

INTERNATIONAL PATIENT ORGANIZATION FOR PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held by telephone conference on Thursday 28 September 2005 at 8pm BST

PRESENT: Bianca Pizzera (Chairman); Anneli Larsson (Vice-Chairman); José Drabwell (Treasurer); Stephen Baxter; Vicki Modell; Eva Soergel; Eva Brox; Martine Pergent; Sven Fandrup

01 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Teresa Espanol; Joy Rosario; Kathy Antilla and NMOs in Spain, Finland, UK, Serbia; Netherlands; Switzerland; Ireland; South Africa and the IDF

02 **MINUTES** of the AGM held in Versailles in October 2004 had been circulated in advance. It was agreed unanimously that the Minutes represented an accurate record of proceedings at that meeting, having been proposed by Mrs Pizzera and seconded by Mr Fandrup.

03 **CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND REPORT:**
Mrs Pizzera welcomed those taking part in the conference call and highlighted aspects of the work carried out by IPOPI during the period. This included the work of the IDP which made grants totalling £8,130; the change-over from buying services from the PiA in the UK to being able to employ our own part-time Executive Director, thanks to the generosity of IDF in 2004 and since then the generosity of JMF and IDF. Since the Versailles meeting the new Board had been extremely busy and building on the success of the 2004 STOA meeting had been able to present at the Rare Disorders Conference and more recently achieve a grant from the European Commission. Mrs Pizzera expressed thanks to her predecessor, Mr Waas, and all the members of the outgoing Board, for their hard work which made the task of the new Board that much easier.

04 **TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS UP TO 31 December 2004.**

The Report and Accounts had been circulated in advance with other Annual Meeting papers. The accounts had been examined by a Chartered Accountant, as required by UK Charity Law and were presented in the format required by UK legislation. There were no questions on the Report itself.

Mrs Drabwell outlined the content of the accounts in general. Special appreciation was expressed to IDF for their generous funding of the Secretariat in 2004 and IDF and JMF for their continued generosity. The Chairperson called for a proposal to accept the Report and Accounts. Adoption of the Report and Accounts was proposed by Mrs Modell, seconded by Mrs Brox, and agreed unanimously.

Mrs Drabwell expressed her appreciation to Mr Baxter for his work and the handover of the books to her and to Mr Kulmala for his record keeping and service to IPOPI for many years. Mrs Drabwell also outlined future fundraising proposals.

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RE-APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTS EXAMINERS (AUDITORS)

Mrs Drabwell explained to the meeting that it was a requirement under UK charity law that the Annual Meeting appoint the ‘auditors’ for the coming period. It was proposed by Mrs Drabwell that M I W Passmore of Passmore Weekes, Chartered Accountants of Colchester, England, be appointed as auditors for the coming year. This was seconded by Mr Fandrup and agreed unanimously.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Director read a statement from the PiA in connection with the retirement on account of ill health of Mrs Tritton, their Chairman, who had been present at the Versailles meeting and who is an enthusiastic supporter of IPOPI. Those present asked that a note of appreciation be prepared and sent to Mrs Tritton expressing the best wishes of the Board of IPOPI.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm BST.