



## Protocol Teleconference in lieu of Board meeting

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 15:00 European Time Zone

**Attending:** Prof. Giovanna Baggio (GB), Prof. Marek Glezerman (MG), Prof. Alexandra Kautzky – Willer (AKW), Prof. Maria Grazia Modena (MGM), Prof. Virginia Miller (VM); Prof. Karin Schenck-Gustafsson (KSG), Prof. Vera Regitz-Zagrosek (VRZ).

**Not attending :** Prof. Marianne J Legato (MJL)

### **1. Resignation of board member Prof. Jeanette Strametz-Juranek and filling of vacancy**

1.1. The board expresses its gratitude to Prof. Jeannette Strametz - Juranek for her longstanding important contributions to Gender Medicine in General and to IGM in particular. According to Bylaws Article 2.9. the vacancy is now filled by Prof. Alexandra Kautzky - Willer. The board welcomes AKW as regular board member and wishes her much success as the new president of the Austrian Society

### **2. Report on Japanese Society**

2.1. MG reports on his visit at Tohoku University and Tokyo Medical and Dental University in May 22013. The past president (Prof. Amano) and the current president (Prof. Shimokawa) of the Japanese Society for Gender-Specific Medicine have expressed their firm intentions to join IGM pending approval of their board. The Japanese society has currently about 300 active members.

### **3. Brief report of member societies related to their respective groups.**

3.1. AKW reports about the Austrian society. Currently appr. 100 members. The society has a new board and AK will send the actual member roster within the next few weeks.

3.2. KSG reports about the Swedish society which is in its consolidation phase. KSG will send shortly an actual membership roster.

3.3. VRZ reports about the German Society. Current membership around 70-70. VRZ will send shortly an actual membership roster.

3.4. MGM reports about the Italian Society : The Italian Women Health Studies Institute "Tailored Health for Women", which is in its consolidation phase. MGM will send shortly an actual membership roster. MGM also reported about her meeting with Dr. Lee, president of the Singapore society for GM. MGM will provide more info in order to enable connection.



- 3.5. GB reports about the Italian Society: "The National Research Center for Gender Health and Medicine". Currently 134 members. GB will send shortly an actual membership roster.
- 3.6. MG reports about the Israel society: Currently appr. 200 members
- 3.7. VM reports about OSSD (which is not a member society of IGM but will work in close cooperation)

#### **4. Adjustment of membership fees**

- 4.1. The board decides to reduce membership fees for member societies as follows: Up to 200 members: 3 Euro per member. From member 201 and onwards: 1 Euro per member. This change is necessary because the number of voting delegates per society is restricted to eight, each representing 25 society members. Thus, any society with more than 200 members will not be presented by more than 8 delegates.
- 4.2. **All members and member societies are urgently requested to transfer their membership fees for 2013.**

#### **5. Venue of next joint IGM OSSD meeting. Options: Tel Aviv, Berlin**

- 5.1. It has been resolved that the 2014 joint IGM – OSSD meeting will be held in Tel Aviv in September 2014 and will be organized by the Israel Society.
- 5.2. Exact dates and details will be published shortly.
- 5.3. VRZ is currently establishing the very important EUGENMED program. She will try to have a concurrent kick-off meeting during the IGM-OSSD congress. This will be very helpful to the defray some of costs for the congress.
- 5.4. Due to expected severe budget constrains all member societies have been urged to help raise financial support.
- 5.5. VM reports that the OSSD board will attend the congress at the own expense. KSG has made a similar statement.
- 5.6. All participants at the phone conference have expressed their understanding for the necessity to use own funds for travel. The congress budget will be calculated on the premise that invited speakers will pay their own travel expenses but will not pay registration fees. Three days of accommodation and meals will be covered by the congress.



## **6. Options for the 2015 meeting: Berlin?**

6.1. VRZ will relate to this option

## **7. Next elections and establishment of nomination and auditing committees**

7.1. At the 2014 meeting, new elections will take place. The current board has been elected for its first term according to the new bylaws in 2012 and is therefore eligible for re-election.

7.2. All members are asked to propose names for membership in the nomination board (regular members of national societies or individual members who do not stand for election).

7.3. Board members are asked to propose names for the auditing committee

## **8. OSSD meeting April 2013, possible IGM participation**

8.1. VM indicated that a parallel IGM symposium would be welcome. Board members are asked to propose suggestions.

## **9. Various**

9.1. No other issues raised

Notes taken: Marek Glezerman