

## **Minutes of the 27. EFOSA General Assembly Meeting**

June 10th 1997, Valencia, Spain

To this meeting representatives from members and perspective members were invited as well as the representative of the E.O.S. The attendance list is annex to this minutes.

### **1. Opening**

Schmiedel opened the meeting at 12.30 and welcomed the delegates and the invited colleagues.

### **2. Additions to and changes in the agenda**

v.d. Linden proposed to put point 9 of the agenda as last point before closing. The president changed the agenda in this way.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

The apologies for absence were read by the secretary.

### **4. Minutes of the EFOSA meeting on October 12th 1996**

The minutes were adopted without changes.

### **5. Minutes of the EFOSA meeting on January 11th 1997**

The minutes of this meeting were adopted.

### **6. Correspondence**

The secretary gave an oversight of the many letters he received and the letters that went out.

### **7. Report of the secretary**

The secretary's report 1996-1997 was read. Added was that the nomination committee has to be installed at a general assembly meeting in March 1998.

The names of the second delegates to the general assembly were added. They are: Fellner (Germany), Faure (France), Markostamos (Greece) and v.d. Linden (the Netherlands).

## **8. Report of the treasurer**

The financial statement of accounts up to June 10th 1997 was presented and approved. The annual dues will be: 500 DM + 2 DM per member for active members with more than 100 members 2 DM per member for active members with less than 100 members. Provisional and affiliate members are due half of these fees. The costs for the council meeting will be covered by EFOSA. The expenses for the delegates at the general assembly meetings will be covered by the national societies.

## **9. Future activities**

The relationship with the E.O.S. is discussed. Linder Aronson has made an oversight of the tasks and responsibilities of EFOSA and E.O.S.

EFOSA should deal with:

1. All policy statements on political issues.
2. Questions of economics, fee's, grants etc.
3. Orthodontic healthcare organization.
4. Conditions and administration of orthodontic practice.
5. The use of and delegation to auxiliary personnel.
6. Contact and discussion with the E.U.
7. Representation of orthodontists on E.U. committees.
8. Formation of an official orthodontist's register.

E.O.S. tasks:

1. Publication of the European Journal
2. Scientific matters, Research.
3. The European Board of orthodontists.

Joint Interests:

1. Accreditation
2. Quality insurance
3. Specialists examinations
4. Recognition of the Specialty.

v.d. Linden does not fully agree with this division. He is asked by the president to put his ideas on paper.

A meeting of the coordinating committee, consisting of three members of EFOSA and three members of the E.O.S., is scheduled for February 1998. The president will contact the advisory committee about their latest report on the competencies for orthodontists.

The relation with EuroQual is discussed. Bolender is sceptic. He says that the representative of France is a general practitioner.

Schmiedel says that he wants to stay in contact with EuroQual. Athanasiou suggests to let Brussels know that EFOSA exists and try to find out who is paying the grants given to EuroQual.

Schmiedel prefers direct contact with EuroQual. Athanasiou has some more suggestions:

1. The sending of reports by the secretary to whom it may concern
2. To organize a symposium about professional affairs
3. To have a page on Internet
4. To become member (as a society) from the FDI and WFO. The president promises to take these suggestions into consideration.

## **10. Any other matters**

The date for the next general meeting is set on Saturday, March 21st 1998 in Paris. There are questions about the directory. The general idea is to go to internet in the future. Gonzalez makes clear that SEDO only will withdraw its application for membership in favor of A.E.S.O.R., when the membership of SEDO approves and that the application of SEDO will stand for the time being.

## **11. Applications for membership**

The council proposes to the assembly to accept the specialist groups of the B.O.S. as a provisional member. This proposal is unanimously adopted. The president congratulates the representative of the B.O.S., Kettler and expresses his wish that B.O.S. will be able to apply for active membership soon.

## **12. Closing**

At 13.55 the president closes the meeting after having thanked the E.O.S. and the Spanish colleagues for their help in organizing this meeting.