

**MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE ON RESUSCITATION
(ILCOR), HELD ON APRIL 10, 1997 IN BRIGHTON, ENGLAND**

1. PRESENT

- 1.1 ERC Douglas Chamberlain
Wolfgang Dick
Leo Bossaert
Colin Robertson
Tony Handley
David Zideman
Ank Van Drenth
- 1.2 AHA Richard Cummins
Mary Fran Hazinski
Vinay Nadkarni
Bill Montgomery
John Kattwinkel
- 1.3 HSFC Brian Connolly
- 1.4 RCSA Walter Kloeck
Alan Erasmus
- 1.5 ARC Vic Callanan
Ian Jacobs
Pip Mason (New Zealand)
- 1.6 CLAR Raul Alasino
Mario Pieroni

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Jim Tibbals (ARC)
- 2.2 Efraim Kramer (RCSA)
- 2.3 Dr Timmerman (CLAR)

3. THE 1997 ADVISORY STATEMENTS

- 3.1 Final proofs of the ILCOR Advisory Statements on BLS, PLS, ALS and Early Defibrillation were tabled. These were to be released in *Resuscitation* on April 11, 1997 and in *Circulation* on April 15, 1997.
- 3.2 Concern was expressed over the inclusion of a footnote regarding the precordial thump which was inserted into *Circulation* by the AHA, and that the Advisory Statements published in *Resuscitation* and *Circulation* are no longer identical in all respects. The Editor of *Resuscitation* had relayed this concern to the editorial staff of *Circulation*.
- 3.3 Concern was also expressed over the fact that the term "newly born", implying the first few seconds or minutes after birth, had been converted to new-born or neonate, which could imply the first 28 days of life.

4. THE FUTURE OF ILCOR

- 4.1 It was unanimously agreed that ILCOR should continue. Future funding was extensively discussed, and it was proposed that a Foundation be established if possible. The need for a more formal structuring of ILCOR, with possibly a Secretariat and fixed address, was noted.
- 4.2 It was felt that the full ILCOR Committee should meet once every 9 - 12 months, but that a Task Force consisting of one representative from each Member Organisation (AHA, ERC, ARC, RCSA, HSFC, CLAR) may need to meet more frequently. Each organisation was asked to inform Dr Cummins within the next few weeks who their nominated representative will be.
- 4.3 ILCOR will continue to review the science of resuscitation and monitor the development of subsequent guidelines. Past, current and future research opportunities could be co-ordinated through the respective Working Group.
- 4.4 The spread of resuscitation science in the developing world is to be encouraged. Priorities, such as newly born basic life support, trauma, etc may need to be addressed in greater detail.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that correspondence from Dr Zupan (WHO) and Dr Moller (IAHF) had been received. Dr. Chamberlain will thank them for their interest in the activities of this Committee. A close working relationship with the WHO is considered to be particularly important, and would enhance the credibility of ILCOR, particularly with respect to obtaining external funding.

6. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN

Dr. Chamberlain announced his resignation as Co-Chairman of ILCOR, but did agree to remain available until the Task Force is established and a new chairman has been elected. Douglas was thanked for the enormous amount of time and effort that he has put into ILCOR from 1992 - 1997.

7. MAILING LIST OF ILCOR REPRESENTATIVES

The contact numbers and addresses of all ILCOR members has been updated, and a copy of the new list will be circulated to each member.

8. NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next full ILCOR Meeting was left undecided, and depended upon the activities of the Task Force. The Task Force may need to meet within the next 6 months in order to explore more fully the funding, constitution and future activities of ILCOR.

