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**MINUTES OF THE IBF COUNCIL HELD AT CULTURAL CENTRE SOFIA, HELSINKI, FINLAND ON
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH 2018 AT 16.00**

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Don Nease
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Brian Wexler

1. **Welcome** Don welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies** Sweden
3. **Minutes** With the correction that Sweden had sent apologies, Albert Lichtenstein proposed approval and Jane Dammers seconded. All agreed
4. **Matters of information** Ceri Dornan reported the death of Michael Courtenay aged 95. Mike was a key figure in the UK Society and will be greatly missed in the UK and internationally. An obituary and tributes are in the current issue of the Journal of the Balint Society (UK)
5. **Treasurer's report** Mark Budow had reported in detail in Reims and just reminded us that we were continuing to spend slightly more per year than our income, given our assets of 63000 Euros. We have funded useful items such as three bursaries for Helsinki, payment to the Internet group leaders, the cost of an IBF Zoom platform available to any IBF member and supported Alice Polomeni to run a Balint workshop at the ICCH conference (see item 13)
6. **Council meeting Budapest May 31st – June 2nd 2019** Council members were advised to book their hotels as soon as possible. Further details and application forms should be available soon.
7. **International Congress Porto September 11-15 2019 'Seeing medicine through other eyes'** Manuel Mario Sousa outlined the plans so far. Details are at www.balint.pt. Deadline for submission of papers, posters and workshops is 31 Jan 2019. Ideas welcome, programme will be finalised soon. The task force will organise groups as in Oxford.
8. **Leadership conference 2020.** Greece was suggested but they are not as yet IBF members. However Rosa Sapic volunteered on behalf of Serbia. Guido Flatten on behalf of the German Society offers to host the leadership conference in September 2022 and the council meeting at Aachen in May 2020. The Board will take these kind offers further.
9. **International Congress 2021** There were no offers to host this.
10. **Board elections** Paul explained that nominations will be sought for Board positions early in 2019 so that any voting can be completed and the result announced at the Budapest Council meeting.
11. **Internet group** Don announced that the group will be led by Joy Humphreys and Frank Meumann from Australia and will be starting soon.
12. **Internet supervision group for leaders** Organisers of this group will be welcome to use the IBF Zoom account. They may also draw on the experience from the American Balint Society Fellowship group e.g. making recording of groups and technical assistance. Ibf support is also available.
13. **Alice Polomeni ICCH meeting** Alice went to this international conference on communication and gave a Balint workshop with Prof Jaury and Marcela Dohms. There was poor attendance but a lot of



good feedback; people were interested in the IBF. There were researchers etc. as well as health workers. The next conference is in San Diego

14. **Ascona prize** Members were asked to encourage medical students to submit entries for the prize – deadline 31st December 2018, details on the IBF website. The Jury meets on 23rd March 2019 in Berlin and Gunnar Axelgaard volunteered to serve on it as one of the IBF representatives (Don Nease is the other).
15. **Next Council meeting** Saturday June 1st 2019 in Budapest.

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