

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FORENSIC GENETICS – ISFH

Protocol 2002/2

of the Meeting of the Board in the Institut fuer Rechtsmedizin, Mainz / Germany, on June 5, 2002 at 10.00

Participants: Angel CARRACEDO (AC)
 Niels MORLING (NM)
 Peter SCHNEIDER (PS)
 Christian DOUTREMEPUICH (CD) arriving at 11.00
 Wolfgang MAYR (WM)

Excused: Bjoernar OLAISEN (BO)

Protocol by WM

TOP 1

Adoption of the Protocol 2002/1 (Meeting of the Board in Zuerich (Institut fuer Rechtsmedizin) on January 25, 2001)

The protocol is adopted

TOP 2

Business of the Members of the Board

President

AC reports that the ISFG is a healthy society which, however, needs some promotion, especially in regions in which there are few members (eg South-East Asia, East Asia, Australia, New Sealand, ...).

During his visits of scientific meetings in these regions, he will try to promote the membership to the ISFG. This activity will be seconded by PS who will visit Australia during the autumn 2002. Furthermore, AC informs the Board that the ISFG has been approached in order to get a certificate on the proficiency of a commercial laboratory; as certificates concerning this topic cannot be given by the ISFG, AC refused to issue such a letter

Secretary

Several new members are admitted:

DRABEK Jiri, Olomouc / Czech Republic

ATMETLLA-SALAZAR Ivannia, San Jose / Costa Rica

BAYO Joan, Barcelona / Spain

BERNHARDT Frank, Giessen / Germany

GIRALDO ALVAREZ Maria-Pilar, Barcelona / Spain

GRIMMECKE Hans-Dieter, Dresden / Germany

POPA Mirela, Bucharest / Romania

RIANCHO Jose, Santander / Spain

TORRES ROYO Jose-Luis, Barcelona / Spain

COSIALLS Victor, Barcelona / Spain

GIUGLIANI Roberto, Porto Alegre / Brazil

ERLAB DFS SA, Val de Reuil / France (1st Corporate Member)

The Newsletter 01/2002 generated many responses of members who prefer to get a printed version of the newsletter, as they may have no access to the web.

Representative for all Working Parties

PS gives a short report. Many details can be found in our website.

Furthermore, he states that the guidelines for paternity testing as well as a commentary from the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Sachverstaendigen fuer Abstammungsgutachten have been published in Germany.

TOP 3

Company Membership

WM reports that the letter inviting companies to join the ISFG as Corporate Members yielded only one positive response; the Members of the Board should contact managers etc... of the relevant companies in order to attract more Corporate Members.

TOP 4

ISFG Website

PS demonstrates the actual state of this impressive website The "discussion forum" has been installed in the "members only" area but has not been used for the moment by the ISFG members..

TOP 5

Conference 2003 in Arcachon

CD presents the Preliminary Programme of the Conference. A Local Organizing Committee is established and the main topics as well as the invited speakers are discussed. AC will contact the invited speakers

(Baur, Sivanen, Richards, Charlesworth, Cavalli-Sforza, Prinz); all details of their trip and stay in Arcachon will be handled by CD.

On Sept. 9, 2003, a Workshop on "Practical Problems of DNA Typing" will be organized (chair: Jensen, Rijswijk / The Netherlands).

Due to the fact that the Proceedings of the Conference in Muenster will be released very tardily (more than one year after the meeting), the Board should try to speed up the publication of the Proceedings of 2003.

TOP 6

Recommendations for Paternity Testing

The report of the PTC (Paternity Testing Commission) is finalized and will be published in several journals (e.g. FSI, Int J Legal Med, ...).

TOP 7

Varia

No subjects.

TOP 8

Date, Place and Topics of the Next Meeting of the Board

The next Board meeting will take place in Mainz (Institut fuer Rechtsmedizin) on November 20, 2002 at 10.00.

Main topic: Congress 2003 in Arcachon

W.R. Mayr

June 7, 2002