



## Minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly of ERS dated June 14, 2006 in Tampere, Finland

Present: 40 society-members are present. According to the statutes (12.2) the General Assembly has a quorum.

**1. Opening:** by the President. He thanks the Congress President for an excellent organised congress.

**2. Minutes Istanbul 2004:** The minutes were published in Rhinology 43, 74-76, 2005. They were accepted without discussion.

### 3. Report of the Congress President

The Congress President thanks all for coming to Tampere. The congress has been very successful with about 800 delegates from 62 countries, the weather excellent and a good atmosphere.

### 4. Report of the Secretary General

The European Rhinologic Society is planning to join the Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases (GARD), a WHO initiative. The expenses must be verified.

ERS is founding member of the newly established European Academy of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (EA ORL/HNS). This academy has relations to the European Federation of Otolaryngologic Societies (EUFOS) and represents the subspecialties and other institutions. The goal is to offer affordable courses for residents and to harmonize the training in Europe.

Members ERS:

After a slight decrease in 2003 the members increased to 686 in 2006. This number includes the Junior members. The Secretary General advises the delegates to look for young people and encourage them to become a junior member.

The membership number is gradually increasing:

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
611	499	657	610	594	515	538	464	625	660	686

### 5. Report of the Treasurer

The treasurer describes the comfortable and healthy financial position (see table below) and encourages investing in more fellowships.

	2004-2006	2002-2004	2000-2002	1998-2000
Interest rate	1.383,74	2.789,84	1.679,06	405,60
Contribution ERS-congress	24.980,-	20.000,-	10.005,-	10.919,13
Rhinology-ERS membership	12.739,-	9.972,-	8.896,20	8.248,63
<u>Total income</u>	39.102,74	32.761,84	20.580,26	19.573,36

#### Expenditure

ERS-prize(s)	3.600,-	1.500,-	2003,37	
ERS-fellowships	16.383,61	6.182,13	5.935,35	3.679,24
Registration to the Dutch Chambers of Commerce	31,96			
Bank dues	456,03	201,99	166,31	92,01
Secretarial articles	423,50	568,68		347,95
ERS-website / LOGO	264,07	10.044,08		1.388,63
Secretarial assistance	600,-	600,-		
Advocate and notary	1.172,15			

ERS subscription to IRS	1.518,07	923,77	2.092,-	548,28
ERS-Statutes		17.999,02		
ERS-Rhinology subscription fee East Europe		1.280,-	480,05	
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>24.449,39</b>	<b>39.299,67</b>	<b>10.677,08</b>	<b>6.056,11</b>
Bank reconciliation	<b>52.346,76</b>	42.645,22	49.670,64	39.737,54

## 6. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Rhinology

In 2004 a submission of 159 papers to the journal was made of which 40% was accepted. In 2005 130 papers were submitted of which 20% was accepted for publication. We published 2 Supplements in 2005. The impact factor has decreased from 0.794 in 2004 to 0.621 in 2005. The website has been expanded and as per January 2007, the online submission and management of new articles will be operable. The journal has a strong financial position mainly due to split runs (Netherlands, Sweden, Japan and Eastern Europe). Therefore, Rhinology offered 1 Congress fellowship in 2006 (to attend the ERS congress) of €1.500, which was advertised in the Journal. The journal pays for 6 issues of Rhinology for Regional Representatives from East-European Countries.

## 7. Election new delegates

According to the old Statutes, delegates have to be replaced after accomplishing their office of 10 years.

Name	Country	since
R. Mladina	Croatia	1994
S. Steinsvag	Norway	1996
M. Pais Clemente	Portugal	1996
M. Önerci	Turkey	1996

ERS is deeply grateful for the efforts of the retiring delegates and wishes them all the best for their future work.

The Advisory Board proposes for nomination to the General Assembly:

Country	Candidate
Croatia	Tomislav Baudoin (Zagreb)
Norway	Arild Danielsen (Oslo)
Portugal	Antonios Sousa Vieira (Porto)
Turkey	Oguz Ögretmenoglu (Ankara)

The proposed delegates are accepted without objection.

For an official delegate a country needs more than 10 paying members.

For a regional representative a country needs less than 10 paying members

An associate delegate can be appointed for non-European countries

## 8. Courses under ERS-auspices, research prizes and fellowships

### 8.1 Courses

The Society has 4 official courses for which she awards fellowships for colleagues from Eastern Europe:

- International Course in Functional Corrective Nasal Surgery, Utrecht, the Netherlands
- An Endoscopic Approach to Rhinosinusitis, London, United Kingdom
- International Course on FESS (Basic and Advanced Techniques), Graz, Austria
- International Course in Functional-Aesthetic Nasal Surgery, Ulm, Germany

### 8.2 Courses under auspices of ERS

In the past 2 years the following courses have been organised under the auspices of the Society (besides the official ERS courses):

- International Course on Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery of the Nose and Face "Around the Nose" Nijmegen, The Netherlands. May 31- June 2, 2006  
K. Ingels and E.A.M. Mylanus
- Hands on Course in Endonasal Sinus and Skull Base Surgery Zürich, Switzerland. September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Dr. Daniel

Simmen, Dr. Hans Rudolf Briner

- Hands on Course in Rhinoplasty and Facial Plastic Surgery Zürich, Switzerland. September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. Dr. Daniel Simmen, Dr. Hans Rudolf Briner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the Hellenic Rhinologic Society, in cooperation with the Union of Hellenic ORL and the ORL Clinic of Athens Gen. Army Hospital Athens, Greece. February 25 - 26, 2006. A. Papavasiliou
- 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Diagnosis and Treatment of Head and Neck Skin Cancer, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. March 23 - 24, 2006. A.J. Balm, M.W.M. van den Brekel, P.J.M. Lohuis
- International Spring Course on Functional and Aesthetic Surgery of the Nose, Castel San Pietro Terme, Italy. May 8 - 10, 2006. I. Tasca
- Endonasal Sinus and Skull Base Surgery Course, Bern, Switzerland, September 14 - 16, 2006. September 14 - 16, 2006. M. Caversaccio
- Croatia-Italian Rhinosurgical Advanced School (CIRAS), Zagreb, Croatia September 15-16, 2006. September 15-16, 2006. R. Mladina, P. Castelnuovo

Because this year it is the last course of the Utrecht International Course on reconstructive and aesthetic nasal surgery the next international course will be held in Ulm, Germany in March 8-10, 2007, course director Gerhard Rettinger.

### 8.3 Research Prizes

The following prizes have been awarded during the Opening Ceremony:

- ERS prize for basic research: I. Plouin-Gaudon, et al. (Geneva, Switzerland)
  - Intracellular sanctuary for Staphylococcus aureus in chronic rhinosinusitis
- ERS prize for clinical research: Ph. Gevaert et al. (Ghent, Belgium)
  - Nasal Interleukin-5 levels determine the response to anti-interleukin-5- treatment in nasal polyps

### 8.4 Fellowships

In 2005 five fellowships and in 2006 four fellowships were granted for the official courses of ERS (€1200 for registration fee and partial payment of accommodation). The fellowships were selected by the Executive Committee and the Committee for Member Services (chairman: K.Ingels, Nijmegen NL) out of 68 applications.

	Country	Year	Course
Jovancevic L.	Serbia/Montenegro	2005	London
Khvadagiani M.	Georgia	2005	Ulm
Kopaceva G.	Macedonia	2005	Milano
Miman M.	Turkey	2005	Graz
Manole F.	Romania	2005	Nijmegen
Stoyanov S.V.	Bulgaria	2006	London
Rauba D.	Lithuania	2006	Graz
Netkovski J.	Macedonia	2006	Utrecht

### 9. Future meetings

The next meeting will be held on the island of Crete in Hersonissos, Greece from June 15-19, 2008. President Antony G. Papavasiliou welcomes all to Crete. All informations on the website [www.ers2008isian.com](http://www.ers2008isian.com)

Silvain Lacroix will be president of the 2010 congress to be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

The ISIAN Board decided to have again combined congresses in 2008 and 2010.

For the year 2012 the Advisory Board voted in favour of Toulouse with Eli Serrano as congress president. There are no objections in the General Assembly. Toulouse is the fourth biggest city of France, well known for its high level of technology, fine cooking and excellent wine. More information at our next meeting.

As already agreed upon in 1988 the ERS-congress in 2014 (**50 years ERS** and the **25<sup>th</sup> ERS Congress**) will be held in Amsterdam with Wytse Fokkens as congress president. Wytse Fokkens thanks the General Assembly and hopes she will step in the footsteps of Bert Huizing, the ERS-President in 1988, when the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated in Amsterdam.

**10. Any other business**

- The office of General Secretary will go on for another two years.
- Manuel Bernal -Sprekelsen suggests inviting members of scientific societies of alternating countries to take part in the ERS-congress without participation fee. This will have to be decided by the congress presidents, depending on their structural and financial concepts.

**11. Closing remarks**

Metin Önerci closes the meeting thanking all and asking the delegates and representatives to support our next meeting in Crete.

M. Önerci  
*ERS-President 2004-2006*

G. Rettinger  
*ERS-General Secretary*