



XXV General Assembly Meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay **30 October 2009 at 14.00 – 15.30**

1. **Welcome**
President welcomed the members to the General Assembly and also those conference delegates who were in attendance
2. **Recording of those present and apologies for absence** (see appendix 1)
3. **Minutes of the last General Assembly meeting**
Proposed: Professor Ad Kerkhof
Seconded: Professor Merete Nordentoft
Adopted unanimously by the General Assembly.
4. **Business arising from the last General Assembly meeting minutes**
None
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1 President summarised his report (appendix 2) to the meeting
Discussion: Vote of thanks were presented by Professor Lars Mehlum for the excellent work and dedication of the Past President, Professor Brian Mishara
Proposed: Professor Diego De Leo
Seconded: Professor Thambu Maniam
Adopted: unanimously by the General Assembly.
 - 5.2 General Secretary' s report (appendix 3) was submitted to the meeting
Discussion: none offered
Proposed: Dr Lanny Berman
Seconded: Professor Michael Phillips
Adopted: unanimously by the General Assembly.
 - 5.3 Treasurer's report (appendix 4) was submitted to the meeting
Discussion: Comment made from the floor regarding the increase in income over the past 10 years and noted that their are restricted
Proposed: Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar
Seconded: Dr Oivind Ekeberg
Adopted: unanimously by the General Assembly.
 - 5.4 Chair of National Representatives presented his report (appendix 5):
Discussion: It was noted that the 2013 venue was to be Oslo, Norway
Proposed: Dr Jane Pirkis
Seconded: Professor Mark Williams
Adopted: Unanimously by the General Assembly.

5.5 Chair of Organisational Representatives presented his report (appendix 6)

Discussion: None offered
Proposed: Professor Robert Goldney
Seconded: Professor Diego de Leo
Adopted: Unanimously by the General Assembly.

5.6 Chair of Election Committee presented his report

The Election Committee has completed the Executive Committee 2009 - 2011 elections and in accordance to the Constitution Article 10.

The voting return was 80 representing approx 25% of the relevant membership
The National Representatives elections are completed and confirmation of positions is in progress.

President thanked the two members of the election committee for their guidance and over the election for the new Executive Committee

An election is being held to fill the vacant position of General Secretary of the association.

6. Confirmation of Executive Committee 2009 – 2011

President

Alan (Lanny) Berman (USA)

Vice Presidents

- 1 Heidi Hjelmeland (NORWAY)
- 2 Paul Yip (HONG KONG)
- 3 Ella Arensman (IRELAND)

General Secretary

Position vacant

Treasurer

Michael Phillips (CHINA)

Chair of the National Representatives

Murad Khan (PAKISTAN)

Chair of the Organisational Representatives

Gerald (Jerry) Reed (USA)

Proposed: Dr Jane Pirkis

Seconded: Professor Mark Williams

7. IASP Legal and Administration

7.1 Amendment to the Constitution to provide for filling vacancies on the Executive

Explanation in keeping with the written proposal on the rationale for such a change to the constitution was deemed to be necessary (see appendix 7)

Proposed: President of the Board on behalf of the Board

Seconded: Professor Ad Kerkhof.

Adopted by over the two-thirds majority of members present.

7.2 Request to ballot the membership in 2010 with recommendation for a viable and equitable membership fee structure.

Discussion on what was the possible fee structure to be. President advised that the new Board would take the opportunity and time to assess the relative costs and issues. Proposed: the President of the Board on behalf of the Board that the General Assembly approve that a new fee structure to be proposed by the IASP Executive may be adopted by the membership by email and mail vote rather than having to wait until the next General Assembly to change the membership fee structure.

Seconded: Dr Kari Dyregrove

7.3 Relocation of the Central Administrative Office to Oslo, Norway

Vanda Scott advised that the transition is progressing according to plan and that the office and relevant staff will be available early in 2010

8. Projects and Activities

8.1 World Suicide Prevention Day report was tabled (see annex 7)

8.2 Task Forces and their progress

Report was submitted to the meeting

Discussion: it was noted that a new Task force was being drafted addressing Suicide and the Workplace and another on Railway Suicides.

8.3 Pesticides and Suicide (please see Presidents report)

8.4 Project - Uganda

Professor Hjelmeland summarised the progress of the training project to be held in Uganda later in this year. Dr Kinyanda is supervising this project assisted by Professor Mishara.

9. CRISIS Journal

9.1 Report from the Editors - Professor De Leo presented a verbal report to the meeting:

- The journal is doing well and negotiations for the increase in number of journals from 4 issues annually to six in 2010 has been successful however it will mean an increase on the cost of the journal by 20% which has an impact on membership fees and income.
- The impact factor: 1.3 in 2007 and 1.06 in 2008;
- Co-Editor iis Associatr Professot Annette Beautrais.

- Associate Editors are Assoc. Professor Ad Kerkhof and Professor Maria Oquendo
- 60% increase in submissions and refusal rate of 45%

10. Future IASP conferences

- 2010 Asia Pacific – Australia
- 2010 European Symposium – Rome, Italy (IASP co-sponsor)
- 2011 International – China, Beijing
- 2013 International – Norway, Oslo

11. Any Other Business

Vote of thanks from Professor T Maniam from the floor for the current Board for their commitment throughout the 2 years and in particular to the complete dedication and work of Professor Mishara

12. Closing remarks from the President thank the attending members and guests for their attention and participation.

Vanda Scott
Development Consultant
31.10.2009

Appendix 1 In attendance

Elda Mary Sylva Alvarez	Karl Andriessen	Martina Basso
Lanny Berman	Phillippe Carette	Tony Davis
Maite Diaz	Diego de Leo	Kari Drygrov
Michael Dudley	Oivind Ekeberg	Joy Field
Danite Gaillene	Tony Gee	Bob Goldney
Yolan da Silvi Gomez	Onja Grad	Katia GreyPeace
Heidi Hjelemeland	Yuegin Huang	Ad Kerkhoff
Murad Khan	Eugene Kinyanda	Dorothy Kizza
Bjorn von Koldslund	Karolina Krysinska	Monica Laguna
Sylvia Lapierre	Th Maniam	Richard Mc Keon
Lars Mehlum	Brian Mishara	Tanji Mishara
James Mugisha	Merete Nordentoft	Silvia Palaez
Kathryn Parle	Michael Phillips	Tony Phillips
Jane Pirkis	Jacqueline Cuesta Pirtao	Maurizio Pompili
Gerald Reed	Linnette Rodriguez –Figere	Outi Ruisholme
Ryan McGlaughlin	Vanda Scott	Sally Spencer Thomas
Morton Silverman	Alan Staines	Paula Stotich
Lakshmi Viyayakumar	Mark Williams	