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The ESGENA Governing Board met on 7th February 2004 in Stuttgart, Germany. The board worked on the ESGENA conference programme. The organisational issues for the next European conference were prepared. ESGENA activities in 2004 were discussed and co-ordinated.

ESGE-ESGENA-Guideline Committee

The ESGE-ESGENA-Guideline Committee met on 25th February 2004 in Frankfurt, Germany. Ulrike Beilenhoff represented ESGENA at this meeting. As the last project has been finished and published, it was agreed to begin the work on a guideline for Reprocessing Quality Assurance "Microbiological Surveillance Testing in Endoscopy". This guideline is based on a petition made by the ESGENA membership in 2002. The last project was the "ESGE-ESGENA Technical Report on Cleaning and Disinfection", published in Endoscopy 2003; 35 (10); 869-877 and now available on the ESGE-web page: www.esge.com.

ESGE-ESGENA Workshops on Advanced Endoscopy

ESGENA delegates participated in the ESGE-ESGENA-workshop on Advanced Endoscopy, which was held on 15-16th April 2004 in Katowice Poland ESGENA delegates were Christiane Neumann, UK, Sylvia Lahey, NL, and Ulrike Beilenhoff, Germany.

ESGENA Education Working Group (EEWG)

The ESGENA Education Working Group met on 14-16th May 2004 in Birmingham, UK. 15 national delegates continued the work on the European core curriculum for endoscopy nurses. The meeting focused on assessment of clinical practice including mentorship, assessment methods and practical competencies. A half-day train-the-trainers course as part of the EEWG-annual meeting, focused on research methodology and critical appraisal. It was a very efficient meeting with intensive 2 days of hard work. Many thanks go to Christiane Neumann who put a lot of work and effort into organising the meeting.

ESGENA Grants

Since October 2002, ESGENA has offered grants to fully trained European nurses who wish to undertake further clinical training in specialised endoscopic or gastroenterological nursing at an officially recognised ESGENA host centre. **Hands-on training may not be possible in many countries due to legal restrictions.**

ESGENA Grants are restricted to ESGENA Members (either with Individual Membership or with Group Membership through their national group). Each grant covers a maximum period of 4 weeks. Successful applicants will be asked to report back concerning the quality of their training period. Please note that a high proficiency in the language of the preferred host country is essential, and the candidate should be able to provide a report after the visit in ENGLISH.

The level of sponsorship is determined by the **WORLD BANK 2002 Classification** (the World Bank's main criterion for classifying economies is gross national income (GNI) per capita.)

Countries with high-income economies	Countries with lower and upper-middle income economies	Estimated costs
- travel + transfer (2nd class)	- travel + transfer (2nd class)	1000 €
- accommodation (Hospital or bed & breakfast)	- accommodation (Hospital or bed & breakfast)	1000 €
	- daily meals	500 €
Duration: - 1 month	Duration: - 1 month	

Application:

Interested ESGENA members are invited to submit an application using our newly designed application forms to facilitate correct application. Application forms can be requested from Christiane Neumann and are also available from the ESGENA Website.

Selection will be made by the ESGENA Board. Applications for the year 2004/2005 must reach Christiane Neumann no later than 1st October 2004. (e-mail: Christiane.Neumann@swbh.nhs.uk)

WIN A PRIZE - Design a New Logo for ESGENA

The current ESGENA logo was designed by Christiane Neumann in 1995 to give ESGENA a corporate image on all its correspondence. It includes the abbreviation "ESGENA" and is surrounded by the full name of society, looking a bit like an eye to represent endoscopy (looking inside) and a "watchful eye" on standards of care. However, over the years we found that this logo is slightly dated and difficult to reproduce by stitching. For example for the Madrid conference we had to modify the logo and use just the name ESGENA surrounded by golden stars (representing Europe) so that it could be stitched onto the bags. Gerlinde Weilguny submitted the suggestion that we should consider having a new logo for ESGENA. Therefore at the last General Assembly the delegates decided that the membership should be invited to submit designs.

We therefore invite all ESGENA Members to think of a new logo and submit their design ideas. However, considering the problems with the old logo the proposed new logo needs to have the following characteristics:

- Should symbolize what ESGENA represents
- Should be in one or maximum 2 colours, which are easily reproduced by photocopying
- Should look good against a dark blue background
- Should be in a format which can easily be re-produced by stitching (e.g. on conference bags)
- Should be submitted in PowerPoint, JPEG or Word format

At the next General Assembly the membership will choose between the current and the submitted logos. The design chosen at the next Annual Assembly in Prague will win a prize, which includes Free Registration at the next ESGENA conference in Copenhagen and 2 nights' accommodation in the ESGENA Hotel.

So get your design cap on, be inventive - but not too outrageous - and have fun.

Please send your designs by e-mail no later than 15th September 2004 to: Christiane.Neumann@swbh.nhs.uk

Christiane Neumann

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INVITATION TO ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The ESGENA governing board invites its members to attend the annual General Assembly, which will be held on:

Date: **26th September 2004**
Time: **17:15 - 18:15**
Venue: **8th ESGENA Meeting**
Prague Congress Centre
Hall4
Prague, Czech Republic

The agenda of the General Assembly of ESGENA will include the following items:

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Board election
3. General report of the governing board
4. Financial report
5. Editor's report
6. ESGENA web site
7. ESGENA membership - update
8. Activities of ESGENA
9. Update about the forthcoming ESGENA Meeting (Copenhagen 2004)
10. Any other business

In order to meet the needs of the membership, the ESGENA Governing Board has great pleasure in inviting its membership to submit items, which should be discussed at the next Annual General Assembly of ESGENA.

