

8. Oslo 1993

The 8th workshop was held just outside the city of Oslo at Holmenkollen and was organised by Ola Saugstad. Although Curosurf was still not a commercial product Chiesi and Serono supported the meeting which was attended by 160 delegates. The venue was the beautiful Soria Moria Conference Centre belonging to the Norwegian Medical Association. There were 8 scientific sessions held over 2 days at which 38 free communications were presented. The opening lecture was by Henry Halliday on the results of the Curosurf 4 trial and this was followed by William Tarnow-Mordi talking about the CRIB score. Other important papers included those by Henrik Verder on "Treatment of RDS with nasal CPAP and Curosurf"; Christian Speer "Comparison of 2 natural surfactant preparations"; Hans Egberts "Meta-analysis of 3 prophylaxis versus rescue trials with Curosurf"; Egbert Herting "Effect of Curosurf on bacterial proliferation in experimental neonatal group B streptococcal pneumonia"; Adolf Valls-i-Soler "The side-hole pilot study" and Per Albertsen "Laryngeal mask used as a guide for surfactant administration". In addition, there were 3 reports on nebulised surfactant from Bo Sun, X Andreasson and Werner Winblad, and 4 papers dealing with haemodynamic or circulatory effects of surfactant by Hugo Segerer, Lotte Skov, Egbert Herting and X Golan.

In a session on surfactant proteins chaired by Tore Curstedt and Dominique Haumont there were excellent presentations from David Strayer, Petra Huppi, Bengt Robertson and David Corcoran. Reports on trials with surfactant were presented from various countries including China, Norway, Poland and Hungary. Nils Svenningsen and Ola Saugstad presented a paper on surfactant in extremely low birth weight infants which had an important message. The scientific programme ended with a discussion of 2 proposed new protocols: surfactant for meconium aspiration syndrome and a comparative trial of Exosurf and Curosurf. A report from the 8th International Workshop on Surfactant Replacement was published as an editorial in *Biology of the Neonate* [8].

The highlight of the social programme was the boat trip on the Oslo fjord in beautiful weather on a long clear Nordic evening.

Other memories are of the wonderful sea food meals during the meeting, especially the beautiful Norwegian smoked salmon and prawns.



A TIRED PRESIDENT
AT THE END OF THE MEETING



LOCAL COMMITTEE: DANIELSEN, SUGSTAD, GRØNN, SILBERG



THREE MEN ON A BOAT – OLA (THE PRESIDENT), HENRY and CHRISTIAN



ENJOYING THE BOAT TRIP ON THE FJORD
HENRY HALLIDAY AND MICHAEL OBLADEN (ABOVE)
AND TORE AND BENGT (BELOW)