



General assembly of the International Growth Hormone Research Society October 4th 2010, New York, USA

Present council plus approximately 35 members.

President's report.

Christian Strasburger, the new president of the society welcomed all and expressed his gratitude for the hard work performed by the local organized committee in preparation for this successful 5th combined GRS IGF-1 meeting in New York. The president further reported that the next two meetings will also be joint meetings, Munich 2012 and Singapore 2014. The president also reported that the upcoming future workshops will be on Prader Willi syndrome in 2011, on IGF-1 deficiency and a revised consensus document on the diagnosis on growth hormone deficiency in childhood.

The president also reported that the society have 6 honorary members and those are in order of their appointments: Raymond Hintz, Zvi Laron, Hans Ørskov, Peter Sönksen, Minoru Irie and Pierre.C.Sizonenko.

The president also mentioned the important influence of Ken KY Ho the former president of the Society who was one of the founders of GRS and one of the masterminds behind the successful consensus workshop formats. The president handed over a gift from the society for appreciation of his services and individual importance for the success of the society. Professor Ho thanked the society for longstanding collaboration and wished a bright future for the society. The President's report was unanimously accepted by the membership.

Secretary's report

The secretary reported that the society has approximately 200 individual scientists as members. In addition the society has seven supporting members in alphabetical order: Eli Lilly, Ipsen, LG Life Science, MerckSerono, Novartis, NovoNordisk and Pfizer. The secretary thanked the supporting members for their continued interest in the society and their support.

The finances of the society are in good shape, allowing for continuation of workshops and consensus meetings. A professional accountant has ordered the financial books of the society. In addition the honorary audits Bengt-Åke Bengtsson and Steven Shalet had ordered the books and found everything to be in order. The Secretary's report was unanimously accepted by the membership.

Elections

Christian Strasburger, the president of the GRS informed the general assembly that he will retire at the end of the New York meeting in 2010 to take up the position as immediate past president. The new president of the society would be Jens Christiansen. As new president

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elect council has nominated John Kopchick. This new nomination was applauded by the society.

The honorary audits of the society are elected for additional two years. Also the election committee headed by David Clemmons will also continue for additional two years.

Nelly Mauras has informed the council that she wishes to retire from council after serving the society for 4 years. The president thanked her for her support and services to the society.

Beverly MK Biller has been on council for 4 years and did run for re-election against Stuart Frank. She was elected by the membership for additional 4 years on council.

New members instead of Ken Ho, Nelly Mauras and John Kopchick were elected. The nomination committee had nominated Philip Chanson and Richard Ross for election to council. Richard Ross was elected after a ballot was carried out among the membership for council for a 4-year period.

The nomination committee had nominated Mike Waters and Peter Lobie for election to council. A ballot was carried out among the membership and doctor Waters was elected for council for a 4-year period.

The nomination committee had nominated Sally Camper and Sally Radovic for election to council. Dr Radovic was elected for council for a 4-year period.

The president of the society thanked the election committee, all the colleagues that were running for election to council and welcomed the newly elected councilmember to the GRS council.

Editor-in-Chief of GH&IGF Research report

Editor in chief Jens Sandahl Christiansen reported that the number of manuscripts receiving the editorial offices is still increasing. The editors are looking in to the possibility of easier on line access than is available at present.

Other matters

On behalf of the Society the president Christian Strasburger once again thanked the organizers of the New York meeting in particular dr Derek LeRoith and the program organising committee for their hard work and excellent output.

The president also informed the membership that informal discussions are being taken with other societies of future collaborations. He welcomed all members to attend the next meeting in Munich 2012.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

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