

Protocol of SAOA Satellite Meeting October 30 2008, Fribourg

Scientific Session

Sophistry in medicine: lessons from the epidural space	Christopher Bernards (Seattle/USA)
Prevention and treatment of spinal hypotension during CS	Frédéric Mecier (Paris/France)
Obstetric anaesthesia and analgesia in CH 2007	Jörg Uehlin, Laurent Thierrin (Lausanne)
Case report and PPH algorithm	Thierry Girard (Basel)
The use of simulation in obstetric anaesthesia	Georges Savoldelli (Geneva)

most presentations on the SAOA website (www.sgar-ssar.ch)

General assembly

Participants: 20

Welcome

Peter Biro (Zürich)

- Members present do not represent the 2/3 quorum necessary to decide upon changes of statutes
- Committee: incomplete since departure of Steen Petersen and Ruth Landau, Doris Hofstetter (treasurer) the only representative still present

Account of activities

Doris Hofstetter (Winterthur)

- Spring meeting in Lausanne March 1st 2008
- Intermediate meeting of steering members of SAOA in Bern July 2nd 2008
- Autumn satellite meeting in Fribourg October 30th 2008

- Invitation to participate in forthcoming joint **Meeting of OAA/Caro in Jersey** May 21st-22nd 2009 celebrating the 40th anniversary of OAA (Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association) in close cooperation with the Belgian Society of Regional Anaesthesia (BARA), Society for Anesthesia and Resuscitation of Belgium (SARB), Club d'Anesthésie Réanimation en Obstétrique (CARO) - France, and Swiss Association of Obstetric Anaesthesia (SAOA); for more details see www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk or www.oaameetings.info (participation fee 300£, plane ticket about 400 CHF)
- The meeting in Jersey will **replace** the usual spring meeting of the SAOA!

Annual report of treasurer

Doris Hofstetter (Winterthur)

- End-of-year account positive, expenditures for meetings (guest speakers) and additional cost (catering and other charges) less than income (fees for membership /almost 70 this year, financial support by SGAR/SSAR of 5000 CHF and sponsoring by GSK of 5000 CHF
- Financial record examined by auditors judged as being o.k.
- Approval by all members present

Fees for ordinary and extraordinary **membership** unchanged at 40 CHF and 20 CHF, resp.

- Approval by all members present

Committee discharged (Décharge Vorstand)

Thanks to Peter Knessl, the SAOA **webmaster**, for his excellent work

Elections (re-elections) once every three years according to the SAOA statutes

- **President** Laurent Thierrin (Lausanne)

- Approval by all members present and acceptance by the only candidate

- **Vice-presidents** Andrea Melber (Bern)

Alexsandra Immer-Bansi (Bern)

- Approval by all members present and acceptance by the candidates who will share this job

- **Treasurer**

Doris Hofstetter (Winterthur)

- Approval by all members present and acceptance by the only candidate who asks Laurent Thierrin to find out, whether Annique Vufrey (Delémont) might be interested in this job in the future (on condition that she becomes a member of the SAOA); a transitional period including a job-sharing might help another person to get a good start before taking over full responsibility

• **Webmaster**

Peter Knessl (Zürich)

- Approval by all members present and acceptance by the candidate

E-learning

Markus Schneider,

Thierry Girard (Basel)

- Information about the e-learning module, initiated by *Giorgio Capogna* (Rome) which will soon be available on the internet and allow to get credit points as part of the CME; this program has been accepted and is supported by the ESA; it will be available for a fee to individuals and institutions; the cost will be about 150 Euros per year, lessons on a variety of topics related to obstetric anesthesia can be taken presented by experts in this field.

Thierry Girard is the person in charge to get the license(s) for residents of the Department of Anesthesia of the University Hospital Basel;

Peter Knessl, Thierry Girard and Markus Schneider are going to ask the SGAR committee by the end of this year to support our request to get a link with this learning modul on the SAOA site with the option to get free access to one or two presentations for a program evaluation (trial account); Thomas Erb (Basel), a member of the committee, will be involved as a promoter of this idea.

- Approval by all but one of the members present, one abstention

Laurent Thierrin (Lausanne) will be the official **representative of the SAOA in Jersey** and present a poster (data referring to the practice of obstetric anaesthesia in CH 2007 presented during this meeting)

End of the meeting

Elsbeth and Markus Schneider, November 2nd, 2008