



COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY AND NUTRITION

MINUTES, Council Meeting #1

'The Grand', New Delhi, India, 2 October 2015 1-2pm

Present: The President, Professor David Brewster (Chair), NMohan, BSandhu, APhillips, MManary, BGolden (Secretary), J Berkley, T Ahmed, P Sullivan

Apologies: S Hill, B Amadi, S Rajindrajith, J Tobin, T Nelson, D Forbes, Z Bhutta, S Allen

- The President, Professor Brewster, welcomed those present and, with the Council's consent, approved the 2013 Council Minutes. There were no matters arising not already on the Agenda.
- The President delivered his report thanking in particular, Tony Nelson and David Forbes for their sterling contributions. He also directed the Council to consider CAPGAN's future path, the Commonwealth having changed and societies with similar aims having multiplied. The Secretary delivered a summary of her written Report (attached). There was no Treasurer's Report at this time (see Council Meeting #2).
- Professor Sandhu delivered her Report as FISPUGHAN representative. She reminded the Council that CAPGAN and the PanArab Society are Associated, not Full Members of FISPUGHAN but in spite of this, CAPGAN has been very active in arranging the World Congress, WCPGHAN, to be held in Montreal, Canada, in October 2016. She described the eight WCPGHAN themes for each of which 2 CAPGAN members are contributing to planning the theme programmes. She suggested that these 2 member groups should form the core of CAPGAN Working Groups. She also advised that CAPGAN could communicate effectively using the Webinar method employed successfully by WCPGHAN organizers. Finally, she suggested that CAPGAN provide ~£2000 for 3-4 bursaries for young investigators to attend WCPGHAN.

Suggested CAPGAN Working Groups for WCPGHAN:

IBD:- S Murch, B Sandhu

Nutrition:- T Ahmed, B Golden

Other Gastroenterology Disorders:- J Berkley, S Bhatnagar

Hepatology:- N Mohan, A Dhawan

Endoscopy & Imaging:- S Hill, D Basude

Neurogastroenterology:- S Rajindrajith, J Tobin

Pancreatology:- J Dodge, D Forbes

Transplantation:- D Kelly, A Sibal

International Health:- D Brewster, M Manary

Action: NM & BG to investigate cost etc of Webinar set up.

Conclusion: Webinar too expensive, BT Audioconferencing set up.

- CAPGAN Funds. These were not discussed, there being no Treasurer or Treasurer's Report present. In her absence, Dr Hill was formally thanked for her contribution as Treasurer over the past 2 years. (See 2nd Council Mtg, same date)
- Prizes. At CAPGAN 2013, the Bhupinder Sandhu Gastroenterology Prize (US\$500) was shared between 2 deserving recipients, one from Sri Lanka, the other being Dr Gulshan Ara from Bangladesh. Travel scholarships had also been provided by the organizers. (See 2nd Council Mtg, same date, for 2015 winners)
- Commonwealth Secretariat changes. These were outlined in the Secretary's Report.
- CAPGAN's Future. A further Council Meeting was proposed to discuss this topic later the same day.
- CAPGAN's Website. This was updated during the last 2 years but not sufficiently.
- Council Nominations.
 - President: The President Elect, Dr Golden will take office as from this date, for 2 years.
 - President Elect: Dr Neelam Mohan was proposed by B Sandhu & seconded by A Phillips. She accepted.
 - Secretary: Dr Neelam Mohan, as above. She accepted.
 - Treasurer: Dr Sandhia Naik was proposed by Dr B Golden & seconded by B Sandhu. She accepted later.
 - Website Coordinator: Dr Neelam Mohan accepted as above & will be helped by Mr Kulwant Kumar.
 - FISPGHAN Representative & Working Groups' Oversight: Professor Sandhu was proposed by A Phillips & seconded by T Ahmed. She agreed to continue in these roles.
 - Council Members: Dr Sandhia Naik and Professor Naveen Mittal were elected.

- Next Congress. Professor Philip Abiodun, Benin, Nigeria, had expressed, through a Business Company, his interest in hosting this. However, in his absence, and with so little detail, the Council decided not to proceed with this potential offer. There was also a proposal to host it in Nairobi, Kenya and this will be explored further by Professor Mark Manary and Dr Mohan.
- AOB. Nil
- Date of Next Meeting. 2 October 2015 19.30. 'The Grand'.