

# International Society of Arthroplasty Registries (ISAR) Annual Meeting

Held in conjunction with the

## EFORT Meeting

Vienna, Austria

June 3 - 6 2009

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, 4th June 2009  
**Time:** Commencing at 9:00am  
**Place:**

## MINUTES

### Attendees:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Prof Henrik Malchau (Sweden, USA)
<b>Austria/EFORT</b>	Dr Gerold Labek, Prof Nikolaus Boehler
<b>Norway</b>	Prof Leif Havelin, Prof Lars Engeseter
<b>Slovakia</b>	Dr Libor Necas
<b>Israel</b>	Dr Leonid Kandel
<b>Sweden (Knee)</b>	Prof Otto Robertsson, Ms Annette W-Dahl
<b>Sweden (Hip)</b>	<i>Dr Göran Garellick, Ms Kajsa Erikson, Dr Cecilia Rogmark, Prof Peter Herberts, Ms Karin Lindborg, Dr Ola Rolfson</i>
<b>USA</b>	Dr Charles Bragdon (MGH/USA)
<b>USA</b>	Dr Anthony Rankin

### 1. Welcome by Henrik Malchau

H Malchau opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. He noticed that the ISAR meetings at the AAOS generally have more attending.

### 2. New chairman

H Malchau remarked that a new Chairman should have been elected at the Vienna meeting. Ove Furnes had been contacted and tentatively accepted the position.

### **3. ISAR website – [www.isarhome.org](http://www.isarhome.org)**

H Malchau demonstrated the website (with some server problems). At present it is hosted in Boston but will be moved to Goteborg eventually and also linked to EAR web portal.

### **4. Representatives of registries**

The list of representatives on the website was discussed and it was decided that only registries should be included on this list.

Several individuals can represent each registry and all will be listed with their specific function.

H Malchau and G Labek went through the existing registers and their present status.

### **5. Representatives of registries**

G Labek informed that there will be a special session on registers at the EFORT meeting in Madrid, June 2010 with 4 different speakers.

H Malchau informed that there will not be a special register symposium at the AAOs meeting in New Orleans in March 2010.

H Malchau will address the Hip Society about a session on registers at every second meeting.

### **6. Membership fee**

H Malchau addressed the issue of a membership fee. The costs for the Society are approximately USD 10 000 a year. These include costs for maintaining the website, secretary and meeting costs.

Stephen Graves, Australia are willing to contribute funds, but we still need to identify a mechanism to transfer the funds.

N Boehler has also informed that there are funds available from EAR.

Discussions about where the money should be deposited regarding tax issues, legal issues etc. Probably will the Society open a tax-exempt account in Goteborg, Sweden

N Boehler suggested that a budget should be made for the Society.

H Malchau suggested the membership fee to be a symbolic sum.

### **7. Membership status and register status**

P Herberts addressed the issue of the status of a membership in the Society. – Full membership demands national coverage exceeding 90%. The remaining registries, whether national or regional will be an associate members.

N Boehler proposed that the membership of the Society not should be differentiated that way. Only the status of the registers should be differentiated.

It was approved that all register is a full member of the Society but with different status of the registers like – National – Regional – Associate – Under construction. Further discussion and clarification of this important issue at the next meeting in New Orleans

H Malchau will update this issue at the next meeting with definition of each register category.

## **8. Update of other registers**

G Garellick updated his presentation about NARA from the meeting in February that one hip publication in Acta Orthopædica and that additional five papers are under way.

O Robertsson informed that the merging of knee databases has started but pointed out that the classifications in between the countries are quite different.

H Malchau updated D Lewallen's presentation in February that the US Registry is really happen now. The AAOS, specialty societies and industry (AVAMED) has supported USD 1,000,000.

H Malchau also informed around ongoing discussions around an Implant Database in US. The industry is positive, but waiting for a FDA initiative on a national system for Unique Device Identifier (UDI). When and how UDI will be implemented is still unclear, a database might be needed as an interim solution.

H Malchau also stated that there is strong support for registers from the presidential line in AAOS (John Callaghan is upcoming and will be succeeded by Dan Berry).

N Boehler addressed the issue of minimal data set in Europe.

Suggestions were made that data sets should be coordinated to the EAR set.

G Garellick proposed that hemi arthroplasties should be included.

## **9. Issues at the next meeting**

H Malchau will make a proposal for revision of the ByLaws for the Society. An election committee is needed in order to prepare the succession in the Steering committee.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the AAOS meeting in New Orleans, on Thursday March 11, 2010 at 5pm – 7pm.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

Minutes by: Kajsa Erikson