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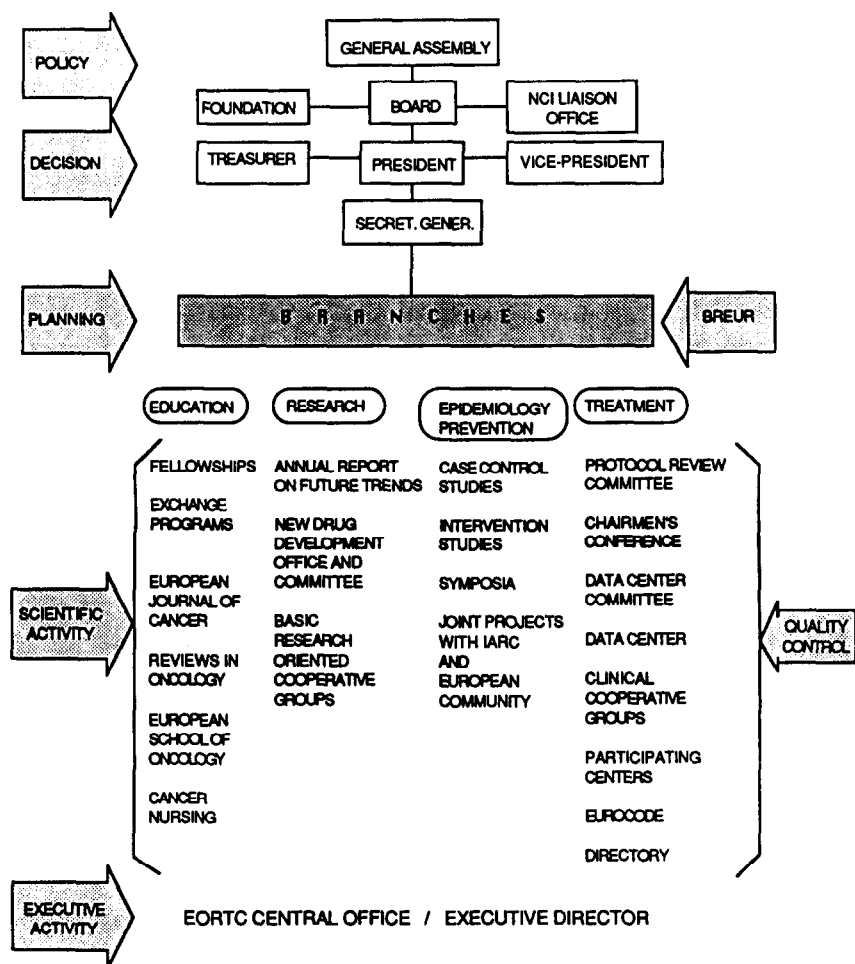
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# MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF ONCOLOGY.

San Servolo, Venice - 12th July, 1989.

1. The meeting was opened by VERONESI, who introduced those present, in particular, those representing their Association for the first time and thanked them all for coming.

2. COSTA, Secretary General of the School, then illustrated in detail the proposed programme for 1990. Having concluded his introduction, he asked for comments and proposals.

TURSZ (ARC) wished to know on what criteria the courses come to be selected. COSTA explained that suggestions were submitted to the Scientific Committee, but also that, after some years of experience, we have some courses which are repeated every year, as for example, Breast Cancer and Medical Oncology; that some are repeated every two years, e.g. Genito-Urinary Tract Tumours and Chest Tumours and others rotate. Furthermore, it has been our custom to ask for and accept suggestions from our Faculty and also from the Supporting Institutions, one of the reasons for our coming together annually is for this purpose.

MUNK mentioned Cancer Nursing and it was pointed out that this was a subject which had already been faced and that next year there are several nursing programmes, including courses in French and in Italian. MUNK also requested programmes in more detail earlier, in order to be able to organise the allocation of Fellowships better.

MONEY-COUTTS asked for a course on Pain Treatment. It was pointed out there had been a course in 1984 and a further sharing with Palliative Treatment this year. VERONESI also pointed out that this was a subject of some debate, due to the change in the philosophy regarding pain and serious disease. However, something was being planned for next year also. PROPERZJ posed a question regarding Basic Research and it was pointed out that Growth Factors (1989) had been a great success and that Cancer and the Immune System was being planned for next year.

TURSZ mentioned the fact that, until now, the French had not been too involved in the activities of the School and expressed the opinion that from now on they should adopt a multi-step approach, to mix clinical subjects with research. He was asked to present a proposal for a seminar, to be submitted to the Scientific Committee in the Autumn.

3. This led on to COSTA requesting proposals and comments on the 1991 Programme, of which there is a preliminary list at the end of the 1990 programme.

COSTA asked for comments on two proposed courses: the "Economical Aspects of Cancer Care" and "Alternative Treatments of Cancer". Discussion followed. There was general consensus on the usefulness of such a course on economics, but it was thought that there would be some difficulty in finding a Faculty and a suitable audience, which still has to be identified. MONEY-COUTTS would make some enquiries in England, which seems the most likely place to find experts in this field. ELOVAINIO expressed the opinion that this would be an extremely important course to run.

With regard to Alternative Treatments, the general opinion was that this is a risky subject to present, but that it could perhaps be included in the course on economics, possibly as a Round Table.

TURSZ proposed a course for operators of mass screening. COSTA recalled our commitment with the EEC for next year on this subject (p.25 1990). GARAS also underlined this point, stressing the proposed mass-screening project of five countries of the EEC, plus The Netherlands.

MONEY-COUTTS asked for a course in Hong Kong in 1991 and COSTA explained the usual procedure for organising courses in collaboration with ESO and suggested that maybe Head and Neck would be appropriate. TURSZ further proposed a course on Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcomas. It was recalled that one had been run in 1984. This is also a difficult subject to present.

4. Collaboration of ESO with the EEC was illustrated by VERONESI and COSTA; in particular, the various projects in the programme. The five Advisory Groups, on outstanding problems in the prevention of cancer and subsequent books for General Practitioners, one of which, on Lung Cancer, has already been published. The second, on Breast Cancer, would be produced during the coming year.

5. Further activities in collaboration with the EEC were described and material concerning the Seminar for European Scientific Journalists was shown, as well as the materials used during ESO courses and seminars; the Monographs, the Day-books, and the dépliant regarding the Exhibition on Cancer organised at San Servolo in May. Moreover, the project of TV teaching which has already started in the UK was discussed and the interest this has for the School.

6. A discussion on the role of the mass-media in cancer followed. ZORZI, who was President of the European Broadcasting Union, said that he would interest himself on behalf of the School with the OIRT at their next meeting in Prague.

A further question was put regarding the number and the quality of the persons who come to our courses. COSTA explained that the clinical courses were generally well attended, but the seminars a little less, with the exception of Growth Factors, at its second edition, which has been exceptionally well attended both times. The level of attendance had improved, insofar as many Consultants and Senior Registrars come to the Seminars, where the level of discussion is high.

COSTA also said that some Journals of interest and particular importance had agreed to include the ESO programme in one of their issues and asked whether there was any German Journal suitable for such a procedure. MUNK, FROHLICH and SCHRODER felt that the only possibility would be to contact the Ärztekammer.

In conclusion, ZORZI expressed his appreciation of the activities of the School and declared the intention of the newly-formed Venice Committee to do all in its power to further the interests of the School and the quality of its organisation. He announced that the meeting of the International Organisations supporting Venice will be held on San Servolo island.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

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