

***INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY***

Central And Eastern European Territorial Chapter

Report - August 1993 - June 1995

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CHAPTER

Report on Chapter's Activities (August, 1993 - June, 1995)

The Chapter was founded at the Conference of International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) and International Society of Exposure Analysis (ISEA) which was held in Stockholm in 1993. The inaugurating meeting was chaired by the late Dr Jerome Wesolowski, who was the spiritus movens of the new chapter till his death in December 1993. There were 23 participants from 9 countries attending the first meeting (Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Slovenia).

It was decided that the executive committee of the Chapter would rotate among participating countries. The country chosen to handle the Chapter for the first two-year period was Poland and the following officers were recruited for the first office term:

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| <u>President:</u> Wiesław Jędrychowski | Chair of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine Collegium Medicum, Jagiellonian University in Cracow. Kopernika 7, 31-034 Krakow |
| <u>Treasurer:</u> Jan Zejda | Institute of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health Koscielna 13, 41-200 Sosnowiec |
| <u>Secretary:</u> Agnieszka Kieltyka | Chair of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine Collegium Medicum, Jagiellonian University Kopernika 7, 31-034 Krakow |

It was a consensus among the participants that after the first term, Hungary should be the next country to take responsibility for activities of the Chapter. The following members from Hungary were then appointed for the subsequent two-year term.

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| <u>President-elect:</u> Ildiko Farkas | B. Johan National Institute of Public Health Gyali ut 2-6, 109 Budapest |
| <u>Treasurer-elect:</u> T. Angelus | |
| <u>Secretary-elect:</u> Erzsebet Muller | Medical Officer, Public Health Institute in County Heves Kossuth u.9, 3301 Eger |

The Chapter's activities and responsibilities result from the Society's Bylaws. In order to prepare the Chapter Bylaws a special Committee was established with Dr Jędrychowski as the Committee Chairman. The other committee members included Drs Ildiko Farkas (Hungary), Erich Wichmann (Germany), David Zaridze (Russia), Vladimir Bencko (Czech Republic) and Jerome Wesolowski (USA). The first draft of the Bylaws was sent to all Committee members for discussion. All suggestions and comments were used for the final draft. The final Chapter Bylaws was handed over to the ISEE President during the ISEE Annual Conference in North Carolina in 1994.

At present, the Chapter registered 86 members from 12 countries of Central and Eastern Europe (63 new members !!!). All of them, except one, pay a reduced membership fee (8 \$). It does mean, therefore, that the Chapter has 17 "full members".

The ISEE Headquarters provide the Chapter with five copies of the Journal "Epidemiology" which are distributed among countries with the highest number of members (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Russia and one for Baltic countries)

There are some technical problems with transferring dues between countries of Central and Eastern

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FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CHAPTER
OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY**

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ARTICLE 1. NAME AND GEOGRAFIC AREA

Section 1. Name

This organization is a territorial chapter of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology (after this reffers to as the Chapter)

Section 2. Geographic area

The geographic area of this Chapter shall consist of all countries of Central and Eastern Europe: Albania, Austria, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Beylorussia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Germany, Kroatia, Latvia, Lituania, Macedonia, Poland, Rumania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine.

Section 3. Address

The address of the Chapter shall be the Office of the President.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

Section 1. Purpose

It shall be the purpose of the Chapter to promote closer cooperation and exchange of experiences among members of the Chapter through training and scientific meetings in the region. It should lead to increasing scientific standards of research on environment and health. The Chapter shall endeavor attracting funding for epidemiological studies in our part of Europe and encourage epidemiologist to publish paper in the Society journal.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Member

Membership is available to persons residing and conducting activities within the geographic area of the Chapter. Members are entitled to engage in all activities of the Chapter, including nomitating and voting on all matters. Only Members of the the Society are eligible to be elected officers or members of the Executive Board of the Chapter. Members shall become active the first day of the month following approval of the application by Society and payment of the first year's dues.

Some members of the Chapter may not have regular membership in the Society. Such members may participate fully in the Chapter and participate in voting for officers and councillors of the Chapter. Only the members designated as paying full dues will be on the mailing list of the Society. They will be responsible for ensuring that other members of the Chapter receive copies of any mailings. One member for every five of 20% dues-paying may vote in the Society ellection.

Section 2. Student Member

To qualify as a Student Member, a person must be interested in accomplishing the purpose of this Chapter, and must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university. Student Members are entitled to engage in all activities of the Chapter, except nomitaning, voting on any matter, or holding office. Students pay 20% of regular due.

Section 3. Honorary Member

Honorary members of the Society residing in the geographic area of the Chapter are entitled to engage in all activities of the Chapter, except holding office. Honorary members shall pay no dues. Candidates for honorary members of the Chapter shall be nominated by its President after approval of the Executive Board of the ISEE.

- Appoint all committees (after officers' approval)
- Preside at meetings of the Executive Board Section

Section 2. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Conduct the correspondence of the Chapter.
- Send out written notices of all general, business, technical, special and Executive Board meetings.
- Taking minutes of meetings.
- Maintain complete and accurate records of the membership roll.
- Make an annual report of Chapter activities to the Executive Board and membership and to the Society.
- Surrender at the end of the term of office all properties and records of the Chapter to the successor Secretary.

Section 3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Receive and disburse funds in accordance with the policies determined by the Executive Board.
- Maintain complete and accurate financial records of all financial transactions.
- Furnish financial reports to the business meetings of the Chapter and Executive Board meetings as required by the President and annual financial report to the Executive Board of the Chapter and the Society.
- Surrender at the end of his term of office to his successor all properties and records of the Chapter which are in his custody.

Section 4. Past President

The Past President shall:

- Chair the Nominating Committee.
- Review and recommend changes to the bylaws.

ARTICLE 6. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Duties

The Executive Board shall:

- Carry out the executive, financial and administrative functions of the Chapter.
- Authorize the necessary expenditure of funds for the routine and special activities of the Chapter.
- Make appointments to fill interim vacancies of officers of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

Prior to May 1 of first year after his installation the Chapter President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than three members, no more than one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Board. This Nominating Committee shall nominate one or two candidates for President Elect. They shall obtain the candidate's acceptance and present the slate by letter to the President who, in turn, shall instruct the Secretary to notify the membership of the Chapter no later than September 1.

Section 2. Nominating Petitions

Before September 1, any member may submit nominations for a President by submitting to the Executive Board a nominating petition signed by at least 10 members of the Chapter.

Section 3. Ballots

Between September 1 and October 1, the Executive Board shall certify and the Secretary shall prepare and mail to each member a ballot listing all nominees for President named by the Nominating Committee or the membership, as prescribed in Sections 1 and 2 of Article 7. Included with the ballot shall be a brief biographical sketch of each of the nominees. A date, not later than November 1, shall be specified for return of the ballot. The Secretary shall report the election results in writing to the Executive Board without delay and to the membership and the Secretary of the Society prior to December 1.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast is required for adoption. The Secretary shall report the voting results in writing to the Executive Board without delay and to the membership within ten days after the date set for receipt of ballots. Amendments shall become effective on the succeeding May 1 unless otherwise provided in the proposition submitted to the vote of the membership.

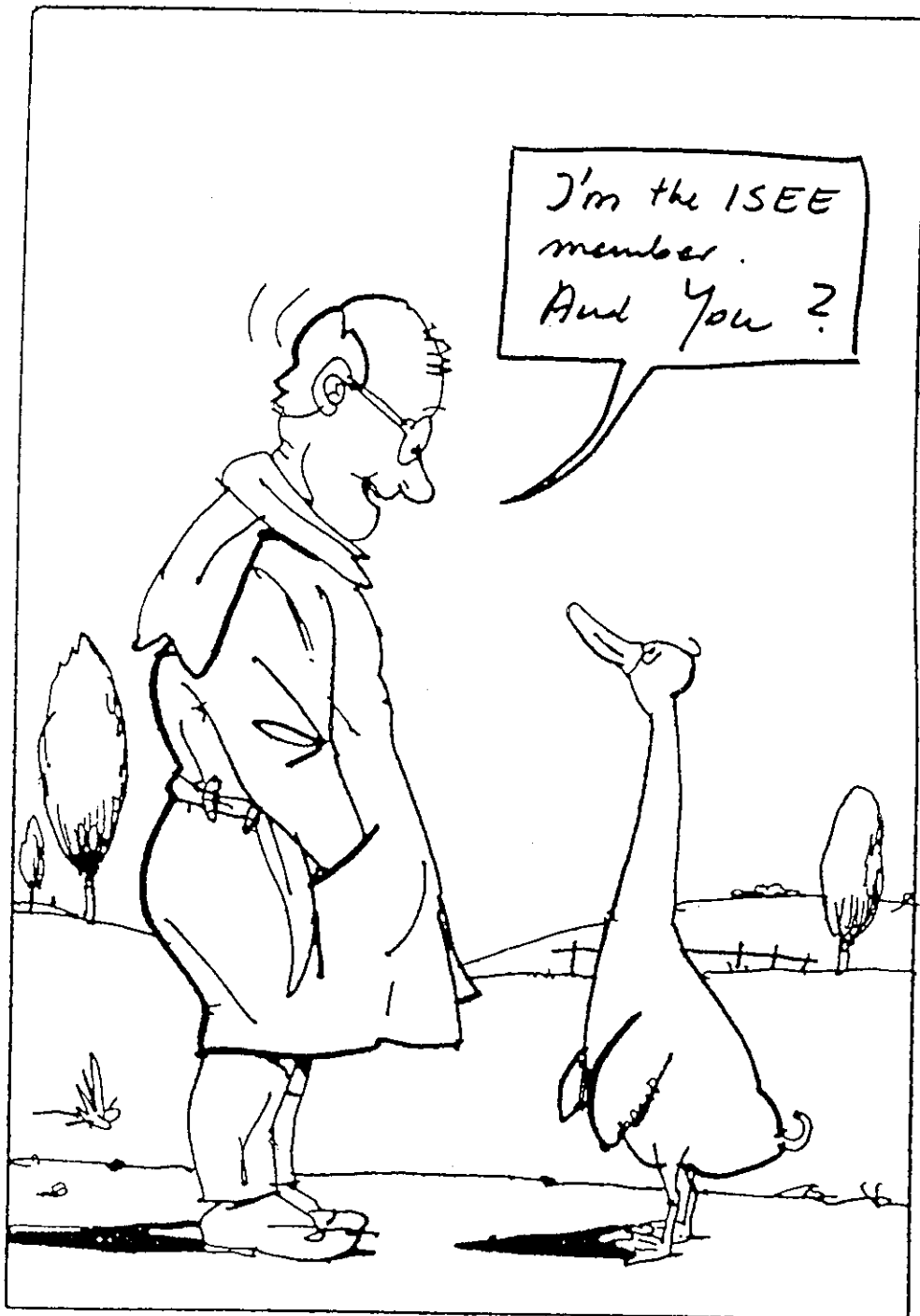
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Section 1. Newsletter

As part of the conduct of the Chapter toward implementing its purpose, a Newsletter may be issued by the Chapter under conditions approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. General Meeting

As a further part of the conduct of the Chapter toward implementing its purpose, general meetings of the Chapter will be held at which speakers will be encouraged to present opinions and facts on timely subjects and business of the Chapter will be discussed.



I'm the ISEE
member.
And you ?

