

MINUTES OF ICS (UK) AGM

SCOTTISH EXHIBITION & Conference Centre,
GLASGOW

Friday 1ST April 2005

Apologies:

Linda Cardozo and Tony Smith

Minutes of the AGM held in Bournemouth April 2004 were approved without amendment.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report showed that the membership number had increased dramatically to 704 with 449 paid up members.

Treasurer's Report:

This showed a very healthy balance of **£42, 688.71p**

Matters Arising:

1. Use of ICS (UK) Funds:

Doug Tincello presented the findings of the Study Group set up to look at this matter.

The two areas the Group came up with were:

- a) Small grant for research projects.
- b) Small bursaries for low paid delegates

Much useful discussion took place as to how to move this forward and the outcome of these deliberations were:

- a) An informal group of names of people who will help with grant applications would be set up and this information be available on the ICS (UK) website.
- b) A Committee will be set up who will assess research grants and make a decision on funding. Stephen Radley will be asked to Chair this Group as he has experience of assessing small grants currently. The Group would also include the past Chairman (in this case Dr I Ramsay), the current Chairman, (Dr R Webb) and the next Chairman, (Dr P Tooze-Hobson), along with one person with a nursing background and one from a physiotherapy background. Ms Susie Capan in Norfolk and Ms Julie Lang in Glasgow have been asked to serve on this for the first two years.
- c) The Finance Group under the Chairmanship of Doug Tincello will continue to run and assess the bursary requests.

It is anticipated that membership of the latter two Groups will rotate on a two yearly basis.

2. Overseas Papers:

There were only two applications this year from overseas and the agreement was that we would continue to monitor the situation on an on-going basis.

3. Name and Logo of the Society:

Dr Ramsay explained to the Membership why he felt that changing the name of the society was required. This was primarily to distinguish us from the International Continence Society as problems were occurring on several fronts; many people think that they are the same Society and that they are members of both. A lot of ICS business is being fielded at the ICS (UK) Secretariat increasing workload substantially, and lastly, it was felt that we needed to clearly distinguish ourselves from ICS in terms of charity status, V.A.T. status etc.

After discussion the Membership agreed that the name of the Society should be changed and the agreed name was UKCS (United Kingdom Continence Society). The existing name will continue to run for the next year, but the name will change leading up to the 14th Annual Meeting at Birmingham. The website will be changed, and indeed has since been changed, to www.ukcs.uk.net but there will continue to be an auto redirect from the old website to the new website until our subscription for the former runs out.

It was agreed that a new logo was appropriate and the Membership will be asked both by letter and on the website to submit a logo and the most appropriate selected by an independent panel, of one, will be chosen!

Web Site report:

Doug Small suggested increasing the usage of the website for names of the above committees etc and he will continue to run this enthusiastically.

ICS (UK) 2006:

Mr Ralph Webb gave us a very entertaining and interesting glimpse of Norwich and the plans for next year's meeting, which he cordially invited the membership to attend from Wednesday 19th April – Friday 21st April 2006

ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

Dr Philip Tooze-Hobson, the Chairman of the 14th Annual meeting in 2007 asked from the membership about what type of meeting they wanted in terms of cost, conference venue and gave us the options. After discussion he is going to go for the International Conference Centre but still aim to keep the registration as low as possible if funding allows.

That was all the business.



IAN RAMSAY
HONORARY SECRETARY/TREASURER