

SOCIETY NEWS

OBITUARY

Professor dr. Poul Stoksted

Poul Stoksted was born on May 7, 1916 in Jutland, Denmark as the son of a landowner. He became a doctor in 1942 and specialist in otorhinolaryngology in 1952.

His interest in rhinology was present from the beginning, and his thesis was about The Nasal Cycle investigated with rhinomanometry, which became a basic study and was an important contribution to the nasal physiology. His scientific career went on with one-year stay at the Washington University in St. Louis. He became assistant professor at the ENT-department of the University Hospital of Odense, and later the Head of the department and professor from 1967 to his retirement.

He was an inspirator and a pioneer of the rhinologic work in Denmark. He was always trying and developing new methods. His engagement in rhinology at the international level made him one of the founders of the Rhinologic Society in 1963. He organised the European Rhinologic Society Congress in 1974. He was the co-founder of the Danish Rhinologic Society in 1984. His main force was on the operative work on functional and aesthetic rhinoplasty. As a natural consequence of his interest in rhinology he visited professor William Saunders in Columbus Ohio and adopted his technique in dermatoplastic treatment of epistaxis in hereditary telangiectasia. As the first in Denmark he carried out this operation with great success and patients were admitted to his clinic from various parts of the country. He was a man of not many words, he had subtle sense of humour and it was clear to see that his interest was concentrated around the nose and he was a perfectionist concerning it. After his retirement from the professional work he continued being an active and interested member on the development of the Danish Rhinologic Society.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY,

Barcelona, Spain, June 29, 2000

1. Opening

The new President (JM Fabra Llopis) opens the meeting. From now on H. Stammberger is immediate past president and G. Rettinger is President Elect for the next meeting in 2002, Ulm, Germany. With 989 participants and 49 accompanying persons the XVIIIth ERS Congress and XIXth ISIAN was a scientific and social success. 586 abstracts presentations were given by scientists from 57 countries.

2. Report of the secretary

Changes in composition of the Board

- Regional Representative Israel: E. Greenberg
- P. Ilum withdraws and proposes H. Arndal
- McKay withdraws and proposes V. Lund
- C.D.A. Verwoerd withdraws and proposes W.J. Fokkens
- A. Ånggård withdraws and proposes M. Holmström
- Hungary has more than 10 members which means they can assign a regional representative. A. Hirschberg is proposed.
- Poland reached the number of 10 members and therefore A. Krzeski is present as a regional representative.

There was no objection by the General Assembly against the above mentioned changes in board, neither against the installation of new delegates. Therefore all appointments are accepted.

The number of members is at present is 663.
(1996: 667; 1997: 541; 1998: 611)

ERS-prize

There were 4 candidates for the Clinical research prize. There were 2 presentations who scored ex aequo. The jury which consists of members of the Executive Committee decided to award the Basic Science ERS Prize to one of the winners:

- *Clinical Research*: T. Keck, R. Leiacker, A. Heinrich, S. Kühnemann, G. Rettinger. Humidity and temperature profile in the nasal cavity.
- *Basic Science*: W.M. Boek, K. Graamans, H. Natzijl, P.P. van Rijk, E.H. Huizing. Nasal mucociliary transport: new evidence for a key role of ciliary beat frequency.

Both prizes were awarded during the opening ceremony.

Fellowships

Due to our difficult financial situation fellowships were not stimulated in the past two years. Normally for the courses in Ulm, Utrecht, Graz and London a fellowship is awarded. However, the following fellowships were assigned:

Graz 1999: Ingrid Vickova (Czech Republic)

London 1998: Diana Bota (Romania)

Utrecht 1998: D.B. Rancic (Belgrado)

In the forthcoming years again 4 fellowships will be awarded to young rhinologists from Eastern Europe.

Courses under Auspices

Besides the courses with ERS-fellowships, several courses were organized under auspices of ERS:

- Second Croatian International Rhinosurgical Autumn School (CIRAS), Zagreb, 22-25 september 1998 (R. Mladina)
- 1st Croatian International Symposium on Computer Assisted Surgery and Telesurgery, 1999, Zagreb, Croatia
- International Multidisciplinary Symposium, 24-26 September 1999, Bologna, Italy (R. La Rosa, P. Palma, G. Sulsenti)
- 1st Seminar on Nasal and Paranasal Sinus Diseases, 15-16 January 2000, Athens, Greece (Hellenic Rhinologic Society)
- First International Course on Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery of the Nose and Face (Around the Nose), 10-12 May 2000, Nijmegen, the Netherlands (K. Ingels)
- Cours de Rhinologie de Nancy, 21-23 April 1999, Nancy, France (R. Jankowski)

3. Report of the Treasurer

3/07/1998:			57.684 NLG
Add Receipts	- Rhinology:	18.147	
	- Vienna ERS conference:	24.022,49	
	- Interest:	892,41	
	Total	43.061,9	+ 43.061,9
Less (payments)		-	13.324,05
Bank Balance as per statement June 2000			87.422,59 NLG

The former president H. Stammberger donated 10.900 ECU, because of a positive financial result of the Congress in Vienna. The Board Meeting was grateful for this gesture which is hopefully an example for future congress organizers.

Due to a better financial balance, the membership fee for ERS is only increased by 2 ECU, from 78 to 80 ECU, of which (66+4=) 70 ECU is the contribution for the journal Rhinology.

4. Report of the Editor in Chief of Rhinology

Mrs. Valerie Lund is appointed as the Associate Editor in Chief of the journal. The number of board members is substantially increased and the articles are proposed to more reviewers. The number of split runs (issues offered by pharmaceutical industry) is also increasing. In general 75 papers are submitted yearly to the journal, of which approximately 50% is rejected. Everybody is convinced of the importance of citation in Current Contents, but for some unclear reasons several attempts to get the journal a citation were unsuccessful. Valerie Lund will be trying again.

Due to a healthy financial situation (donation Copenhagen 1994) the number of pages in an issue was increased and used for high quality articles.

5. Future meetings

After 2004 in Turkey the organization for 2006 should be done by one of the north European countries. Finland was the only applicant. In the ERS Board meeting the organization of ERS 2006 was appointed to Finland with general agreement. This proposal is accepted by the General Assembly.

6. Website and Year Book

Because of a lack of interest in advertising on our website, it has not been updated for the last year. However, the importance of a modern website is out of discussion. The meeting agrees that it is even more important than investing money and energy in a year book. The information of a year book can better be published on the internet. According to the treasurer there are funds available to stimulate the ERS home page.

7. Any other business

The XXth ISIAN congress is presented by V. Kozlov. This will take place in combination with the 4th congress of the Russian Rhinologic Society in Yaroslav, Russia, June 4 - 7, 2001. All members of ERS are cordially invited to this interesting event and city with fascinating surroundings.

K. Ingels
Secretary ERS

JURY REPORT ERS 2000 PRIZES

There were 4 candidates for the clinical research prize and no candidates for the basic research prize. Therefore the jury decided unanimously in a beautiful European compromise to award one of the winners the basic research prize, and the other the clinical ERS prize. The jury, which consists of the Executive Committee of our society, thought it is extremely important to encourage young researchers to be active in the field of clinical research, as well as in the basic research. After all, there would be no clinical expertise without basic research.

The ERS 2000 Basic Research Prize is awarded to Wilbert Boek from the department of Otorhinolaryngology of the University Hospital Utrecht. His paper titled: "Nasal mucociliary transport: new evidence for a key role of ciliary beat frequency" was appreciated by the jury for its originality, scientific quality, validity of methods and presentation. In this study the effect of xylometazoline (0,1%) and saline water as cilio-inhibiting compounds, and salbutamol (0,1%) as cilio-enhancers was measured on the mucociliary transport of the human nose in vivo. The measurements were carried out with an original method which consists of a technetium-99m nebulizing scintigraphic method. This study demonstrated a significant similarity in the effects of saline water and salbutamol on CBF in vitro and on MCT in vivo. Xylometazoline brings about drastic changes in the nasal cavity, both anatomically and physiologically. The evidence of their experiments suggested that CBF is a determining factor in the MCT rate in the nose.

The first prize in the category ERS 2000 Clinical Research is won by Tilman Keck from the department of Otorhinolaryngology, University of Ulm, Germany, with the manuscript "Humidity and temperature profile in the nasal cavity". The aim of their study was to measure relative humidity and temperature in the air stream at different sites within the nasal cavity. The end-inspiratory temperature and humidity data were determined with a miniaturised thermocouple and a capacitive humidity sensor. A high increase of humidity and temperature at the end of inspiration, in relation to the environmental conditions, was found in the anterior nasal segment. The further increase of both parameters between turbinate area and nasopharynx was less pronounced in spite of the longer distance. Their conclusion was that the anterior part of the nasal cavity contributes within a short nasal passage to air conditioning of inspired air. The jury rewarded this study for the clinical relevance of the impact surgery in the anterior part of the nose has on physiology concerning temperature and humidity of air stream.

Both prizes were handed over during the opening ceremony of the XVIIIth Congress of the European Rhinologic Society in Barcelona, Spain, June 25th, 2000.