

May 11th, 2004

Dear Inner Circle Members,

First of all thank you to all those present at the meeting in Crete. We think all of the members felt it was a constructive and helpful meeting and very much was achieved. It was a shame that several members could not be present, which was largely related to the difficulty of finding adequate flight connections, but thank you to those who were not present who also sent constructive and helpful advice to the meeting.

The business of the meeting constrained itself largely to the creation of a new association, and although there were three different proposals, there was very little difficulty in coming to an agreement on the final structure. A working group worked extremely hard throughout the two days in order to achieve this, for which all of us are extremely grateful.

The overwhelming majority of the members present voted on an immediate vote, rather than at a later date to vote on the new association. The objectives as read out by Manuel Vijande were accepted by a further vote.

The title of the new society was also voted on, and the decision made was:

The ECTS Medicine Association, to be registered in Brussels.

The Executive Board was then voted in by secret ballot and is as follows:

President :	Prof. Manuel Vijande
Vice- President:	Dr. Clare Menzel-Dowling
Secretary (and for the interim Treasurer):	Mr. Karel Van Liempt
Committee Members:	Prof. Kiki Thermos
	Mr. Sverre Bjerkeset
	Prof. Pavel Kucera
	Prof.Dr. Michael Halaska

As soon as the new statutes have been checked by the working group, a copy will be sent to all Inner circle members and the committee will have the statutes reviewed by a legal expert before registration takes place.

All our very warmest and very best wishes,

Manuel Vijande, Clare Menzel-Dowling, Karel Van Liempt, Kiki Thermos, Sverre Bjerkeset, Pavel Kucera and Michael Halaska.

