

***The Diabetes and Nutrition Study Group (DNSG) of the EASD
Salerno, Italy, June 29 - July 1, 2006***

***Minutes of the General Assembly of the 24th International
Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition
July 1st 2006***

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Angela Rivellese at 18:30.
2. Minutes from the 23rd International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition, Ebeltoft, Denmark, 30 June -3 July 2005 were approved by the members of the General Assembly. (These minutes were presented to members at www.DNSG.org).
3. One hundred and fifty people, from 19 countries participated in the 2006 Symposium. There were six invited speakers, two round table discussions and 41 oral and poster presentations. Thirty-seven members participated in the General Assembly Meeting.
4. The following new members were approved by the general assembly:
 - Geltrude Mingrone, Italy
 - Ingrid Mostad, Norway
 - Eva Pederson, Denmark
 - Chilshom Alex, New Zealand
5. Present and future activities/collaborations:
 - ESPEN COLLABORATION
 1. The ESPEN has asked for another joint symposium at their meeting in Istanbul (October 2006).
 2. The title of the symposium will be: Prevention of Diabetes and its complications. There will be three lectures, two given by members of DNSG and one by an ESPEN member.
 3. The two lectures given by our representatives will be : Prevention of Diabetes given by M. Uusitupa and Prevention of chronic complications given by B. Vessby. The third lectures, Prevention of acute complications in critically ill patient with hyperglycemia will be given by an expert chosen by ESPEN

4. On this specific aspect some members of DNSG express particular interest. Thus, a DNSG working subgroup aimed to evaluate the need to have specific nutritional recommendations for critically ill patients with hyperglycemia " was named :
 1. Ivo de Leeuw, Belgium
 2. Andreas Pfeiffer, Germany
 3. Ursula Schwab, FinlandThis working group (every one is welcome) will try to collaborate with ESPEN experts.

- Danone

1. Request for a shared meeting with the DNSG to be taken just before the DNSG meeting in Kuopio has been done by Danone.
2. Some members express doubts on this kind of initiatives. Since the interaction of DNSG with Danone and all the other food industries is very important, it is decided to try to define some rules about this kind of interaction.

- ILSI (International Life Sciences Institutes) collaboration

1. ILSI asked for a collaboration with the study group in order to review the literature and to evaluate whether there is the need for specific recommendations for elderly and adolescent with diabetes. The assembly decide to clarify better the details of this collaboration before starting

6. Proposal for a symposium at EASD 2007

A proposal for a symposium at the next EASD (2007) will be done. The title will be : Gene-diet interaction in relation to diabetes, metabolic syndrome and cardiovascular disease.

7. Treasurer's report

- There are approximately €14 800 in the account.

- All website costs have been paid.
- The report was accepted by the members of the General Assembly.

7. Website:

- The new website went live on June 30 2006.
- The webmaster asked that all suggestions for website features be sent to the Chairman or the Secretary at micabra@wanadoo.fr.
- Members suggested that individual member websites be linked to the www.dnsg.org site. Members who agree to this will send their website information to the secretary.
- It was suggested that the list of members appear on the website.
- We do not have the abstract management function on the current website. Members will decide if this is necessary for future Symposiums.

8. Prizes:

- Young Investigators Awards (Pfizer Italia)
 - a. B. Bjorge, Norway
 - b. E. Lapice, Italy
 - c. S. Wein, Germany

- Nutricia Travel Grants:
 - a. H. Brekke, Sweden
 - b. C. Dimosthenopoulos, Greece

9. Future Meetings:

- 25th International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition will take place Kuopio, Finland
Local Organizer: Matti Uusitupa and Ursula Shwabb
- Meeting 2008: Bulgaria (Malina Petkova will organize the meeting).

Angela Rivellese, chairman
Judith Chwalow, Secretary
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