

**The Annual Business Meeting of the working groups was held on the 16/9/98 at the Belfast Waterfront Hall**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

1. The minutes from Annual Business Meeting, held in Szeged, Hungary on Sept 2nd 1977 were approved. There were no questions arising from these minutes.
2. It was uniformly agreed that the working group continue to have an important input into nutrition/mineral content of each meeting, as had occurred in Belfast. It was also agreed that scope of topics be extended to the 'normal' infant and child. Future topics which were proposed included: a) Breast feeding in Europe; b) Nutritional aspects of restrictive diets; e.g., cow milk and other allergies, inborn errors of metabolism, etc; c) Methods of feeding preterm infants; e.g., continuous versus bolus feeds, orogastric versus nasogastric feeds, etc; d) Methods of nutritional assessment; e.g., the value of knemometry BUN in the assessment of protein nutritional status, etc e) Weaning diet; timing and nature of; f) Neurodevelopmental aspects of feeding; g) Mineral requirements in preterm infants; e.g., trace elements, Ca, P, etc; h) Nutrition in Pediatric Sports Medicine;
3. The format of the sessions were also discussed. It was generally agreed that overview lectures were of value more in plenary sessions and that debatable issues, as had occurred in Belfast, were an important step forward
4. Joint venture between ESPR and other societies; e.g. ESPGAN, were discussed. The ongoing discussions between ESPR and ESPGAN were outlined. There was clear agreement that this was an important way forward. However, it was also pointed out that this a small part of larger issue; i.e., how can ESPR foster relations with other societies in the Pediatric field, which needed to be discussed at The Annual General Meeting of the ESPR.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded 13.45.

Richard Cooke (secretary) Sept 1998