

# Protocol of the General Assembly at the ERS-Congress in Ulm

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*About 150 members were present at the General Assembly. The assembly was conducted by the members of the executive committee present: J. Fabra (President), G. Rettinger (President-elect), L. Grymer (Treasurer), E. Huizing (Chief-Editor "Rhinology").*

The agenda was as follows:

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| 1. Opening   | 6. Election of new delegates  |
| 2. Report of the Secretary                           | 7. Courses under ERS-Auspices |
| 3. Report of the Treasurer                           | 8. ERS-fellowships            |
| 4. Report of the Chief-Editor "Rhinology"            | 9. Future meetings            |
| 5. Statutes and Procedures (structure and delegates) | 10. Any other business        |

## 1. OPENING

President J. Fabra opens the Assembly and asks President-elect G. Rettinger for moderation

## 2. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Because of the absence of the secretary, G. Rettinger reports especially on the fact that the number of members of the Society is decreasing. He comments on possible reasons like sponsored split runs of the Journal in specific countries that do not include the membership. Activities to increase the number of members are necessary in the future.

## 3. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

L. Grymer reports on the positive balance that is primarily due to donations from the congresses in Vienna and Barcelona.

## 4. REPORT OF THE CHIEF-EDITOR "RHINOLOGY"

E. Huizing explains the situation of the split runs as well as future developments in relation to the "Foundation of the Journal Rhinology". As vice-Editor W. Fokkens from Rotterdam was elected and will be active in two years.

## 5. STATUTES AND PROCEDURES

G. Rettinger reports on the need to amend the statutes, especially concerning the definition of an Advisory Board as well as the election of Delegates, Secretary and Treasurer. To develop statutes, a committee will work and present the results for vote in 2004 in Istanbul. This was agreed by the General Assembly.

## 6. ELECTION OF NEW DELEGATES

As proposed by the President-elect, the election of new Delegates will be postponed until 2004.

## 7. COURSES UNDER ERS-AUSPICES

The courses that are under ERS-auspices at the moment are mentioned. There will be criteria in the future for these courses.

## 8. ERS FELLOWSHIP

For the courses mentioned above, ERS Fellowships are available.

## 9. FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting in 2004 will be in Istanbul, Turkey, President will be M. Onerci. In 2006 the meeting will be in Tampere, Finland, and the President will be M. Raiutianen. The ERS-meeting in 2008 will be in Crete, Greece, President will be Professor Papavasiliou. There were no objections from the General Assembly.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the Opening Ceremony the honorary membership of the ERS was presented to Mrs. Sybill Storz (Tuttlingen, Germany) and Professor Dr. Wolfgang Pirsig (Ulm, Germany).

Professor Dr. Gerhard Rettinger, Congress President