

Minutes for the ICGS members meeting 2005

**Held at the 1st ICGS Congress Granada Spain
June 17th at 5.30pm**

Chairman: Michael Schmid (President of the ICGS)

Secretary: Helen Tempest (University of Kent, UK)

Individuals who participated in the ICGS meeting:

Michael Schmid (MS)

Peter Pearson (PP)

Darren Griffin (DG)

Leopoldo Iannuzzi (LI)

Bhanu Chowdhary (BC)

Renee Martin (RM)

Joy Delhanty (JD)

Juan Pedro M Camacho (JC)

MS welcome address.

- MS welcomed both the members and non-members that were present at the meeting.
- MS requested that DG count the total number of individuals in attendance
- DG counted 44.
- MS requested that the number of ICGS members present at the meeting be counted by DG.
- DG counted 13.
- MS as current President of the ICGS announced that all non-members at the meeting were granted temporary membership with voting rights and made a call for new members.

Nomination of the new President of the ICGS.

- MS called for nominations for the new President of the ICGS and announced that he had received 4 nominations for Peter Pearson to take over the role through the post from ICGS members that were unable to attend the ICGS meeting in Granada. No other nominations were suggested from the members present at the ICGS meeting. MS requested DG to count the votes for PP to take on the role of President of the ICGS.
- DG counted 42-Yes votes, 2- Undecided and 0-No votes.
- MS formally asked PP if he would take on the role as President of the ICGS.
- PP agreed and would be honoured to take on the role.

Nomination of the new Vice President of the ICGS.

- MS called for nominations of the Vice President of the ICGS
- DG and PP nominated MS for the role of Vice President, no other nominations were put forward.
- MS accepted the role.

Nomination of the Secretary General of the ICGS.

- MS called for nominations of the Vice President of the ICGS.
- RM nominated DG.

- DG accepted.

Nomination of the treasurer of the ICGS.

- BC was nominated by DG, MS and PP.
- BC accepted this role in the ICGS.

Nomination of individual in charge of Studentships.

- JD was nominated by MS.
- JD accepted this role in the ICGS.

Discussions about the venue and date of the Second ICGS Congress.

- MS mentioned that both PP and DG had points to discuss.
- PP stated that too few of the people that should have attended this conference had not. In discussion with others it became clear that many individuals felt that they did not have time for extra meetings. PP made it clear that in his opinion that the only way that this society's meeting can continue is if it is tagged to another meeting. PP suggested that it could be tagged to the International Chromosome Conference (ICC) that at present has no backing of any society. PP stated that it is essential that the ICGS meeting should continue, as it is multi-disciplinary unlike most other meetings. The next ICC is due to be held in Amsterdam in 2007, the organiser Hans de Jong has been approached and has suggested that he would be willing to have a ICGS meeting tagged onto the ICC.
- DG agrees with most of what PP has stated, but suggests as an interim measure to maintain momentum, now that the society has had its first meeting that there should be another standalone meeting before 2007. DG has volunteered to hold the next meeting at the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK in the summer of 2006. DG also stated that he has talked to Hans de Jong about tagging on the next ICGS meeting and stated that as a member of the Standing committee for the ICC could smooth over any problems. DG also mentioned that currently the ICC is every three years but this could possibly be switched back to every two years as it was previously.
- DG and PP both mentioned that what needs to be worked out is whether the society adopts the ICC, or whether the ICGS becomes the society behind the ICC. The other suggestion made was that if this is not feasible that it could be tagged onto other meetings such as the ECA.
- It was decided that as an interim measure the second ICGS congress would be held in Canterbury in 2006 to maintain the momentum until the meeting can be tagged onto the ICC meetings or other suitable meetings which will then take place every two or three years.

Discussions about the ICGS newsletter.

- MS asked if anyone was against the newsletter, no-one was against the newsletter but JD mentioned that the last one was too long and bulky
- MS- As a result the ICGS would still produce the newsletter.

Membership fees.

- MS spoke about the fact that Karger had relented on last year's fees, as the society had not carried out what it had set out to do.

- MS is against raising the dues for annual membership which are currently: full members €70, student member €40, patron membership €350 (5 year membership) and aims to keep these rates the same.

Discussions about committees within the ICGS.

- MS asked if there was any need for committees within the ICGS and if so for proposals of how we should go about this. The verdict was that before deciding to set up committees, it should be established how the ICGS is working first.

Subscriptions to Cytogenetic and Genome Research.

- MS asked if there was any interest in reduced subscriptions to Cytogenetic and Genome Research to ICGS members.
- ICGS members were in favour of a substantial reduction.
- MS will approach Karger to offer reduced rates to ICGS members, current subscription rates are: printed version only €20 plus postage; online version only €12, both versions €380 plus postage.
- DG suggested that if these reductions could not be offered then perhaps back issues could be offered free of charge.

Final meeting remarks.

- MS expressed his thanks to Juan Pedro M Camacho and the other local organisers for organising the ICGS congress, and explained that they took no money, which is why the visits to the Alhambra and the gala dinner had to be paid for. MS urged DG to keep the costs down for the second ICGS meeting in Canterbury in 2006.
- JC went on to thank the individuals who helped run this meeting and informed the members that the photos taken throughout the meeting and a pdf version of the updated abstract booklet would be available through the website (www.icgs-congress.org) in the coming days.
- MS thanked all members for attending the meeting and closed the session.