

European Society for Domestic Animal Reproduction (ESDAR)

Notes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Saturday 22nd November 2008 in the *Ruppert Building, Uithof, Utrecht*.

The President welcomed 31 members to the meeting. Notes of the 2007 AGM had been posted on the ESDAR web-site and were unanimously approved by the meeting. There were no matters arising from the notes of the 2007 AGM. The President reported that ESDAR is thriving. From small beginnings 12-13 years ago, now ESDAR had 300-400 delegates at its annual meeting – even in a year when ICAR was also held in Europe. Next year we move to Ghent, followed by Hungary for our 2010 conference.

Treasurers report. The Treasurer presented an overview of the income and expenditure account for 2007. There was a surplus of €4,500 that has been added to the reserves. The assets held by the society recorded on the balance sheet on 31st December, 2007 amounts to almost €39,000. It was noted that the membership fee of the society will remain at €60 for regular members and €40 for student and retired members. Bert van der Weijden stated that if members want to access the RDA journal using their ESDAR membership they must access it through the ESDAR website and not directly through the RDA site.

Audit Committee Report. The Audit committee, Prof Gyula Huszenicza (Hungary) and Prof Aart de Kruif (Belgium) expressed satisfaction with the financial records of the Society. The income/expenditure account contained all the required information, the books were adequately maintained and both sets of records agreed. The Audit Committee proposed that the meeting should adopt the accounts, and the treasurer and members of the Board should be exonerated for the financial responsibilities of the society for 2007. The recommendation by the audit committee to adopt the accounts for 2007 was unanimously accepted by the members in attendance at the AGM. The Audit Committee was thanked for their role during 2007.

Membership of the Board. The Chairman of the Board Nomination committee, Prof Claire Wathes (UK), announced that nominations had been received for 4 candidates for election to the 3 vacant positions on the board. An election was organised by private Ballot. The elected members to the board for a term of three years were Hilary Dobson, Laszlo Solti and Ann-Cecile LeFranc.

The President, Laszlo Solti thanked Tomas Janowski for his participation on the board of ESDAR for two terms.

It was noted that no board members are reaching the end of their term of office in 2009 and that no board nomination committee would be required.

Journal Matters. Emilio Martinez presented a report on the performance of the RDA journal. The report outlined that the journal continued to grow and expand. There were 5 supplements to the journal during 2008, and 3 supplements are planned for 2009. Blackwell and Wileys have now merged and RDA is now published by Wiley-Blackwell.

Country representatives. Hilary Dobson reported that most European countries have country representatives within ESDAR. They were thanked for their continuing important role as local contact points for ESDAR. There is a country representatives section on the website, this includes a list of paid up ESDAR members and should help country representatives identify colleagues working in animal reproduction that are not currently members so as to try and recruit them into the ESDAR membership.

Website. Primoz Klinc reported on the website. Country representatives now have access to their own restricted page. Presentations from plenary sessions will be posted onto the website on the members only area. Other relevant photos of procedures etc will also be included. Members are welcome to send suitable photos that may be used by others for teaching purposes to Primoz to be posted on the website.

ECAR. ECAR now has 170 diplomates. This year only 4 out of 12 candidates passed the board examinations. It was noted that most people who fail do so on the general part of the examination rather than the specialist area.

Future ESDAR meetings. The annual conference for 2009 will be held in Ghent September 10-12, 2009. For 2010 ESDAR will be going to Eger in Hungary. 2011 and 2012 are both open for bids. Bids should be submitted to the board for consideration. Any prospective conference organisers can email the secretary to get details of what is required.

There was no further business, the **next annual general meeting of ESDAR** will take place during the annual scientific conference in Ghent on Saturday 12th September, 2009.