The second Business Meeting of the EDTA was held on 16th September 1965 and was called to order at 5.30 p.m. by the President Mr. John Swinney. The Meeting was attended by approximately 50 members. The minutes of the first Business Meeting which was held on 25th September 1964 had been presented to the members at registration in Newcastle upon Tyne and were approved by the Meeting without reading by the Secretary.

The Secretary/Treasurer of the Association informed the members of the young Association that it was necessary to obtain official approval of the Association to avoid personal legal and financial responsibilities of the members of the Council and the Secretary/Treasurer.

In order to obtain official approval some amendments in the Constitution had to be made. First there should be an official seat of the Association and it was proposed that this seat should be in Amsterdam.

Secondly, the Secretary/Treasurer asked the members for authorization to apply for official approval and to make minor amendments of the Constitution which may be necessary in order to obtain this official approval.

The Meeting agreed with these proposals and authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to sign all necessary documents.

The Constitution with some minor amendments and three new rules added was presented to the members. The Meeting approved the new Constitution without discussion and unanimously. The revised constitution can be obtained from the Secretary on request.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported then on the activities of the Association in its first year of existence. The first Conference was held under the Presidency of Prof. Formine from Amsterdam University and was attended by approximately 210 members coming from 16 European countries and from several extra-European countries as far as the United States of America, Australia, Panama and Ghana. Twenty guests were admitted, most of them doctors from the Hospital Staff and senior medical students who were interested in the working field of the Association. A number of junior delegates to the Conference was reimbursed for the travelling expenses from the Travenol/Baxter Travelling grant as has been made possible for this year. Dr. William Kolff from Cleveland was the guest of honour at the first Conference and presented an invited lecture entitled: 'Life without heart and kidneys'. Dr. Sergio Giovannelli from Pisa, Italy, was invited to lecture on his studies on the treatment of azotaemic patients with his special low nitrogen diet.

Thirty-six papers were selected and 18 films and demonstrations were presented at the first Conference.
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A Council Meeting was held in Amsterdam on 10th June this year in order to select the papers to be presented at the Newcastle Conference and to arrange a skeleton program. All Council members and the editor of the Proceedings attended.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. JOHN SWINNEY they had to select 39 scientific papers from 60 abstracts received by the Secretary to be presented at the 1965 scientific sessions which was the absolute maximum for an 1½ day’s Conference. A large number of demonstrations for the scientific exhibitions was accepted.

The Council approved a membership fee amounting to £ 4.4/- (Proceedings included) for 1965 and an admittance fee for the second Conference also £ 4.4/- as proposed by the general secretary and the local secretary for the second Conference.

Date and venue for the 1966 Conference were discussed at the Council Meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer announced another invitation which has been received from Prof. JULIUS TRAEGER from Lyon.

An important decision had to be made concerning publication of the 1965 Proceedings. The Council decided to accept the offer of the Excerpta Medica Foundation in Amsterdam to publish this year’s volume.

The Secretary/Treasurer concluded his secretarial report informing the members that the young Association had been growing rather rapidly and that the membership in 1965 had increased by 82 to 292.

The secretarial report was followed by a report on the financial status of the EDTA. The total receipts of the Association in 1964 amounted to £ 1919.4/- from which were excluded financial support from some industrial firms for reimbursement of travelling cost of junior members and of one member from outside Europe. All expenses together amounted to £ 1480.4/- which allowed a surplus of £ 439.4-. This amount was transferred to the account of 1965.

Dr. DAVID KERR reported on the publication of Volume I of the Proceedings of the Association. The cost of printing 650 copies plus reprints was £ 1100.4/-; postage, packing and secretarial help would probably add a further £ 200.4/-, Baxter-Travenol had purchased 125 copies at £ 312.4/- for complimentary distribution in U.S.A.; advertising had raised approximately £ 350.4/- and sale of reprints £ 250.4/-, leaving about £ 280.4/- to be raised by direct sales and from the Society’s funds.

After Dr. Kerr’s statement on the financing of the first volume of the Proceedings, the Secretary/Treasurer asked the President permission to express his utmost gratitude for the exceptional support by the Association received from the host for 1965, the Newcastle University for making the publication of Volume I of the Proceedings possible. He stated that the successful start of the new Association would have been impossible without the help of this University.

The Meeting approved the financial activities of the Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Swinney then raised the question of date and venue of the 1966 Conference and proposed that the third Conference should be held in Lyon on 3rd and 4th June 1966 and the next Business Meeting should be held on 2nd June of that year. This early date was proposed to avoid a clash with the third Meeting of the I.S.N. in September 1966.

Prof. DE WARDENER raised the question whether there should be a meeting in 1966. The issue was put to vote and by a majority vote a decision was reached that there should be a third meeting in 1966 and the proposed date and venue were accepted.
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The President then asked whether rule 12 of the Constitution should be retained or whether, in view of the new arrangements for publication, the cost of the Proceedings should be excluded from the membership fee. A proposal by Dr. Boen (Amsterdam) that rule 12 should be retained unchanged was carried. The subscription for 1966 will therefore include the cost of the Proceedings of the 3rd Conference.

Dr. Drukker asked for a definition of junior members to aid in the correct distribution of travel grants. The President suggested that junior members be defined as those holding positions which did not guarantee permanent tenure of office; this proposal was accepted unanimously.

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 6.25 p.m.