

To
All members of the Swiss branch of the ISSHP
All participants

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Protocol of the Annual Meeting of the Swiss Branch of the ISSHP and of the 1st Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the World Congress of the ISSHP (International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy) in July 2012 in Geneva

Venue: Zurich /Switzerland

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Topics

1. Business meeting:

Election of the President and the Secretary of our group.

- According to the Constitution of our group the President and the Secretary of the Swiss branch of the ISSHP are elected every second year. Since M. Mohaupt was re-elected as President and Ernst Beinder as Secretary of the Swiss Branch of the ISSHP in 2008, next elections are in 2010. However, since Markus Mohaupt is the main organizer of the 2012 World Congress in Geneva all participants agreed that this presidency term Markus Mohaupt will be extended until 2012 to cover the meeting and allow for a continued preparation
- The next meeting of the Swiss branch will be organized from Markus Mohaupt and Ernst Beinder in 2010 during the Annual congress of the Swiss Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics June 24-26th 2010. Daniel Surbek will contact the congress organizers and plan the exact date and venue that will be announced. For the next meeting a scientific program including the presentation of lectures related to preeclampsia by experts in the field is planned.

2. Preparation of the 2nd meeting of the organizing committee of the World Congress of the ISSHP at the SGGG, June 2010

Announcement of the 2012 congress during the following international congresses: Melbourne ISSHP Meeting in 2010; SMFM 2010 in Chicago (<https://www.smfm.org/>); Nephrology, Cardiology, Hypertension, Pediatric and Internal Medicine Meetings. All national OBGYN meetings in 2011. E-mail and link to excellent website as is in Melbourne.

G. Zeeman will prepare a list of the international congresses in fetomaternal medicine during 2010 und 2011.

Organizing committee:

M. Boulvain, O. Irion, D. Surbek, L. Raio, M. Baumann, W. Holzgreve, I. Hösli, O. Lapaire (?), E. Beinder, M. Lindheimer, R. Zimmermann (?), HU Bucher (?), P. Hohlfeld (?), H. Schneider,

Wagner, D. Schlembach, B. Schiessl, R. Dechend, H. Stepan, E. Schleussner, T. Fischer, H. Zeissler.

Scientific committee “Ownership” for topics:

The list discussed at the meeting has been extended. Further proposals are welcome and the persons proposed will be contacted in due time ahead of the next organizing committee meeting.

- General overview: G. Zeeman, R. Pijnenbourg, M. Mohaupt, M. Lindheimer, W. Holzgreve
- Genetics: R. Geirsson
- Placenta; B. Huppertz
- Cell culture and animal models: ?
- Screening: D. Surbek, H. Stepan, D. Schlembach, M. Baumann
- Nephrology, Hypertension: M. Mohaupt, M. Pecher
- Data bases: H. Zeissler
- Anesthesiology: M. Mörtl
- Fetal programming, epigenetics, (prevention of) long term consequences for the newborn: E. Beinder, A. Plagemann, HU. Bucher, G. Simonetti
 - Cardiovascular system
 - Renal
 - Metabolic
- Long term consequences for the mother: F. Broughton-Pipkin
 - Cardiovascular system
 - Renal
 - Metabolic
- Metabolic syndrome, diabetes in pregnancy, endocrine dysfunction: ?
- Prevention: M. Mohaupt
- Vascular reactivity: R. Dechend
- Epidemiology: WHO-representative

- Clinical studies: E. Schleussner
- Fetal surveillance: B. Schiessl, L. Raio
- Maternal surveillance:
- Maternal complications:
- Neonatology:
- Developing countries: WHO-representative
- Delegates for sponsoring activities/satellite symposia: Who??
- Midwives: ?

Location:

The lecture given from W. Holzgreve pointed out the decision for Geneva.

Presentation from E. Zuffi representing Geneva and the arguments for Geneva. Long discussion on financing.

A clear and unchallenged decision was made for the Geneva congress center. As identified by M. Boulvain ahead of the meeting the University of Geneva facilities are not an option for the meeting. Of interest the WHO pays no rent for the congress center in Geneva only operating expenses. In view of this information, the Society will attempt to attract the WHO by especially emphasizing the world wide burden of preeclampsia and connected disease in future generations in developing, yet also in developed countries. W. Holzgreve declared to contact the WHO together with M. Lindheimer in support of the ISSHP congress.

The location will be the Geneva congress center.

Financial issues:

E. Beinder emphasized the importance for reduced participation fees especially for delegates from developing countries including strictly reduced fees (e.g. 200.- USD) and very cheap accommodation in Geneva. E. Zuffi pronounced the possibility of renting rooms in student guest houses, if the congress takes place during the university summer break. Travelling grants should be established for young investigators and participants from undeveloped countries if affordable.

Travelling-wise Geneva is a good location since low cost airlines frequently serve the airport. Participants from large countries with a developing health care system and an expected enormous impact by information providing during the meeting need to get attracted (e.g. India, China, Russia).

The risk of a huge deficit will be kept low since expenses will be adjusted to the number of participants according to E. Zuffi.

Post-meeting discussion of E. Beinder and M. Mohaupt concluded to established a foundation (or a limited company) to exclude overly personal liability.

Start-up money provided by the ISSHP will be 10.000 €.

A careful discussion should commence on treating potential yields. I personally will propose on the next meeting to establish a board of trustees for the intended foundation. This board will dispense money along rules to be established to support preeclampsia research preferably in Switzerland.

Sponsoring is an important topic to reduce overall fees. Since the fate of children and mothers affected by the disease involves increased cardiovascular risk, companies engaged in this field need to be involved beyond the classical stake holders in the field. Possible topics for satellite symposia will be established by the people participating in the scientific committee. Unfortunately, Switzerland is expensive and sponsoring fees have to be adapted to the general price level. Post-meeting I propose to establish sponsoring ranks for established companies (platinum, gold, silver etc.) and set up the fee for satellite symposia on an hourly base. In contrast, start-ups should be allowed to be present with significantly reduced fees. Sponsoring outside the field is possible, but it appeared unlikely to the meeting participants.

A COST action established via the European Council may be feasible.

Date:

Currently July 9-13th 2012 are planned, alternatively July 2nd-6th 2010 should be considered.

Further post-meeting considerations:

Dr. Mario Merialdi (WHO) was proposed by Dr. Marshall Lindheimer as WHO contact.

The legal service of the University of Bern suggested the Swiss representatives of the ISSHP to act as assignees of the International Society, but the legal form of the Society has to be classified according to the Swiss law. Markus Mohaupt will discuss this issue with the International Society.

To do:

- Dr. D. Surbek will contact the congress organizers of the next SGGG (Swiss Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics) congress from the 24.-26 June 2010 and plan the exact date and venue of the meeting of the organizing committee of the World Congress of the ISSHP in 2012
- Dr. G. Zeeman will prepare a list of the international congresses in fetomaternal medicine during 2010 und 2011 where we will announce the 2012 meeting of the ISSHP in Geneva
- Dr. Wolfgang Holzgreve and Dr. Marshall Lindheimer (did already) will contact WHO in Geneva to evaluate the possibility of WHO support in the congress and/or for the rental of the Geneva congress center
- Markus Mohaupt and Dr. Ernst Beinder will evaluate the legal issues.
- Markus Mohaupt and Dr. Ernst Beinder will contact all of the suggested persons to participate in the organizing committee if they are willing to cooperate.

