

## **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC HAEMOGENETICS**

### **Protocol 1997/1**

of the Meeting of the Board in Oslo, Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, on July 4 and 5, 1997

Participants:           B. Olaisen (President)  
                              W. Bär  
                              P. Lincoln  
                              A. Carracedo  
                              W.R. Mayr

Protocol by W.R. Mayr

### **TOP 1**

Adoption of the Protocol 1996/2 (Meeting of the Board in Zürich, Nov. 2, 1996)

The protocol is adopted.

### **TOP 2**

Business of the Members of the Board

#### *B. Olaisen*

B. Olaisen reports of a suggestion by Francesco de Stefano / Gianni Romeo to create/organise a „School for Forensic Haemogenetics“ (supported by the Human Genetics Foundation and the City Council of Sestri Levante) with the European School of Human Genetics in Sestri Levante (organised by Victor McKusick and Gianni Romeo) as a model. The Board of the ISFH finds this idea very interesting and would be glad to encourage its exploration. The Board would like to be more informed - if possible during the Oslo Conference.  
See also TOP 5

*W. Bär*

See TOP 6

*W.R. Mayr*

Several new members are admitted: Leonor GUSMAO (Porto), Maria PRATA (Porto), Joao MACHADO CRUZ (Porto), Ingolf BÖHM (München), Burkhardt ROLF (Münster), Milovan KUBAT (Zagreb), David H. YAWN (Houston), Daniel ROMERO MUNOZ (Sao Paolo) and Sergio BIDLOVSKY (Sao Paolo).

The DNA Recommendation 1997 will be published in VOX SANGUINIS; as authors, all people collaborating in the writing (including S. Rand) will be mentioned with B. Olaisen as first author.

*P. Lincoln*

P. Lincoln reports that the DNA Recommendations will be published very soon in Forensic Science International and in the International Journal of Legal Medicine.

The relations between the ENFSI and EDNAP which are not clear at all are mentioned. Financial situation of the ISFH: see TOP 4.

*A. Carracedo*

The homepage of the ISFH has been put into the Internet. Some Working Parties already passed informations regarding their activities to the homepage; A. Carracedo will try to get such data from all Working Parties.

### **TOP 3**

General Assembly in Oslo

The election Committee will consist of N. Morling and S. Rand.

For the elections, the Board will nominate the following individuals: B. Olaisen / President, W.R. Mayr / Secretary and A. Carracedo / Representative for all Working Parties; two Auditors of the Account (and their substitutes) will be selected at the next Board Meeting in Oslo.

With respect to the lack of changes in the Board, the members of the ISFH should be informed that at the next General Assembly two new Board members will be elected: a new President and a new Treasurer (as P. Lincoln will resign in 1999; a candidate for this position is S. Rand).

Membership fees: see TOP 4.

Honorary Membership: the Board will propose R. Walker. The diploma for Sir Alec Jeffreys will be handed out to him before his lecture in a plenary session of the Oslo meeting.

**TOP 4**

## Financial Situation of the ISFH

P. Lincoln reports that the ISFH possesses the following amounts of money:

Fixed sum account (Prize account)	16.150,44 DM
Bank account	12.240,96 DM and
Fixed sum account	54.759,98 DM.

The total sum is 83.151,38 DM.

Due to the fact that the printing of the Proceedings of the Oslo Congress by Springer costs approximately 100.000,- DM, it is clear that some action must be taken.

After a long discussion, the Board decides that the Proceedings of the Oslo Congress will not be given free of charge to the members of the ISFH and to the people attending the meeting.

B. Olaisen will discuss with Springer the price of the book if 300 or 500 copies are only printed; according to these figures, the price for the Proceedings will be fixed - hopefully to 75,- DM for the participants of the Congress and 100,- DM for people not attending the meeting. Furthermore, B. Olaisen will inquire whether or not the Advances in Forensic Haemogenetics are already included in CURRENT CONTENTS or in another citation index; if not, the printing of the Proceedings by another publisher can be discussed.

In the General Assembly, the members should decide whether this form of financing the Proceedings will be also used in the future or whether an increase in the membership fee (to 90,- DM / year) is acceptable (in the latter case, the Proceedings will be free of charge).

**TOP 5**

## 17th International Congress in Oslo

The programme of the Congress has been fixed.

**TOP 6**

## Scientific Prize

W. Bär proposes some candidates: young scientist of the group of B. Brinkmann or A. Carracedo (sequencing, new STRs) or L. Röwer (Y chromosome).

After long discussions, two candidates remain: A. Sanjantilla and A. Urquhart. As candidates can be nominated until July 31, 1997 and as the prize should be awarded this year, a final decision will be made in the next meeting of the Board in Oslo.

**TOP 7**

Date and Place of the 18th Congress of the ISFH

G. Sensabaugh proposes to have the Congress 1999 in California (San Francisco); it could be organised a few days before the Congress of the International Association of Forensic Sciences in Los Angeles. P. Lincoln will check whether or not G. Sensabaugh accepts some other people who could help him in this respect.

The potential proposal by P. Debenham to organise the meeting in England will not be supported by the Board.

**TOP 8**

Varia

No items

**TOP 9**

Date, Place and Topics of the Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place in Oslo on September 2 at 20.00 (Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel). Topics: Conference in Oslo, Scientific Prize, Auditors of the Account, ...

W.R. Mayr

Wien, July 14, 1997 (this version includes comments by B. Olaisen and P. Lincoln)