



CAPGAN Council Meeting

26.9.17 : 1pm

The Mulungushi International . Conference centre, Lusaka , Zambia.

Attendees

Dr Barbara Golden
Dr Neelam Mohan
Prof Bhupinder Sandhu
Dr Susan Hill
Prof Iqbal Memon
Dr Sandhia Naik
Prof Stephen Allen
Dr Jay Berkley
Dr Ahmed Laving
Prof Tony Nelson
Prof Paul Kelly

Dr Barbara Golden, President, Chaired the meeting and welcomed all the council members.

Apologies : Siba Parsad; David Brewster; M. Manary; T. Ahmad; P. Sullivan; Prof. ZA Bhutta; D. Forbes; B. Amadi ; Heide Sandige and Jacinta Tobin all sent their apologies.

1) Minutes of last meeting at New Delhi 2015 were pre circulated (addendum1): Agreed and Passed .

2) Reports.

2a) President 's report , Dr Golden had pre-circulated a written (addendum 2) and also gave a verbal report. Questions to her are covered by other items eg next CAPGAN meeting in 2019 .

2b) Secretary's report , Dr Mohan pre-circulated a written report (addendum 3) and added good news about an education grant for CAPGAN of 5000 Euros from Biocodex which she with some support from Prof Sandhu, has negotiated.

2c) CAPGAN Representative on FISP GHAN report: Prof Sandhu had pre-circulated a written report (addendum 4) and also gave an oral report on strong CAPGAN involvement in planning and actual content of World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology , Hepatology and Nutrition (WCPGHAN) held in Montreal in Sept 2017. She thanked all those involved.

2d) Commonwealth Secretariat Representatives report. Prof Nelson gave an account of his involvement in a number of activities including the Commonwealth Health Alliance . (see addendum 5).He has been elected as its chair and was congratulated by all.

2e) Treasurer Report: Dr Sandhia Naik presented an oral report about CAPGAN's Financial affairs:

Current balance is £11006.22 after deduction of expenses which were as follows:

£ 256 for travel expenses of President to attend meetings in London at Commonwealth Secretariat .

£4000 travel grants have been awarded as CAPGAN bursaries to 9 young delegates presenting the best abstracts at this meeting .

Prof Kelly clarified that the bursaries have been handed out by the local organizing team and Zambian Association of Gastroenterology and Nutrition (ZAGAN).He also stated that ZAGAN are going to make a small loss from this meeting but will not be asking for a subsidy. Prof Kelly and ZAGAN were thanked by all for all their hard work at planning , Organization and hospitality.

Dr Naik informed the meeting that of the £5000 given by CAPGAN as seed money to 2015 Delhi meeting; £4000 had been refunded. Dr Mohan pointed out that £1000 had been spent towards new CAPGAN website construction and she had paid for secretarial support from her own pocket.

Dr Naik pointed out that Sri Lanka and Indian CAPGAN meetings accounts report are still outstanding .(Action Dr Mohan and Dr Paul)

3) Maintaining a continuous record of attendees at CAPGAN Conferences: It was agreed that that it is essential to record who attends each congress and for linked up communication the list of attendees with e mail addresses should be sent to the President and Secretary

(Action: Prof Kelly and host team in Zambia; also Dr Mohan as she has record of attendees of last two meetings).

4) Application by CAPGAN for accreditation with the Commonwealth Secretariat as a recognised Commonwealth organisation by the President is needed annually and is essential . This must be maintained. Dr Golden informed that This action was last completed & accepted in May 2017.

5) Guidance Notes for new officers to aid optimal functioning of CAPGAN and continuity. It was felt important that this is done and a guidance document should be produced for next meeting (Action: Dr Golden, Profs Memon and Sandhu).

6) It was pointed out by Dr Naik that If amount/ funds raised are over £25000 per year CAPGAN would have to pay tax as a business/ charity.

Prof Sandhu said CAPGAN is not registered as a charity , this had been looked into in the past but getting registered is complicated , imposes some restrictions and costs money so it was decided not to. She volunteered to look in to implications of current

status as compared to a charity or modern business and get an informal legal opinion.(Action Prof Sandhu).

7) Dr Barbara Golden informed the meeting about acceptance only last evening by past president of CAPGAN Prof Zulfiqar Bhutta with Dr R. Bandsma to host CAPGAN 2019 in Toronto ,Canada. Dr J. Berkley and Dr Ahmed Laving have agreed to host CAPGAN 2021 in Kenya. This news was met with great enthusiasm and excitement and the future hosts were thanked .

8)Commonwealth Secretariat Links: Prof Tony Nelson has represented CAPGAN as representative at commonwealth secretariat and Health Ministers annual conference in Geneva. He presented brief on the subject and activities; he informed the meeting about large budget cut with downsizing in Health and Education section. His membership and now chairing of of the commonwealth health advisory Committee for three years makes it appropriate for him to continue to represent CAPGAN in commonwealth.

9)A list of historic CAPGAN events and contributions for the website would be useful and of interest to new members and informative for the Executive . Prof Sandhu and Dr Golden volunteered for this task.
(Action: BG/BS).

10) Prof Sandhu ,in her role as past President advisor on Council , thanked Dr Golden for her many contributions to enhance CAPGAN's standing during her term of office . This was unanimously endorsed by all .

11) Membership Fee: Prof Sandhu pointed out that the membership Fee of \$25 per person out of congress registration is to be given to the CAPGAN treasurer. This has not been happening since the London meeting which contributed over £12,000 to CAPGAN funds.

The President and Executive need to make sure it happens in the future “and that CAPGAN has never compensated loss if any. (Action: Dr Neelam Mohan / Prof. Iqbal Memon / Dr siba Parsad)

12) CAPGAN Constitution requires revision/ update. [Action: BS/BG]

13) Nominations Council 2017-2019:

President Elect &Secretary- Iqbal Memon (BS-nominated , BG Seconded)

Treasurer Dr Siba Prasad Paul Nominated (Proposed by NM and seconded by SA)

Commonwealth Representative – Dr Tony Nelson to continue (proposed by BG and seconded by SH)

FISPGHAN representation from CAPGAN: Past President [BG] and Current President[NM].

Council Members nominated and elected.

- 1) Prof Suzanne Filteau - LSHTM, London .Nominated by BG and seconded by BS.
- 2) Dr Haroon Salooje – South Africa . Nominated by BG and seconded by BS.
- 3) Dr Shamama Hasan Pakistan , Nominated by IM and seconded by BS.
- 4) Dr Arshad Alvi Pakistan . Nominated by IM.
- 5) Prof Surrender Yacha - India [nominated by BS and seconded by BG.

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Web site coordinator: Neelam Mohan

Aim to increase membership and interaction between congresses; Thoughts shared .(Action NM and IM)

14) CAPGAN Prizes for best presentations 2017:

Prof Bhupinder Sandhu prize for Gastroenterology

Joint winners Dr Naomi Wright, for *“Paediatric Surgery across Sub-Saharan Africa – study design and preliminary multi-centre prospective cohort .*
and

Dr Naheed Choudhary UK for
“Reversal of pathogen induced barrier defects in intestinal and epithelial cells by contra pathogenicity agents”(£260 divided equally)

Dr Peter Sullivan prize for Nutrition

Dr Wieger Vosuij – Kenya and Malawi
‘WHO danger signs as predictors of mortality in severely malnourished children; a prospective multi-centre study’(£250)

Dr Barbara Golden prize for Nutrition

Dr Rosalie Bartels – Malawi, Canada, Netherlands, UK.
‘Hypoallergenic and anti-inflammatory feeds in Malawian children with complicated severe acute malnutrition (SAM) an open randomised controlled trial’(£250)

Dr Neelam Mohan prize for Hepatology was shared among the 4 best poster presentations :

1. Dr Ellen Besa – Zambia

GLP-2 levels in cohort of Zambian children during acute and persistent diarrhoea.

2. Michelo Simuyandi, Zambia

Immunogenicity of rotavirus vaccine in Rotavix™ infants with environmental enteric dysfunction

3. Justin Tongun – Sudan

Predictors of early initiation of breast feeding among mother-infant pairs in Juba Teaching Hospital South Sudan, a hospital based study.

4. Anuradha Rai – India

Prevalence of acute kidney injury network (AKIN) in paediatric non-acetaminophen acute liver failure. Can AKIN scoring improve the Kings College criteria prognostic model.

(Total 250).

14b) Bursaries

9 travel bursaries were awarded . The names will be listed on the website (Action Dr Jay Berkley : to supply names and NM to put them on website together with the final minutes and all the addendum reports)

1. \$ 500 - Benedikte Grenov Uganda
2. \$ 450/- Weiger Vaskuiji Malawi
3. \$ 500/- Oscar Divala Malawi
4. \$ 500/- Moses Ngori Kenya
5. \$ 450/- Rosalie Bartels Malawi
6. \$ 1000/-Anuradha Rai India
7. \$ 500/- Noami Wright UK
8. \$ 450/- Amy Mayberry UK
9. Withdrew

15) Website – currently good; Needs regular updating . All changes need to go through the President, who shall be managing.(Action Dr Mohan)

16)Future meetings

Toronto September 2019

Kenya September 2021

17) AOB:

Council members acknowledged immense contribution by Barbara Golden and offered thanks to Sandhia Naik

It was proposed that CAPGAN Alumni as a group should be encouraged to contribute bursaries and prizes for young Talent/ researchers and contributors.

Dr Golden thanked Prof Kelly and the whole host team and the meeting was closed.

(Minutes compiled by BS on behalf of IM with help from SH, BG, IM, TN and NM) .