

Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Rhinologic Society

Istanbul, June 2004

During the General Assembly the new statutes were approved. The former statutes of 1986 had to be amended and the Society officially registered. Since the ERS was founded in The Netherlands the Dutch chamber of Commerce was selected for registration. The ERS is now a society under the Dutch law. This legal status is necessary for a non-profit-organization and to be recognised by other official organs, e.g. European institutions.

What are the most important changes and innovations?

- Besides the statutes, that describe the fundamental laws of the Society, by-laws now exist which will govern details of daily business. These by-laws describe in greater detail how the statutes are to be executed.
- To provide continuity, the position of a Secretary General has been established.
- Besides regular members, the Society now has junior and senior members. Junior members will pay **no** membership fee and will have free access to the online version of the journal "Rhinology".
- The Advisory Board will now have official status with defined roles. It will include not only official Delegates, but also Regional Representatives and Associate Delegates.

In Istanbul ten Delegates retired from the Advisory Board, as well as the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Society is most grateful for their contributions and support over so many years. More details can be seen from the minutes of the General Assembly, which also appear in this issue. The ERS also appreciates the help of the editors of Rhinology in disseminating printed information to the members. Further information on statutes, by-laws, membership, fellowships, prizes etc. is available via the newly designed website:

www.europeanrhinologicsociety.org

All ERS-members are encouraged to play an active role within the Society and the Secretary General is happy to receive any comments, improvements and new ideas that are of benefit for the Society.

Kind regards

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