

DRAFT-MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF OCTOBER 12, 1999, MUNICH, GERMANY

Present: Harriet Berthold (S), Herman Bouma (NL), Annelies (J.E.M.H.) van Bronswijk (NL), Roger Coleman (UK), Mauro Colombo (I), Sara Czaja (USA), Jim Fozard (USA), Michel Frossard (F), Neil Charness (USA), Jan Graafmans (NL), Richard Pieper (D), Kazuaki Iwata (J), Heidrun Mollenkopf (D), Lawrence Normie (IL), Zsuzsa Szeman (H), Anthea Tinker (GB), Maarja Vaarama (FIN), Natalie Vereker (IRL), Gerard Cornet (guest).

1. Election of the Executive Board

It is proposed that the present executive board for the purpose of continuity is reelected for another period of three years. The general assembly unanimously agrees with this proposal. For the period 1999-2002, Vappu Taipale will be president, Jan Graafmans secretary general / treasurer and Richard Pieper past vice-president. The executive board is completed with Neil Charness in the position of vice-president and chairman of the next conference (USA, 2002).

2. Election of the standing committees

After a short discussion the following standing committees are established: Publications, In- and external communication, Education, Research and development, Industrial relations, and Conference.

The present committees are to be seen as precursors of the more extended standing committees in the near future. Each committee is expected to formulate its own working programme and recruit active members from within the Society. Council members were encouraged to find good representatives in the committees from their own country in case they themselves would not be able to invest appropriate time and attention to the work to be done.

Composition of the committees (first responsible underlined):

Publications: Annelies van Bronswijk, Mauro Colombo, Heidrun Mollenkopf, Lawrence Normie, Natalie Vereker

In- and external communication: Roger Coleman, Gerard Cornet, Sara Czaja, Jan Graafmans, Kazuaki Iwata

Conference: Neil Charness, Sara Czaja, Jan Graafmans, Kazuaki Iwata, Richard Pieper

Research and development: Herman Bouma (advisor), Kazuaki Iwata (advisor), Richard Pieper, John Thomas (suggested), Anthea Tinker, Marja Vaarama

Industrial relations: Jan Graafmans

Education: Harriet Berthold, Jim Fozard, Kazuaki Iwata (advisor)

p.s. (advisor) implies that the person mentioned will search for a good representative.

Furthermore a task force is established that will make a proposal for future ad hoc and project activities that could be initiated by the Society. These further activities could be in the following areas:

[i] gerontechnology in third world economies or countries in transition;

[ii] gender-issues;

[iii] repository of good practice

[iv] ethics

The task force consists of Heidrun Mollenkopf, Richard Pieper, Jan Graafmans.

3. Miscellaneous

The most important activity of the General Assembly will be the further development and promotion of gerontechnology. To achieve this it is felt necessary that the Society as a network is supported or

endorsed by international organisations or administrations. The executive board is asked to explore the possibilities for external support for the work to be done by the Society.

Individual council members are strongly encouraged to seek for additional members in their own country as well as to establish national activities and networks in gerontechnology.

It is envisaged that the next Executive Board meeting will take place early summer 2000.

Done at Munich, October 13th, 1999.

Jan Graafmans, Secretary General

Approved by: Richard Pieper (Vice-President)

DRAFT-AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NOVEMBER 10, 2002, MIAMI, USA

1. Welcome

2. Announcements

The e-mail discussion list
The New Journal: Gerontechnology
Membership fee and journal subscription
Venue of the next congress

3. Reports 1999-2002

(to be distributed during
the general assembly)
Of the Executive Board
Of the Committees on:

Education
Finances
In- and external communication
Research & Development
Publications
3rd Conference
4th Conference
Industrial Relations
Of the Task Force on: New Projects

4. Elections, Appointments and Dismissals

Board Members

Not standing for re-election:
Prof. Vappu Taipale, ir. Jan Graafmans
Standing for re-election:
Prof. Neil Charness, Prof. Richard Pieper
Vacancies Executive Board:
President, Secretary-General, Treasurer,

Chairperson Next Conference, Chief Editor
of the Journal

Vacancies:
Board Members

Committees:

Publication (Chair: Prof. Johanna E.M.H.
van Bronswijk): Committee requests to be
relieved of its completed task

3rd Conference (Chair: Prof. Richard
Pieper): Committee requests to be relieved
of its completed task

Task Force: New Projects (Dr. Heidrun
Mollenkopf)

*Editors and Editorial Board of
Gerontechnology; Staffing of remaining
committees*

5. Future Activities 2002-2005

6. Other Business

The Society still has a small stock of the
Proceedings of the 2nd International
Conference in Helsinki. Interested parties
may obtain a copy from the treasurer at a
price of ₤ 10 (cash and carry)

7. Next Meeting

Jan A.M. Graafmans MSc,
Secretary-general / Treasurer