

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUSCULOSKELETAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD
FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA**

**Regina Palace Hotel
Stresa, Italy**

Sunday, May 6, 2007

In attendance:

MSK executive committee:

Kathy Mulder, Canada, Chair
Adolfo Llinas, Colombia, Senior Vice Chair
Luigi Solimeno, Italy, Junior Vice Chair
Tariq Sohail, Pakistan, Member at Large

Past Presidents:

Federico Fernandez Palazzi, Venezuela,
Michael Heim, Israel
Marvin Gilbert, USA
Jerry Weidel, USA

Honorary President:

Brenda Buzzard, UK

Dr. Samir Shaheen	Ortho surgeon	Sudan
Dr. Marilyn Manco-Johnson	Ped Hematologist	USA
Sharon Funk	PT	USA
Susan Knight	PT	USA
Sherry Herman Hilker	PT	USA
Angie Forsyth	PT	USA
Gianluigi Pasta	Ortho surgeon	Italy
Cristiano Casadei	Ortho surgeon	Italy
Pam Hilliard	PT	Canada
Nathalie Jansen	Researcher	Netherlands
Milena Pavigevic Stojanovic	Physiatrist	Serbia
David Stephensen	PT	UK
M. Gabriella Lettera	Ortho surgeon	Italy
Maia Kakauridze	Orthopedic/rehab	Georgia
Jorge H Ramirez	Ortho surgeon	Colombia
Charles Nelson	Ortho surgeon	USA
Nichan Zourikian	PT	Canada
Kaouther Zahra	PT	Tunisia
Lily Heijnen	Physiatrist	Netherlands
Paul Monahan	Ped Hematologist	USA
Carmen Miranda	Physiatrist	Mexico
Veerapong Poovangsaroj	PT	Thailand
Antoine Hage	Physiatrist	Lebanon
Kaan Kavakli	Ortho surgeon	Turkey
Semih Aydogdu	Ortho surgeon	Turkey
Sameer Rahim	PT	South Africa
Philipp Berdal	Ortho	Germany
Adly Sabbour	PT	Egypt
Anna Wells	PT	UK

Lynne Wilkinson	PT	UK
Olivia S Perfetto	Ortho surgeon	Italy
Carlo Ruosi	Ortho surgeon	Italy
Piet de Kleijn	PT	Netherlands
Walter Passeri	Physiatrist	Italy
Elena Boccalandro	PT	Italy
Paul Giangrande	haematologist	UK
S M Javed Mortazavy	Ortho surgeon	Iran
Angelika Batorova	haematologist	Slovakia
Axel Seuser	Orthopedic/rehab	Germany
Carolyn Jarock	PT	Canada
Greig Blamey	PT	Canada
Pamela Narayan	PT	India
George Sisson	Ortho surgeon	USA
Nicole Hroma	PT	USA
Marjorie McLimont	Researcher	Canada
Goris Roosendaal	physician	Netherlands
Frank van Genderen	Researcher	Netherlands
Sylvia Thomas	physician	Brazil
Paul McLaughlin	PT	UK
Juan M Conde	Industry	Colombia
Kathleen Lawday	Industry	Canada

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1150h.

Thanks were extended to all speakers and chairs from the Scientific Sessions.

As Secretary Rachel Tiktinsky was unable to attend the meeting, Pamela Narayan of India was appointed as recording secretary for this meeting.

There was one correction to the agenda (correction of numbering of items 10-12) There were no other changes. Agenda was approved.

2. Apologies for absence were received from

Rachel Tiktinsky, Israel	Rebecca Dalzell, Australia
Wendy Paulsen, Australia	Nick Goddard, UK
Elizabeth Brodin, Sweden	Karen Beeton, UK
Mauricio Silva, USA	Carlos Rodríguez-Merchan, Spain
Brian Feldman, Canada	

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Vancouver 2006

Motion to accept minutes as circulated: Greig Blamey, seconded by Brenda Buzzard. No discussion. Motion carried.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

4.1 remaining funds: A sum of £ 4036- was transferred to the WFH office on behalf of the MSK committee.

4.2 Definition of meetings (related to Item 8.0-a-iii in the Terms of reference): This issue has been discussed by the Executive committee. ***A meeting is any business meeting of the MSK Committee, held at either the WFH congress or the MSK congress.***

5. Executive Committee Reports:

5.1 Chair- reported on progress and activities regarding goals set in Vancouver:

Goal: expand network of MS experts:

Nine new membership applications were received this year- professions included Physical therapy, orthopedics, rheumatology and epidemiology.

Goal: promote teamwork:

28% of the International Hemophilia Training Center Fellowship applications received were from Musculoskeletal professionals. The challenge is to match applicants with appropriate training sites.

2007 congress included all disciplines in workshops, panel discussions and free paper sessions.

Medical Advisory Board is a new standing committee of WFH, comprised of chairs of ALL multidisciplinary committees. Role is to advise re policy and treatment guidelines, and to define and refine comprehensive care around the world.

Goal: promote evidence based practice:

55 abstracts received for MS Congress 2007- a new record.

Work is being done with WFH Communications committee to ensure that published materials with MS content are evidence-based

Discussion paper being developed regarding funding for MSK research

Goal: "treatment is not just factor":

WFH has modified its "Treatment for All" message to emphasize that 'treatment is not just factor'. This was featured in the President's message and World Hemophilia Day information.

New "Exercise Guide" is available for download on WFH website.

5.2 Secretary- no report

5.3 Vice-chairmen-

5.3.1 Adolfo Llinas- senior vice Chair reported

- has participated in numerous educational sessions and workshops

5.3.2 Pier Luigi Solimeno- Junior Vice Chair reported:

- Has attended many hemophilia meetings in Italy
- is working with Minimally Invasive Surgical techniques for total knee replacements

5.4 Tariq Sohail, Member at Large reported:

- attended a workshop at Nepal and highlighted the need for developing hemophilia care in Nepal. He also spoke of the problems in organizing care in Nepal some of which were to do with funding, procurement of factors and lack of government input in organizing a hemophilia health care service.
- Stressed the need to educate patients
- Highlighted the difficulty that professionals from developing countries have in trying to get funding to allow their participation at WFH activities

6. Special projects reports:

6.1 Registry of surgical procedures in patients with inhibitors – Marvin Gilbert

Protocols have been completed but unable to collect the data

Registry is needed first.

Regional responsibilities assigned to Marvin Gilbert – USA, Olivia Perfetto-Europe, Tariq Sohail – rest of the world.

6.2 International Prophylaxis Study group – Marilyn Manco-Johnson

The IPSG includes experts from the Netherlands, USA (Colorado), Canada, and Sweden. The Physiotherapy working group has been developing the Hemophilia Joint health Score. A project is underway with India (CMC, Vellore) to look at the utility of this tool in countries with little factor availability.

The Imaging group, led by Dr Lundin, Sweden, is coordinating development of an MRI scale.

This group is also comparing ultrasound imaging and MRI to evaluate synovitis. A further update on IPSG activities will be given at WFH Congress in Istanbul in 2008.

6.3 Physiotherapy standards meeting

Piet de Kleijn reported on behalf of Karen Beeton

A very successful Physiotherapy Standards Meeting was held on Thursday, May 6, 2007. There were presentations and discussions on standards and organization of physiotherapy groups from Canada, USA, UK, Netherlands, India, South Africa, Australia and Sweden.

It was apparent that although the standards and organization of groups was more developed in some countries than others, the philosophy and approach of organizations was similar particularly around education, research and management

The following are the recommendations made by the group to the MS committee:

1. To have the opportunity to share documentation from different countries on the WFH-MS website.
2. To develop international guidelines of practice based on shared philosophy and existing documentation

7. Site for 2009 MSK Congress

Several calls for proposals to host the 2009 congress were issued by WFH prior to this meeting. Although several countries expressed some interest, only one formal proposal was received. Call was made for any other expressions of interest from members present. There were none.

A brief presentation highlighting the suitability of Cartagena, Columbia as a possible venue was made by Adolfo Llinas. Positive attributes of this venue include:

- support from the Colombian Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology
- support from the National Member organization
- ease of travel connections and safety for tourists
- suitable convention facilities and accommodation
- ability to attract sponsors

Motion was made to ratify the selection of Cartagena as host venue for MSK 2009, with the understanding that the final decision rests with the WFH Executive. Motion was carried.

8. Awards:

8.1 Horoszowski Award

Presented to Natalie Jansen for *Protective Abilities of Interleukin-10 in Blood-induced Cartilage Damage*.

Jury members were Jerome Weidel, Karen Beeton, Angela Forsyth, Michael Heim.

8.2 Pietrogrande Prize

Presented to Michael Heim by prior winner, Marvin Gilbert.

9. Objectives for coming year: outlined by Kathy Mulder:

- Refine the membership process for MS committee, in coordination with WFH.
- Review all WFH publications with regards to MS content; suggest new titles for development, and recommend expert authors
- Review WFH web-site with regards to MS content
- Use web-site more effectively for communication regarding updates, proceedings, meetings etc.
- Complete Training modules for IHTC and Train the Trainer programs
- Develop Physiotherapy Standards document
- Refine committee procedures, e.g. selection of abstracts, selection of prize winners, and document these clearly on web site
- Communicate with *Haemophilia* re publishing the paper that wins Horoszowski prize at each congress
- Plan programs for WFH 2008, SICOT Triennial Congress 2008, and MSK Congress 2009.
- Continue to promote teamwork and evidence-based practice

10. Any other business

Federico Fernandez Palazzi is presently an executive member of SICOT. He announced his retirement from the MSK committee and asked for another SICOT member to represent the WFH-MSK committee.

All members were encouraged to submit ideas for sessions for 2008 and 2009 congresses.

11. Next meeting will be held at WFH Congress, Istanbul, June 2008. Exact date and time to be determined and will be posted on web site.

12. Adjournment was at 1300h

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