress capitation for 2000 delegates, secure investment income. There is no budget for Congress profit. Expenses are for interim executive meetings, the Bulletin (~42%), increased expenses for the auditors and insurance, the Treasurer's office which includes the Assistant Treasurer and Congress Coordinator, the Secretary's Office, the education budget and travel for the Congress and three officers in year one and three officers in year two. Dues payment response has been good but there are some Divisions which have not paid for four years. They will be removed from the active Divisions list and sent a letter telling them that if they pay their dues for the next two years they will be reinstated without penalty. This has already been done with the Belarus, Central America, Central Asia, Venezuelan and Yugoslavian Divisions and now in addition, the Chilean, Danish, Mexican and Nepalese Divisions. Regarding investment income, equities are expected to be marked down considerably but a substantial portion of the IAP investment is in secure fixed income so income should remain stable.

Moved - that the President's report be received – Jack Strong

Seconded – Sylvia Asa

Motion carried

6. Reports of the Vice Presidents for approval

Please see reports at [www.iapcentral.ca/meetings](http://www.iapcentral.ca/meetings)

- African
  - VP Martin Hale
  - VP Jean-Marie Dangou
- Asian
  - VP Samir Amr
  - VP HK Ng
  - VP Anita Borges
  - VP Robert Osamura
- Australasia
  - VP Robert Eckstein
- Europe
  - VP Gunter Kloepfel
  - VP Jahn Nesland
  - VP Kristin Henry
  - VP George Kontogeorgos
- North America
  - VP William Gardner
  - VP Harvey Goldman
  - VP Fred Silva
- South America
  - VP Eduardo Santini-Araujo
  - VP Marcello Franco

7. Report of the Education Committee

See attached report from Kristin Henry

- a. Education Committee Changes: Dr. Cecilia Fenoglio-Preiser has resigned and Dr. Robert Osamura and Dr. Victor Reuter have been proposed and approved as new members.
- b. Bursaries: Chairmen Kristin Henry - reported on the successful distribution of bursary funds to thirty three applicants who this year are expected to submit a brief report of their Congress activities at the end of the Congress.
- c. Education Programs: Chairman Kristin Henry - reported the continued success of the Schools of Pathology program with the holding of the 6<sup>th</sup> Arab British School, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bosnia British School and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sri Lanka British School in 2008. In addition the Swiss Division has had success with a Telepathology teaching program for Cambodia. The German Division successfully held the inaugural 1<sup>st</sup> International Junior Academy August 2008. This is an innovative program which is envisioned as an International Summer School for trainee pathologists.
- d. Financial Considerations: Efforts to assist deserving Divisions and Countries continues with requests for financial assistance approved for the Hungarian, Bolivian, Arab, Swiss and Cuban Divisions.
- e. Current Financial Position: At the end of the 2006-2008 biennium \$39,844 of the \$40K budget has been allocated.
- f. Income Generation: After a lengthy discussion of ways to raise additional funds for education programs it was proposed that a request be made to the Finance Committee to consider increasing the biennial allocation.
- g. Reports received from IAP supported Meetings in 2007: Reports have been received for the Ukraine Division Kiev Meeting, the Hungarian Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Technology Transfer meeting, the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific meeting in Singapore and the WIOP Madagascar meeting. Only the report of the AWADIAP 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific meeting in Ibadan, Nigeria is still outstanding.

Moved - that the Education report be received – Konrad Muller

Seconded - Fred Silva

Motion Carried

8. XXX International Congress (2014) venue selection
  - a. Pongsak Wannakrairot presented the bid from the Thai Division who proposed a 2014 September 21 to 26 Congress at the Bangkok Convention Centre with the theme "Innovation & Pathology"
  - b. Dietmar Schmidt presented the bid from the German Division who proposed a 2014 September 27 to October 3 Congress in Bonn, Germany with the theme "Modern Pathology – Monitoring & Guiding pathology". The target is Eastern Europe.
  - c. Jiang Gu presented the bid from the Chinese Division who proposed a 2014 Congress at the China National Convention Centre in Beijing, China.

Following a discussion of the merits of the proposals a secret ballot was held with Thailand winning the vote.

Moved - that the 2014 XXX International Congress go to Bangkok, Thailand – Harvey Goldman.

Seconded – Fred Silva  
Motion Carried

9. International Congress Status Reports ([See attached reports](#))
  - a. XXVII International Congress – Athens (2008) - G Kontogeorgos
  - b. XXVIII International Congress - Sao Paulo (2010) - M Franco
  - c. XXIX International Congress – Cape Town (2012) - M Hale

10. Report of Editor, *International Pathology*

[See attached report from Robin Cooke](#)

[Robin Cooke](#) - The purpose of the Bulletin is to publicize the activities of the IAP Divisions which are the heart of the IAP. The Bulletin is published four times a year and at the present I have more material than I can cover. A special thank you to the people who send me short reports and images from the conferences they have organized or attended as they help me paint a picture of the history and culture of the regions.

Over the next two years with the help of a person designated by Marcello Franco we will be reporting on the South American Divisions and the people of Brazil.

The homepage web site was originally set up at the AFIP under the auspices of Florabel Mullick and I have been looking after it. But moving forward, it is time to give it back to where it ought to be and that is with the Secretariat, which is something we will do in the next short while.

Moved - that the Education report be received – Robin Cooke

Seconded - Fred Silva  
Motion Carried

11. Report of the Gold Medal Nominating Committee of the IAP for approval

- a. The Committee consists of Chair Antonio Llombart-Bosch, Cecilia Fenoglio-Preiser and David F. Hardwick.
- b. Antonio Llombart-Bosch announced - By order of the International Council of the International Academy of Pathology for 2006: "Awarded for outstanding contribution to the International Academy of Pathology in Education and Research".

Recommended for a Gold Medal;  
• Konrad Muller (Australasia)

- Jo Ann Johnson (USACAP – special award, Knowledge Hub for Pathology portal)

Recommended for a Certificate of Merit;

- George Clay (Knowledge Hub for Pathology Webmaster since 1990)

Moved – that the recommendations be accepted – David Hardwick

Seconded – Jack Strong

Carried

## 12. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee consisted of Francis Jaubert, Chair and Shinichiro Ushigome with special advisor Anna Kadar.

Francis Jaubert reported to Council the nomination of Kristin Henry for President Elect. Others whose terms were up were re-appointed by the International Council.

President Muller proposed that Council support the report of the nominating Committee with Kristin Henry for President-Elect and then called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Moved that nominations be closed - Jack Strong

Seconded - Fred Silva

Motion carried

The recommended Nominations:

- President-Elect - Kristin Henry  
Existing Vice Presidents
- Vice Presidents for Africa - Martin Hale, Jean-Marie Dangou
- Vice Presidents for Asia - Samir Amr, H.K. Ng, Anita Borges, Robert Osamura
- Vice Presidents for Australasia - Robert Eckstein
- Vice Presidents for Europe - Gunter Kloeppel, Jahn Nesland, \*Kristin Henry, George Kontogeogos
- Vice Presidents for North America - Sylvia Asa, Harvey Goldman, Fred Silva
- Vice Presidents for South America - Eduardo Santini-Araujo, Marcello Franco

NOTE: Kristin Henry was recommended for re-appointment but having been approved by Council as President-Elect, steps down as VP as of Dec 1, 2008, thus requiring consideration for an interim appointee for VP Europe in Boston, March 2009.

## 13. New Business

No new business

## 14. Adjourn

Moved that the meeting be adjourned – David Hardwick

Seconded – Konrad Muller

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:09