EUROPEAN DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

June 2nd, Lyon, France

The third annual business meeting of the EDTA was held at 17.30 with Professor Traeger in the chair and approximately 100 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting (published in Volume II of the EDTA Proceedings) were accepted without discussion.

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

The second annual meeting was held at Newcastle on September 17/18, 1965 with approximately 300 members and guests present. The 41 papers and 33 demonstrations were published in Volume II of the Proceedings.

An increase in subscription to £5 was approved in view of the higher costs of publishing the Proceedings. Several amendments to and three new clauses (13, 17 and 18) in the Constitution were requested by the notary public and proposed by the Council to the members (v.inf.).

The Association was registered in the Netherlands and the Constitution agreed at Newcastle was approved by Royal Decree on Nov. 15, 1965. This Constitution was published in Dutch in the Official Netherlands Gazette on Jan. 12, 1966.

The death of one member was noted with regret; one other member had withdrawn. Forty-three applications for membership had been approved by the council and the names were presented to the business meeting for approval. Their acceptance raised the membership of the association to 349, including 26 associate members.

At a council meeting in Paris on March 28, 1966 the programme for Lyon was selected and the meeting extended to 2 days.

Financial Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the main accounts of the association to December 1965. Although a satisfactory balance existed at that time there were some further payments due in 1966 and the need for economy was stressed, if the subscription was to be kept down to the present level.

Dr. David Kerr gave a final report on the financing of Volume I of the Proceedings. A deficit of £120 still existed which had been covered from central funds, but it was anticipated that further sales of remaining copies would cover this sum, so that the Volume would eventually prove to have cost members nothing. (This expectation has since been realised—Ed.)

Dr. Kerr also reported the accounts of the Newcastle conference which left a positive balance of £220 for transfer to central funds.

These accounts have all been lodged with the Secretary-Treasurer and are available for inspection by members on request.

Amendments to the Constitution

The President moved the acceptance of amendments to the Constitution required by the notary public (new clauses 13, 17, 18; alteration to clause 8) and those proposed by the Council (affecting clauses 9 and 15). After some discussion, these proposals were postponed to an extraordinary business meeting the following day when more than the required 50% of members were present. The changes were then approved. The amended constitution is appended in English translation. The French translation was not yet available at the time of going to press.

392
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Office Bearers

At the extraordinary meeting on June 3rd., the following office bearers were elected under the new rules:

Ex Officio Members of Council

President: Jorn Hess Thaysen (Denmark)
Retiring President: Jules Traeger (France)
President-elect: Anthony Walsh (Eire)
Secretary-Treasurer: William Drukker (Netherlands).

Elected Members of Council

Guy P. J. Alexandre (Belgium)
Nils Alwall (Sweden)
Karl W. Fritz (German Federal Republic)
Jean-Louis Funck-Brentano (France)
Sergio Giovannetti (Italy)
Paul Michielsen (Belgium)
Stanley Shaldon (Great Britain).

(1 = first year of office; 3 = third year of office.)

Editor of Proceedings

Dr. David Kerr was appointed for a further 3 year term as Editor. Dr. Walter Elliott (English), Professor Jules Traeger and Dr. Daniel Fries (French) were co-opted as Associate Editors for 1966-1967.

Venue of Next Meeting

The meeting approved Copenhagen as the next venue of the Association in June 1967. (This arrangement has since been altered in view of a clash with the International Transplant Association whose 1967 meeting was later on fixed on the same dates. The two meetings will now run consecutively in Paris, starting June 24th.

Advance Notice of Proposals Raised at Business Meeting

Dr. S. Boen (Amsterdam) pointed out that there had been little time at this meeting to consider some of the proposed constitutional changes and the names of candidates for office. The Secretary-Treasurer replied that the agenda had been circulated some weeks before the meeting but that additional proposals had been made after the agenda was prepared (some by Council) and that there was no clause in the Constitution precluding members from raising new points under 'any other business' at the meeting. However, it was agreed that advance notice to members is desirable, and any members who wish to propose changes to the Constitution, or to propose or second candidates for office were exhorted to send their proposals to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 6 weeks before the meeting so that they may be included in the agenda.