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President's message



Welcome Geriatric Oral Research Group (GORG) members to the 85th General Session and Exhibition of the IADR in New Orleans! I would like to begin by thanking all the members of GORG for their research contributions in the field of geriatric oral research and for their continued support of our group. Before I give you a glimpse of this year's program, I would like to report on the successful meeting we had in Brisbane in June 28 - July 1, 2006. Brisbane was indeed a fruitful meeting and for that I must thank James Steele for organizing the program for GORG. I would also like to thank Angus Walls for setting up the group's symposium "*Is Dental Research Meeting the Oral Health Challenges of the World's Aging Population?*" and Jane Chalmers for the satellite symposium on the science transfer program. Setting up these sessions took a significant amount

of work and could not have been done without the help of these individuals and the sponsorship of Colgate, who helped to bring together the highly respected speakers for the meeting.

GORG also partnered with other groups to support two symposia in Brisbane, one addressing the formation and function of the salivary film, and the other examining successful strategies for recruiting and retaining diverse populations for oral health clinical trials. We had poster and oral sessions which covered two areas, "*Experimental Gerodontology and Physiology*" and "*Gerodontology Quality of Life/Caries Epidemiology*".

GORG promises to offer another stimulating scientific program for the New Orleans meeting. I strongly recommend you attend the symposium "*Frail Older Adults, Dementia and the Failing Dentition*" (seq #136) on Friday, March 23 at 9:00 am. I want to again thank Jane Chalmers for organizing this symposium. In addition, GORG is sponsoring two Lunch & Learning sessions: "*Sjögren's Syndrome – Diagnosis, Oral Manifestation, Treatment, and Current Research*" (Athena Papas) and "*Saliva as a Diagnostic Tool for Monitoring Health and Disease in Geriatric Populations*" (Herenia Lawrence) as well as two oral sessions and two poster sessions covering topical issues related to geriatric dental research.

Congratulations to Professor Emeritus Anja Ainamo, University of Helsinki, Finland for being awarded the 2006 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Health Research, supported by Sunstar Butler. Prof. Ainamo thanked GORG members at their business meeting in Brisbane for nominating her for the award.



Prof. Emeritus Anja Ainamo was honored as the recipient of the 2006 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Research (IADR2006Photo07GORG DSA Anja Ainamo.jpg)

She will deliver the keynote address in New Orleans at the Geriatric Oral Research oral session titled “*Periodontal Disease in the Elderly*” on Thursday, March 22, 10:45 am (seq #58, CC Room 285).

Any IADR member wishing to nominate an individual whom they feel would be appropriate for the Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Health Research should contact the individual to obtain his/her willingness and then write a letter of support to the chair of the GORG Distinguished Science Awards subcommittee. Angus Walls has been asked to chair the GORG DSA subcommittee this year and he can be contacted at A.W.G.Walls@newcastle.ac.uk. The subcommittee members are composed of the previous award recipients, who have the responsibility of selecting awardees from among the nominations of renowned scientists submitted by Association members. Once a nomination is made, it is considered each year for five years unless the nominee is selected for an award during this period. After the fifth year, the nomination is withdrawn unless a re-nomination is received. Nominations are usually sought in the early summer with a deadline around the end of August, but you can obtain more information by visiting the IADR website and/or contacting Sheri Herren, the IADR Awards, Fellowships and Grants Manager at sherren@iadr.org.

I was also delighted to welcome at the Brisbane business meeting the new officers who were nominated and elected for GORG positions; the newly elected Vice President Mark Thomason, Finbarr Allen for the Executive Committee Member position, and the return of Linda Niessen as IADR councilor. We are pleased that these talented individuals are

willing to donate their time to GORG and IADR and we look forward to the benefit of their experience and energy over the next two years. I would also like to recognize the leadership of our immediate Past-President Jimmy Steele, as well as previous IADR Councilor Elisa Ghezzi for their years of service and valuable contributions to GORG.

GORG membership, as of June 20th, 2006, consisted of 114 active members, 36 student members and 1 retired member. Although the membership has increased compared to previous years, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand and many European countries remain under-represented in GORG. We wish to encourage as many colleagues and students as possible to join GORG in the coming years and to try to recruit members from these regions. During the Brisbane meeting we heard a number of speakers address the need of more research into ways of providing better oral health care of older people and improving their quality of life. Increasing the number of GORG members in these other areas of the world will help to raise awareness of the dental health care needs of the elderly.

As part of your GORG membership, you receive a subscription to the journal *Gerodontology*, published by Blackwell, which entitles you to four issues annually. The journal issues arrive via post and can also be accessed online. Please let us know your thoughts regarding the *Gerodontology* journal and don't forget to keep your contact information up-to-date with the IADR.

Over the years GORG has done wonderful work in fostering research in geriatric oral health among up-and-coming students and junior researchers through our Awards program. I believe that this is a very important aspect of our work and I wish to thank all of the members who have judged these awards over the years. But we would still like to see more submissions, so I encourage you to look out for students and junior investigators who might be eligible to submit their abstracts for the J. Morita Junior Investigator Award, the KaVo Award and the Procter and Gamble Award for Geriatric Oral Research. These prizes are considered quite prestigious and include a plaque and monetary gift.

Lastly, I hope everyone who has an interest in geriatric oral health research will consider attending the GORG reception (joint with the Nutrition Research Group) on Thursday, March 22 (CC Rm 399) at 6:00 pm and the GORG business meeting scheduled for Friday, March 23 (CC Rm 285) at 5:00 pm. We welcome all members and potential members to attend and to participate in the meetings.

I would like to thank the GORG members for their support during my term as President. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to work with you on organizing all of these events for GORG and I look forward to continuing my work with the group in the coming years. Please enjoy the conference in New Orleans and make sure to take in some jazz and jambalaya.

Herenia Lawrence

IADR Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2006
Brisbane Convention Center
Queensland, Australia

The meeting was called to order by the President, Takayuki Kuroda and this was followed by the roll call.

President's Report – Takuyuki Kuroda

- He stressed the importance of maintaining and increasing membership.
- The organization has been able to stabilize its finances.
- There is evidence that because of increased interdisciplinary research, graduate students and young researchers are presenting their data at specialty meetings rather than at IADR. We must try to widen our appeal.
- Although there are many young researchers in the developing regions, they do not have the finances to attend IADR. IADR has an initiative–membership subsidy program, adopt–a–member campaign, and the divisional meeting dividend. IADR has funded \$60,000 per year to the regional development program.
- Dr. Kuroda talked about going to meetings to represent IADR:
 - WHO – “Integrating oral health and systemic health.” KOBE.
 - South East Asia Division of IADR in Malacca.
 - WCPD – Liverpool joint meeting which resulted in the “Liverpool Declaration Promoting Oral Health in the 21st Century.”
 - CED/NOF meeting in Amsterdam.
 - 1st meeting of the Africa-Middle East Federation – Kuwait.
- IADR is monitoring New Orleans for the 2007 meeting.

President-Elect's Report – Stephen Bayne

- He was responsible for helping to organize the Brisbane meeting.
- He was responsible for the new appointments to committees.
- Features of the Brisbane meeting:
 - Inclusion of the Science Transfer Meeting for GP's.
 - Initiation of WEB posting of PDF files for posters.
 - Inclusion of the section “Late Breaking Research.”
 - Reduction in the number of distinguished speakers.
 - Reduction in the number of symposia.
 - Only oral sessions on Saturday morning.
 - Reduction in poster size and angling of poster boards.

Treasurer's Report – Angus Walls

- Income is from:
 - membership dues
 - publications
 - general session
- The dues does not cover the central office costs.
- Both AADR and IADR lost members: 6.4% and 6.3% respectively in 2003–2004.
- In 2005, AADR increased its membership by 3.7% and IADR by 1.7%.
- There is a subsidy available for members who cannot afford to pay but only 25% of members eligible for the subsidy request help.
- It costs \$39. to add a member to IADR so a new structure of dues has been proposed:

	World Bank	
Tier or Zone 1	Lower-Middle income & below	\$40.
Tier or Zone 2	Upper Middle income	\$50.
Tier or Zone 3	High income	\$74.

However, no matter what, IADR will lose \$30,000.

The cost to establish this program is \$25,000 over 3 years and it was approved by vote.

- JDR will become a member benefit.
- IADR report will be an electronic version only.
- Finances of IADR:
 - Audit was good.
 - 2006 budget is expected to increase by 5.6% over 2005 due to salaries, inflation, etc.
 - 2004 – deficit in net assets of \$194,000 so the investment portfolio was diversified to 5 managers and has maintained its value of \$6,431,999 even though \$500,000 was withdrawn to support expenses.
 - IT was outsourced to save money and is working well. IADR is looking for other areas to outsource.

Editor's Report – Anthony Smith

- The issues facing the editors are:
 - Open access.
 - Should all costs be imposed on the authors? If this is so, then only the best funded groups can afford to publish in JDR.
 - If a group has NIDCR funding, a copy of the paper must be put in the public digital repository.
- JDR has added a new cover and included Critical Reviewers in it.

- Scientific impact factor has increased from 3.131 to 3.642.
- All submissions and reviews are now electronic.
- The acceptance rate has decreased from 33.6% to 30.4%.

Executive Director's Report – Christofer Fox

- Baltimore 2005 was very successful.
- Currently AADR has \$5.2 million in revenue which is 4.6 x its operating budget while IADR has \$6.5 million or 2.2 x its operating budget.
- Skip Collins is retiring and he will not be replaced; most of his work was in advocacy for AADR.
- Future meetings:

March 21-24	2007	New Orleans	IADR
April 2-8	2008	Dallas	AAADR
July 2-5	2008	Toronto	IADR
April 1-4	2009	Miami Beach	IADR
March 3-6	2010	Washington, DC	AAADR
July 14-17	2010	Barcelona	IADR
March 16-19	2011	San Diego	IADR
March 20-24	2012	Tampa	AAADR
	2012	Latin America ?	IADR
- Journal Dental Research
 - Long-term financial viability is under threat due to the open access movement.
 - Now access is free after 12 months.

- All back issues to 1919 have now been scanned and are online.

- Dr. Yupi Songpaisan has completed her term as the regional board member. She is being replaced by Dr. Yoshitsu Abiko from Nihon University in Japan.
- Regional board member, Dr. Jerome Kroon has moved from South Africa to Griffeth University in Queensland and will need to be replaced.
- Bob ten Cate from the Netherlands is the new Vice-President of IADR.
- New applicants for groups in IADR must have:
 - 10 active members
 - A constitution and bylaws
 - One meeting a year

The new members are Columbia, Panama, and the Sudan.

- There will be an increase in the price of print subscriptions of JDR due to increase in postage:

2007:\$62	will increase to	\$66
2008:\$66	will increase to	\$68

 Also, the group management fees will increase by \$1.

2007:	from \$3. to \$4. per person
2008:	Tier 3 dues will increase from \$74 to \$80
2008:	student dues will increase by \$2. from \$20 to \$22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald L. Ettinger
 AADR Councilor

GORG Prizes and Awards Ceremony at the GORG Business Meeting

Brisbane Convention Center
Friday, June 30, 2006

It was a pleasure to introduce the Morita Junior Investigator Awards in Geriatric Oral Research as well as the KaVo and Procter & Gamble Awards at the GORG business meeting in Brisbane. This was my last year as Awards Committee Chair for GORG. I have served as Chair since the IADR 81st General Session in Goteborg, Sweden in 2003. Mark Thomason has kindly volunteered to serve as Awards Committee Chair for the next few years. Thanks as well to the judges: Gary Slade and Mark Thomason who evaluated both the extended abstracts and poster presentations of the award finalists.

GORG would like to thank the sponsors of the awards - the J. Morita Corporation, the KaVo Corporation and Procter and Gamble for their generous and continued support for young investigators in the field of geriatric oral research. We were honored to have Dr. Hideshi Yabe and Mr. Kazuo Mori of the J. Morita Corporation with us to present the Morita Awards to the recipients.



Dr. Hideshi Yabe and Mr. Kazuo Mori of the J. Morita Corporation

A total of 9 abstracts were submitted for consideration in 2006 and all were chosen as finalists. The winners included:

Nur Mohammad Monsur Hassan, Ph.D. Candidate at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan was awarded the Morita third prize in the pre-doctoral category for his poster presentation titled “Dominant negative and recessive mutations of p53 in oral cancer.”



N. Hassan, Ph.D. Candidate at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan receiving the third prize for the Morita Award from Mr. Kazuo Mori

The second prize went to **Fleurange Bellomo**, D.D.S., Ph.D. Candidate, Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland for her poster presentation titled “Occupational therapy in oral hygiene of institutionalized elderly adults.”



Fleurange Bellomo, Ph.D. Candidate, Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland receiving the second prize for the Morita Award from Mr. Kazuo Mori

The first prize winner of the Morita Award for best poster in geriatric oral research was **Sue Pavitt**, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D. in the postdoctoral category. Dr. Pavitt’s poster was titled “Can dentists predict osteoporosis? The OSTEODENT Study.” Dr.

Pavitt is affiliated with the University of Manchester, School of Medicine, United Kingdom and the work was conducted with collaborators from Malmo University in Sweden, University of Athens, Greece, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and ACTA-Vrije University, Amsterdam, Netherlands.



Dr. Sue Pavitt from Manchester University, UK was the proud recipient of the first prize for the Morita Award for best poster in geriatric oral research

The GORG president, James Steele presented the KaVo and Procter & Gamble Awards. The KaVo Award for pharmaceutical treatment of dental caries went to **Wyman Chan** and collaborators whose research presentation was titled “Ozone and Sealant Treatment of Root Caries after 28 Months.” Dr. Chan is from Queen’s University of Belfast, UK. Dr. Edward Lynch received the award on behalf of Dr. Chan who was unable to attend the meeting.

The recipients of the Procter and Gamble Award for oral health care products in geriatrics were **H.P. Tan, E.C.M. Lo, Y. Luo, J.E. Dyson, and E.F. Corbet** from the University of Hong Kong for conducting a two-year randomized controlled trial of the effect of chlorhexidine, fluoride varnish and oral hygiene on root caries in institutionalized elders.



Dr. H.P. Tan from Hong Kong University receiving the Procter and Gamble Award for oral health care products in geriatrics from GORG president, James Steele

GORG would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2006 competition, all the judges and sponsors' representatives. Please continue to encourage your students

and junior investigators to submit their abstracts for the Morita, KaVo and P&G Awards in coming years.

Submitted by
Herenia P. Lawrence, Awards Committee Chair

Invitation to Katowice

Just for the early birds in flight booking: we will meet in KATOWICE (not Krakow) 28-30 June 2007 for the upcoming ECG meeting organised by Hanna.

Hoping for a fantastic attendance !!!

Frauke Müller

Message from the Secretary / Treasurer

Dear colleague,

GORG continues to be a strong group within the IADR.

GORG currently has 130 members with 103 full members and 27 student members.

GORG is overall in a good financial position. The below is the copy of the financial statement presented at the GORG annual business meeting in Brisbane and the financial statement for 2006 will be presented in New Orleans.

The Brisbane meeting saw the IADR accept that membership of the Association should be linked to an individual's ability to pay, based on the World Bank ranking for per capita income for an individual's country. This is the first step in improving access to the Association for all members of our diverse research world and was warmly welcomed by the

IADR's council. Future steps must include an alteration in the financial balance of the organisation to make it less dependent on large meetings making even larger surpluses for financial neutrality, towards the dues reflecting more accurately the cost of membership. This will allow the Association to take its message (and its congresses) to places in the world that have simply not been feasible before, when financial prudence is also part of the planning process.

Talking of the Federations, these have been such a success that the IADR is proposing to re-structure itself into a series of Regional Boards with a more direct and focused path for information flow both to and from the International Organisation.

See you in New Orleans

Edward Lynch
March 2007

GORG Financial Report for 2005

Income

Dues	\$7,137.00
Reg/Banquet Fees	\$0.00
Grants (List companies)*	\$8,424.00
Donations	
Interest	\$111.17
Other (List separately)	\$0.00
Total Income	\$15,672.17

*Grants from companies were as follows:

J Morita, Japan	\$1500
KaVo Germany	£2000 converted @ \$1.731 = \$3462
Procter and Gamble	£2000 converted @ \$1.74 = \$3480

Expenditures

Awards (List recipients)*	\$2,550.00
Fellowships (List recipients)*	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$82.49
Meeting Receptions	\$402.04
Postage/Shipping	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Symposium	\$0.00
Telephone/Fax	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Other (List separately)**	\$5,412.96
Total Expenditures	\$8,447.49

Current fund balance as of 12/31/05 \$17,077.13

*Award recipients

J Morita prizes:

\$500 to the first prize winner in the postdoctoral category (clinical sciences) Dr. Michael Repka from the Department of Pharmaceutics and National Center for Natural Products Research at the School of Pharmacy at the University of Mississippi, USA. Dr. Repka's poster was titled '*Formulation and Characterization of Hot-Melt Extruded Antifungal Denture Adhesive Filmes*'

\$500 to the grand prize winner in the predoctoral category John Lindgren, second year dental student at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA., USA. His poster was titled '*Do Medications with Xerogenic Potential Cause Caries and Periodontal Disease?*' Mr. Lindgren was a Summer Research Assistant at the University of Washington School of Dentistry

in Seattle where he carried out his research under the mentorship of Dr. H. Asuman Kiyak.

\$500 to the first prize winner in the postdoctoral category (basic sciences) Dr. Mo Kang from the UCLA School of Dentistry, CA, USA with his paper titled '*Accumulation of Oxidative DNA Lesion in Senescent Human Oral Keratinocytes*'.

Liviu Steier, Mayen, Germany was awarded the KaVo prize of \$500

Aylin Baysan, Birmingham Dental School, UK was awarded the P&G prize of \$500.

\$50 was given to Dr Lawrence, Toronto to cover her costs for the plaques for the awards.

**this amount was for the publishing of the journal *Gerodontology*

Edward Lynch
GORG Secretary/Treasurer

Future Meetings

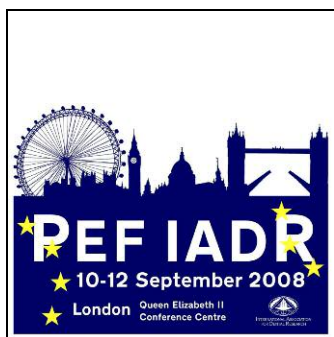
Please note the following dates:

British Society for Dental Research Meeting
Durham
3-5th April 2007.

BSDR/NOF 2007 is hosted by Newcastle University which takes place between Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th April 2007, held in the collegiate atmosphere of Durham University in the historic and beautiful city of Durham. This is a joint meeting with the Scandinavian Association (NOF). All details of the meeting can be found at www.bsdrmeetings.org.uk.

Chair of Local Organising Committee is Professor Mark Thomason

PEF LONDON 2008 – www.pefiadr2008.com



The PEF IADR Conference will take place at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre (QE11), from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 September 2008.

Call for papers and registration will be live towards the end of next year but keep checking the website for the latest news regarding programme, speakers and social events.

April 21, 2007

- The 7th Biennial Ramfjord Symposium "Periodontal Excellence From the Past to the Future"

University of Michigan School of Dentistry Ann Arbor, Michigan
Details: <http://www.dent.umich.edu>

April 25-29, 2007

- 29th Asia Pacific Dental Congress

Jakarta, Indonesia
Details: www.apdc2007jakarta.com

May 17-20, 2007

- First World Congress of the International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Details: <http://www.iaoo2007.com/>

May 21-23, 2007

- 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Clinical Trials

Montreal, Canada
Details: <http://www.sctweb.org/meeting2.cfm>

June 10-13, 2007

- IADR Mexican Division Congress
- Acapulco, Mexico

Details:

<http://www.odonto.unam.mx/eventos/congresos2007/junio/acapulco/index.html>

July 4-7, 2007

- 54th ORCA Congress

Helsingør, Denmark

Details: www.orca-caries-research.org

July 15-20, 2007

- Bones and Teeth Gordon Research Conference

Biddeford, Maine

Details:

<http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2007&program=bones>

August 22-24, 2007

- 7th International Conference of the International Society for Breath Odor Research

Chicago, Illinois

Details: <http://www.isbor.org/>

September 2-5, 2007

- II Latin American Federation Meeting

Atibaia, Sao Paulo, Brasil

September 6-8, 2007

- IADR Southeast Asian Division and Southeast Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) Annual Meeting

Discovery Karika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

Details: <http://www.iadrbali2007.org>

September 16-20, 2007

- American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) 29th Annual Meeting

Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Details: www.asbmr.org

September 26-29, 2007

- Annual Meeting of the Continental European Division

Thessaloniki, Greece

Details: www.iadrthessaloniki2007.gr

April 2-5, 2008

- AADR/CADR Annual Session

Dallas, TX

July 2-5, 2008

- IADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition

Toronto, Canada

September 10-12, 2008

- 4th Meeting of the Pan European Federation

London, England

September 27-30, 2008

2nd AMEF Meeting

Kenya

April 1-9, 2009

- IADR/AADR/CADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition

Miami, Florida

September 10-12, 2009

- Annual Meeting of the Continental European Division

Munich, Germany

July 14-17, 2010

- IADR General Session & Exhibition

Barcelona, Spain

Message from Robin Heath

Robin Heath sends his strongest wishes to GORG from retirement (not yet from the grave, indeed is it retirement? they've stopped paying me but I am still contributing to some research). Now my health is well treated I'm back to better vitality and will get some stuff published.

Congratulations to Jim Newton, his team and Blackwells for their success with Gerodontolgy. I remain very grateful to GORG for the invaluable support over the first 10 years: for gerodontolgy research a world network is essential and it would be impossible to maintain this focus for the Journal without GORG's continuing support.

Thank you

Robin

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ECG GABA Research Award 2007



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The European College of Gerodontology-GABA Research Award

Katowice, 30th September 2007
CHF 5000

The *European College of Gerodontology-GABA Research Award* aims to foster and honour research in the field of gerodontology. Like last year, the prize will be awarded during the annual meeting of the European College of Gerodontology (ECG) held in Katowice on June 30th 2007 under the Presidency of Dr. Hanna Hüpsch-Marzec.

- The work shall be original and must not have been published nor presented prior to submission for this prize.
- The principal author must be a member of the ECG in good standing. Membership is not restricted to Europe, membership application forms can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary <frauke.mueller@medecine.unige.ch>

A presentation shall be prepared for the annual conference of the ECG for poster or oral as defined by the President.

- The work shall be submitted as a full-length manuscript formatted to the guidelines for authors for Gerodontology
- Electronic copy shall be sent to the Secretary of the ECG 4 weeks before the annual conference Frauke.Mueller@medecine.unige.ch.
- The submission must also fulfil the requirements defined by ECG for all submissions to the annual programme.
- The presentation shall indicate that the study is competing for the prize.
- Poster presentations will be briefly presented orally and then discussed during the poster-viewing session.

The Awards committee will be nominated by the President with another member of council. This will consist of 3 colleagues from different countries who are either on the editorial board or reviewers of *Gerodontology* and/or members of the European College of Gerodontology. Evaluation will be based on the submitted manuscripts (66%) and the presentation of the work during the meeting (34%).

We gratefully acknowledge that GABA is sponsoring this prize for Gerodontology at CHF 5000.- per year.

Minutes of the ECG General Assembly 2006

Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland
Wednesday 13th September 2006, 12.00 noon

Apologies for absence

Gregory Polyzois, Athens, Susumu Nizisaki, Montevideo, Uruguay, Robin Heath, London UK, Luc de Vischere, Gent, Belgium, Jacques Vanobbergen, Gent, Belgium, Bruno Tassarotti, Milan, Italy, Päivi Siukosaari, Helsinki, Finland, J. Pietrokovski, Moshav Nir Zvi, Israel, Ina Nitschke, Berlin, Poul Holm-Pedersen, Copenhagen, E Lynch, Belfast.

Minutes of the business meeting in Geneva

The minutes of the business meeting in Geneva were approved by the General Assembly

Election of Officers (Newly elected / confirmed)

President	Hanna Hüpsch-Marzecz
Immediate Past President	Jim Newton
President Elect	Mark Thomason
Hon Secretary	Frauke Müller
Hon Treasurer	Ina Nitschke
Councillor	Gregory Polyzois
Councillor	Paivi Siukosaari
Councillor	Takahiro Ono
Editor	Jim Newton
Editor emeritus	Robin Heath
Website Editor	Bernd Wöstmann

Election of new members

Nick Jepson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Report of the President

Jim Newton welcomed all participants and thanked the speakers and poster presenters for their contribution to the scientific programme. He also thanked Brian O'Connell for the possibility to join the PEF meeting in Dublin and to benefit from the very professional organisation. He further thanked GABA for again sponsoring the ECG – GABA research award and the ECG board members for helping to organise the congress.

Report of the Secretary

The Secretary reported on a very enjoyable collaboration with the President of the ECG Jim Newton and Brian O'Connell, President of the PEF. The Secretary reported on substantial problems with receiving the payments for the ECG and suggested to abandon annual membership fees, as it seems an impossible task to collect them from all the members (she gives up!!!). The general assembly declined her suggestions and the present overdue members paid all in cash to back their decision / vote.

The Secretary reported that the Hon Treasurer Ina Nitschke as well as herself are “overdue” in their positions and would be happy to retire if another member volunteered for the post.

Report of the Hon Treasurer

Mme Hon Treasurer reported that the ECG is financially sound. Membership has now raised to now 61.

Report of the Editor of Gerodontology

The Editor Jim Newton stated that the collaboration with Blackwells goes extremely well and that enough copy has come in to fill the next issues of the Journal. He was also pleased with the quality of the incoming manuscripts, particularly those who were submitted for the ECG-GABA prize. However, subscriptions could still increase ... Concerning the impact-factor the necessary steps have been undertaken, but there is no news yet.

Evaluation of the GABA – prize procedures

The President reported that there were several high-quality submissions for the GABA prize. It was agreed that the procedures were considered successful and needed no further modification. In Dublin the prize was given to Takahiro Ono, Isami Kumakura, Mayumi Arimoto, Kazuhiro Hori, Dong Juan, Takshi Nokubi, Kazuhiro Tsuga, Yasumasa Akagawa (Osaka, Japan) for their study: *Influence of Bite Force and Tongue Pressure on Oro-pharyngeal Residue in Elderly*



Takahiro Ono with the ECG President Jim Newton and Christiane Spiegelhalder (GABA)

Future meetings

2007: Hanna Hüpsch-Marzec invited all members cordially to the 2007 ECG meeting to be held in Katowice, Poland on June 28-30th 2007

2007: Mark Thomason will consider joining the PEF held in London in 2008

Geneva, 11 January 2007
Frauke Müller, Secretary ECG

GORG Membership Details

Membership and annual dues collection is coordinated for GORG through the IADR central office in Washington. Membership renewals can be made on-line which greatly facilitates this process. Renewals are made through the My Membership section of the IADR web site at www.iadr.org. This site not only allows you to renew membership but also to join special interest groups, as well as subscribing to IADR journals and participating in the Adopt a Member programme. This is a programme to allow research workers from more affluent countries to sponsor membership of the

IADR for colleagues from less affluent areas of the world. Obviously all contributions are voluntary and you get an opportunity to choose the region of the world where you would like your donation to help. I know that this programme is much appreciated in places like Sub-Saharan Africa, the former Eastern Block countries and parts of Asia where \$50 is a large sum of money. Please encourage your colleagues to join GORG and participate in all our activities.

Submissions to the GORG Newsletter

The GORG Newsletter welcomes submissions from all of our members. Articles, reports, requests, and anything else that might be of interest to other members should be sent to:

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