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Minutes of the EAPC General Assembly 2007

Friday 2 March 2007, at 3.30 PM, National Cancer Institute, Via Venezian 1, Milan, Italy, meeting room of the Inpatient Palliative Care Unit, "Hospice Floriani", block F, 2nd floor.

1. Welcome from the President

Marilène Filbet, President of the EAPC, welcomed the participants to the General Assembly (hereafter GA) and expressed the thanks to Dr. De Conno for hosting it. At the second call of the 550 members who had a right to vote 12 members were present, of those 3 by proxy. The GA was valid for resolutions and started at 3.30 PM.

2. Minutes of the General Assembly held in Dublin, Ireland, Thursday 20th April 2006

The minutes were agreed unanimously. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3. Treasurers Report

Financial report for the year 2006 (as at 31-12-2006) Silvio Necchi (SN) and Heidi Blumhuber (HB) presented the financial report 2006 (**Annex 1**). Also for the year 2006 the accounts showed a positive balance. This year it was still higher (105.229,76 Euro) thanks to the important additional contribution received from the Aachen Congress 2005, and to the fact that part of work of the Head office, as well as the full cost of the web site, and on line data base were covered by the Venice Forum 2006, and one Board meeting was kindly hosted by Irish Association for Palliative Care. The Assembly agreed that this balance should be added to the reserves so far accumulated to cover negative balances that may occur in the future years. The report was approved unanimously. The President thanked on behalf of the Assembly the Treasurer, the Auditors and Daniela Sala, of accountant offices for their continuous support as volunteers.

Budget 2007. SN and HB presented the Budget 2007 as at February 2007 (**Annex 2**). There was some discussion about the fact that this budget foresees a negative balance of more than 50.000 Euro. The estimations for the income are very conservative. They do not include additional 30000 Euro of possible income which were not yet completely confirmed at the drafting of the Budget. Nor a hopefully higher additional contribution that could come from the Budapest Congress. In addition for the first time since years the full operational cost of the Head office is included in the budget. Those costs did exist previously but were covered by other external sources. Considering the considerable reserves of 281.291,48 Euro accumulated in the previous years, including the positive balance of 2006 such a negative balance can be acceptable. The GA approved the budget unanimously and agreed that the reserves shall be used for this eventual loss. The Executive Committee must look into the finances of the EAPC and prepare a four years plan to be discussed by the next Board of Directors in their first meeting in October 2007. The GA agreed that EAPC should not cut down expenses as it seems critical that EAPC try to keep up the work capacity of the head quarter. The Board will have to think about ways to raise more money and if this is not successful and reserves continue to decrease to a critical limit, about ways to decrease costs.

4. Any other matters

The next General Assembly with the election of the Board of Directors 2007 – 2011 will be held during the 10th EAPC Congress in Budapest, in the Congress Centre, Second call Friday 8 June 18.15.



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