

Minutes of SIG Reproductive Endocrinology, ESHRE, Barcelona, 8th July 2008.

Co-ordinator: Adam Balen (UK)

Deputies: Richard Anderson (UK)

Juan Garcia-Velasco (Spain)

Junior Representative: Georg Griesinger (Germany)

Past co-ordinator: Nick Macklon (Netherlands)

The meeting was co-chaired by N.M. and A.B.. The new committee was present, apart from J G-V who gave his apologies. In attendance approximately 15 members of the SIG.

We need to make our proposals annually and budget for 2009 by mid-September. N.M stated that he would draw up a budget for the forthcoming meetings already planned.

It was agreed that this year's pre-congress course *Gender Specific Medicine: Redefining Reproductive Endocrinology* had been highly rated.

N.M. outlined the meetings so far planned for the forthcoming twelve months:

- *Basic Principals in Ovarian Physiology: Relevance for IVF, Lisbon, Portugal 19 - 20 September 2008.*
- *The Menopause and its Management: a revisit, Edinburgh, Scotland 6 - 7 October 2008.*
- *The 4th Course on Molecular Basics and Translational Studies in Reproductive Medicine, Molecular Reproductive Medicine, Thessaloniki, Greece 10 - 11 October 2008.*
- *Mild approaches to stimulation, Mirabor, Slovenia, 6-7 February 2009.*
- Next year's pre-congress course will be run jointly with the SIG on Safety and Quality in ART and will focus on *Mild stimulation strategies in IVF.*

We have also been asked to contribute to a satellite meeting on fetal physiology and periconception at the SGI meeting in Glasgow, 18-21st March 2009, where there will be an ESHRE Campus Symposium on Periconceptual Determinants of Health.

ESHRE have established a new Task Force in Basic Sciences, chaired by Johan Smitz. Richard Anderson will represent the SIG.

Basil Tarlatzis stated that in 2010 there will be a third PCOS consensus meeting on *Medical Problems associated with PCOS*, probably in Amsterdam at the end of September (proposed 29-30th).

We Need to enhance website and keep it updated.

Many members stated they do not feel they have been kept fully informed or engaged in decisions for meeting etc..

We are currently making plans for further meetings from Spring 2009. If you have any suggestions or feel you would like to host a meeting, please contact Adam Balen via ESHRE or adam.balen@leedsth.nhs.uk.

Suggestions for topics for meetings:

Old and new hormones / endocrinology

Traditional reproductive endocrinology

Overviews of adrenal / pituitary / thyroid / pancreas

New gut hormones / fat hormones / hypothalamic / neuropeptides

Latest on Inhibin / AMH etc...

The lost ART of Ovulation Induction

Optimising reproductive health

Ovarian reserve

Gamete optimisation

Epigenetics

Periconceptional health / nutrition

Medical conditions affecting fertility and pregnancy

Ethnic variations

The ovarian lifespan

From fetus to menopause

Ovarian aging

IVM

Early Pregnancy – joint SIG meeting?

Luteal phase

Endometrium

Implantation

Sports Gynaecology

Alternative Therapies

Acupuncture

Setting up clinical trials

From basic statistics to complex analysis

Training meetings in Eastern European Countries on fundamentals of Reproductive Endocrinology

Possible Venues

Kiev
Budapest