



International Federation of Surgical Colleges

Minutes, AGM

**15:30 – 16:30, Wednesday, 2nd December
2015**

in the

**NYIKA ROOM, Victoria Hotel,
Blantyre, Malawi**

Minutes

Present

Bob Lane

Mr Paul Gartell

Jacob Dreyer

Abebe Bekele

Stephen Ogendo

Kent Jönsson

Duncan Jackman

Laston Chikoya

Bruce Steffes

Martin Smith

Paul Goldberg

Declan Magee

Sean Tierney

Mohamed Labib

Paul Thomas

Huzaifa Elkhalifa

Sherry Wren

President (Chair)

Treasurer

Acting Sec. Gen., Colorectal Surgeon & Critical
Care Trainer

Associate Professor of Surgery, Addis Ababa

Immediate Past President, COSECSA

Prof. of Surgery (Retired)

RCS (Eng), Director of International Affairs

Chair, ESRC, COSECSA

Exec. Director, PAACS

President, Pan African Association of Surgeons

Sec Gen, Pan African Association of Surgeons

President, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Prof. of Surgical Informatics, RCSI

Head, Surgery Department, School of
Medicine, University of Namibia

COSECSA Overseas Fellow, Founder, LAST.

Consultant General/Laparoscopic Surgeon,
DSH, Sudan.

Director of Global Surgery, Center for Global
Health and Innovation, Stanford University

Steve Brockie	Regional Director, Johnson & Johnson MISSA
Emmanuel Makasa	Counsellor-Health: Permanent Mission of Zambia, Geneva
Steve Mannion	Consultant Orthopaedic surgeon, Blackpool Founder, Feet First Worldwide.
John Tarpley	Prof. Surgery & Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt MC.

1). Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed the above.

2). Apologies:

Dr. William S Gunn	Trustee, Past President
Frank Branicki	Prof. & Chair, Dept of Surgery, UAE University
Mike Mckirdy	VP, RCPSG
Dan Decklebaum	McGill University, Canada
Tarek Razek	McGill University, Canada
Herve Angate	President PAAS

3). Minutes of the last AGM in Dar es Salaam 4th December 2014 (previously circulated) were duly signed as being a correct record of what took place on that day.

4). Minutes of the Regional Meeting in Abidjan 2nd March 2015 (previously circulated) were also duly signed as being a correct record of what took place on that day.

5). Matters arising from the AGM December 2014 that are not on the Agenda:-

6c. The Chairman reported that IFSC is now a member of the Alliance of Surgery and Anaesthesia Presence (ASAP) through which surgery can be represented at the International Society of Surgeons (ISS).

6). Chairman's Report:

1). The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the WHA Resolution 68/15 "*Strengthening Emergency and Essential Surgical Care and Anaesthesia as a Component of Universal Health Coverage*" which was adopted unanimously at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May. It is of note that Dr. SWA Gunn, Immediate Past President IFSC, reminded the Assembly that the concept and the very term "Essential Surgery" emanated jointly from WHO and IFSC back in 1977 at the IFSC Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

- 2). IFSC was subsequently invited to join the Implementation Committee for Resolution 68.15 at WHO.
- 3). The Chairman invited Dr. Emmanuel Makasa, Lead Author of the Resolution, to inform the meeting of the implications of the Resolution and the responsibilities “in country” and at WHO level. This engendered a lively and informative debate.
- 4). The Chairman mentioned briefly the calendar of events (see website) that IFSC had contributed to during 2015.
- 5). IFSC has been actively supporting the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) in their opposition to a Resolution by the Committee on Narcotic Drugs (CND) to schedule the use of Ketamine which would have enormous consequences for Anaesthesia and pain relief around the world and particularly in sub-Saharan Africa.

7). Treasurers Report:-

The accounts were presented and approved. The Treasurer explained that the majority of expenses were paid out of donations. However, this is not a viable situation for the future. It was therefore agreed, by a majority, to reintroduce subscriptions and a figure of \$500 (£350) per year was suggested although one or two of those present had some reservations and it was emphasized that the amount had to be justified with regard to the relevance, impact and achievements of IFSC in recent years.

The Treasurer agreed to do so.

8). Secretary General’s Report:-

- 1). The thrust of our activities over the past year have revolved around the design and introduction of two new surgical training courses.
- 2). An innovative approach in Ifakara, Tanzania to training Assistant Medical Officers in emergency surgery by utilising an integrated, competency based course over a one year timeframe. Approval has been obtained from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and hopefully the Course will begin in 2016.
- 3). The College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) approached the IFSC to develop a basic course in Surgical Research Skills for COSECSA trainees as no such course is currently on offer. A highly successful pilot course was held in Addis Ababa last September. There were six UK visiting Faculty and three local Faculty. A total of 53 Year 1 Surgical Residents successfully completed the course and further ones are planned for next year.
- 4). The acting SG represented IFSC the Bethune Round Table of CNIS at Calgary University in June 2015. A paper was delivered on "Developing a critical care course fit for purpose for COSECSA" and the SG was invited to an informal CNIS council meeting to contribute to a discussion on increasing involvement of Canadian surgeons in global surgery.

9). New Committee:-

It was unanimously agreed to establish an Education and Research Committee in order to further our training activities.

10) Nominations:-

Dr. Abebe Bekele was unanimously elected Secretary General.
Dr. Jacob S. Dreyer was unanimously elected Chairman of the new Education and Research Committee.

11). G4 Alliance:-

Substantial progress has been made over the past year. Membership currently stands at 61 organisations comprising Colleges, Associations, NGO's, private sector networks, Not for Profit organisations and major global charitable foundations. The core pillars of advocacy, policy implementation and resource mobilization are now well embedded.

Success is reliant on having widespread experience and expertise among the Membership who contribute to a truly professional organisation. The IFSC is highly respected as a source of advice across the board.

For further information please see the G4 Alliance website (<http://www.theg4alliance.org>).

12). Website:-

The Chairman reported that this is now up and running (www.theifsc.org). Please visit.

13). Any other business:-

Nil.

14). Date of next AGM:- TBC early December, Mombasa, Kenya during the COSECSA Annual Scientific Meeting.