



## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF GNATHOLOGY EUROPEAN SECTION

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### Minutes of the General Assembly Lyon, May 22, 2004, 5:15 pm

#### Agenda:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of the Minutes 2002, Milano
3. Report of the Executive Committee
4. Report of the Treasurer and Auditor
5. Report of the Auditor
6. Dissolution/Liquidation of the IAG Europe according to Art 12 of the Constitution and nomination of Liquidators
7. Other business

#### **1. Roll call**

12 members of the IAG Europe in good standing are present at the meeting and entitled to vote. The Secretary General remarks, that Honorary members as well as Senior Members have no right to vote according to the Constitution.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes 2002**

The minutes of the General Assembly Milano 2002 have been sent by mail to all members at the end of 2002. No discussion is desired and the minutes are approved unanimously

#### **3. Report of the Executive Committee**

#### **Membership:**

##### *Executive Committee:*

**Peter W. Jermann, Switzerland (Secretary General), Peter K. Stöckli, Switzerland (Treasurer), K. König, Austria, C. Pallanca, Monaco, A. Woolfe, Ireland.**

Despite of a registered letter, sent to all Exco Members at the end of March urging them for participation, only Peter Jermann and Peter Stöckli are present at the Meeting. The Auditor Jean Monney, Switzerland has been invited by the Secretary General to participate at the Exco Meeting, held on Thu May 20, 5:00 pm at Hotel Sofitel Lyon Belcour.

Philip Zeitler, Germany has not paid his annual dues for 2003 and 2004 and has been dropped from the membership list. G. Bianchi, Italy and Maria Rodrigues have both not paid their annual dues for 2004 by end of May and have been dropped from the membership list.

##### *Members in good standing:*

**By End of May 2004, the IAG Europe counts 47 members in good standing ( incl. 2 honorary members):**

UK: 1, CH: 10, P: 1, NL: 1, MC: 1, I: 5, IR: 1, D: 23, F: 3, A: 3

## Discussion of the future of the IAG Europe

### *General considerations*

The Secretary General and Klaus König, Austria met in Lucerne for a preliminary individual meeting and discussion of the future of the IAG in April. Klaus König agrees to liquidate the IAG Europe due to lack of participation of members and decreasing membership.

A feedback mail from Andrew Woolfe, Ireland also indicates that the continuation of the IAG is obsolete under the present conditions of low participation and decreasing membership.

Treasurer Peter Stöckli agrees, that administration costs cannot be covered any more with only 43 full paying members left (see treasurer's report).

No feedback was available from Claude Pallanca, who just excused himself for not participating in Lyon. He will also not participate at the planned extraordinary EXCO Meeting in Geneva on June 26.

The limited interest in contributing to the IAG's future is evident.

### *Meetings, Attendance, Interest*

The Secretary General has made great efforts to organize outstanding continuing education during the past years, contacting the best speakers in the world for presentations at our annual meetings, all oriented to excellence in dentistry. A survey in 2003 among members concerning meeting organization and desired CE subjects showed low return. Many members had proposed to hold the Annual Meeting in May to attract more participants, but the participation numbers of this years meeting is as low as during the last years and even decreasing, despite of a really very actual practice oriented attractive subject (Esthetics and Comprehensive Practice Management).

All members have been informed by letter at the end of March, that the liquidation of the IAG Europe was imminent, if we would not be able to attract at least 35 participants at the Meeting 2004 in Lyon. The effect was zero including a few excuses for personal reasons. The actual number of participants is 16, including 3 staff participants (DH's, DA's). The interest in practice and excellence oriented CE including special social programs to enhance camaraderie is very limited among the remaining members of the IAG Europe and individual concerns as well as local meeting attendance are placed in front by a large majority of our members. During the last years, annual meetings have been attended by always the same small interested group, while the rest of our members are never participating. Time, effort, commitments and funds invested in maintenance of the IAG Europe and in organization of high quality practice oriented CE courses and outstanding presentations as well as appropriate social programs is considerably exceeding the interest and cooperation of our members.

### *Internet*

The Internet Site has become a major communication tool during the last year and most announcements and news are regularly brought to members and interested people through this media. The IAG homepage figures always among the top ten of all major search engines. We are confronted with a growing interest from international colleagues and interested international speakers, who would like to give courses for our group. As the reservation of the domain name does not expire until 2011 and fees are already paid, the Secretary General proposes to maintain the infrastructure and the homepage as a forum for information and basis for organization of CE courses on demand. Interested colleagues can contact Peter Jermann for assistance, if they want to organize a course. (mailto:[pwjermann@hotmail.com](mailto:pwjermann@hotmail.com))

The Executive Committee proposes the liquidation of the IAG Europe, because under the present conditions and the decreasing membership, the financial basis in the near future is no more guaranteed.

Member Erwin Hess moves to hear the Treasurer's report and then decide upon the dissolution according to item 6 of the Agenda. The motion is accepted.

## **4. Report of the Treasurer**

Peter Stöckli informs the General Assembly about the difficulties encountered in taking over the treasurer's accountability from Werner Bieri in 2003. Many assignments could be arranged only a few days ago thanks to the efforts of Auditor Jean Monney. The Financial Report 2003 closes with a small profit due to financial investments with return on capital and due to the fact, that no meeting was held in 2003. Without this profit on investments, a loss would have occurred, due to decreasing income from membership dues (62 members paid dues in 2003). Estimate of assets after the Lyon Meeting at the time of liquidation including liquidation costs and expenses is approximately CHF 70'000.--.

## **5. Auditor's Report**

Jean Monney signs as auditor for the report, confirming the correctness of the financial statement of the IAG Europe.

The General Assembly applauds Peter Stöckli for his work as treasurer and accepts the annual report and audit unanimously.

## 6. Dissolution of the IAG Europe

The Secretary General moves the dissolution of the IAG Europe by the end of 2004, based on the considerations of the EXCO and the financial situation. The EXCO of the IAG shall be in charge of the liquidation, assisted by a professional fiduciary.

He points out, that the quorum for the dissolution of the IAG Europe according to Art. 12 of the Constitution is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all votes cast at the actual General Assembly, which is 9 out of 12.

Several proposals considering a continuation under a different name and logo (Paul Feinmann, Switzerland) or yearly affiliation with similar groups in other European countries (Jürgen Marbaise, Germany) and cost sharing ideas are finally rejected because they seem to be un-practicable under present conditions and because the financial situation does not allow for unpredictable experiments.

**The General Assembly accepts the dissolution of the IAG Europe and the proposed procedure of liquidation with eleven votes (out of 12) and one abstention.**

Members in good standing 2004 will be informed about proportionate participation in the liquidation of funds.

## 7. Other business

The General Assembly applauds the Secretary General for his outstanding efforts in maintaining the International Academy of Gnathology - European Section during the last decade as a forum of excellence in dentistry, which was its destination from the origins in 1971.

**The General Assembly is closed at 6:30 p.m.**

The Secretary General IAG Europe  
Dr. Peter W. Jermann

