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BOARD MEETING

Brussels, 18 September 1999

President VAN LONDEN announced the death of Oleg Ledent, who had been a member of the Secretariat under the Portuguese and Greek presidencies.

A minute's silence was observed.

It was decided to take item 3 first.

1. Appointment of Secretary General

President VAN LONDEN said that the General Assembly had tasked the Executive Committee with identifying and selecting a candidate. The Executive Committee's selection subcommittee comprised Drs VILMAR, AARIMAA and KEARNS.

The first call for nominations had produced just one nominee. A second call had produced one more.

The selection subcommittee had done its duty and selected Dr AGHINA. It had put that decision forward to the Executive Committee which had approved it *nem. con.*

To President VAN LONDEN's mind, a number of delegations had failed to appreciate the full importance of the procedure. He stressed that the new presidency would need a secretary general.

Dr KEARNS, as the only member of the selection subcommittee present, endorsed the President's remarks.

Dr NUNES, although holding the selected candidate in the highest regard, strenuously objected. He said the Portuguese position, put on record in countless sets of minutes over many years, had consistently been that the candidate should be neither a doctor nor a member of a delegation.

Dr RENZO shared this view, and said the secretary general was a line position, not a political post.

Dr LEMYE had doubts about the procedure followed and objected that it was neither open and above-board nor democratic. He felt the decision had been presented as a fait accompli and found that to be out of order.

This was countered with the minutes of the previous Board meeting showing the opposite, which Dr LEMYE dismissed by saying that the minutes had not yet been approved.

Dr MONTGOMERY hoped that the delegations would move forward in a constructive frame of mind. He thought an in-house candidate should be seen as an asset. He was in favour of the candidate selected.

Dr CHRISTOPOULOS asked who the other candidate had been. He proposed that a vote to choose between the two candidates be held in November.

Dr MOSTACERO seconded this.

Dr GREWIN said that the Swedish delegation had found the procedure to be democratic. He asked for the Board to come down for or against the candidate selected.

President VAN LONDEN moved that it be put to a vote.

Dr KEARNS asked for a vote by open ballot.

Dr RENZO said that voting in the CP was always by secret ballot.

Dr MONTGOMERY said that unless a 3/4 majority were found, the CP would find itself with no candidate. He was against it being put back to November.

Dr DUNCAN was in favour of a vote and called for the minutes to be approved.

Dr KEARNS said that the Italian candidate was no longer available.

Dr CHAPMAN wanted the selection subcommittee's decision to be endorsed.

Dr NUNES called for a secret ballot.

Dr VAN LEEUWEN said that the KNMG had long had a doctor as its secretary general.

Dr POULSEN pointed out that both candidates had been doctors.

Dr GRUNWALD said there were two aspects to the issue: one was the appointment of a secretary general; the other was the job specifications and the candidate profile. He said that secret balloting was the rule in France.

Dr KEARNS said that were the CP to find itself in deadlock, he would ask the BMA to reconsider its participation in the CP.

Drs LEMYE and MART strongly objected to this response.

Mr SCHIRMER stressed that a vote had to be taken on whether or not to hold a secret ballot; a vote by show of hands was therefore taken.

The decision to vote by secret ballot was passed by a majority vote.

President VAN LONDEN pointed out that the Irish and Icelandic delegations were not represented, which meant there would be only 15 votes. Austria, although absent, had given Germany a proxy to act for it.

Drs GRUNWALD and KUJALA assisted Dr VAN BEKERSTIJN as tellers.

The result of the vote was: 9 for, 5 against, 1 abstention.

President VAN LONDEN announced that the candidate selected by the Board was rejected.

He would ask the forthcoming Finnish presidency to open a new selection procedure.

2. Adoption of motions and positions of the CP

2.1. Position of the Standing Committee of European Doctors on a proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on certain legal aspects of electronic commerce in the internal market (CP 1999/079)

The CP position was adopted.

2.2 Professional autonomy and responsibility (CP 1999/020 Rev3)

Dr POULSEN said that the document was not of an urgency which required its adoption by the Board. He also pointed out the risk of having a different position to that of the WMA.

Dr LEMYE said that the decision to have a specifically CP document had been taken in subcommittee. Nevertheless, he was amenable to the item being held over to November.

Dr BOTTU, the rapporteur, agreed to the deferment.

2.3. Position/resolution of the CP on the proposed amendments to the EU's Working Time Directive (CP 1999/080 Final)

The CP resolution was adopted.

2.4. Motion on technical assistance and rehabilitating the health care system in Kosovo (CP 1999/081 Final)

The CP motion was adopted.

**2.5. Motion on refresher training for doctors in Kosovo (CP 1999/082
Final)**

The CP motion was adopted.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the Board meeting held in Brussels on 27
March 1999
Working document CP 1999/059**

The minutes were not taken as business.

Dr KEARNS said that the Board's vote against Dr AGHINA's nomination as Secretary General meant that the budget information for 2000 was no longer correct.

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