

*Minutes from the General Assembly
of the European Society of Pathology
Thursday, 29th September 2016, from 12.00 to 13.00 hrs.
Congress-Centrum Ost Kölner Messe, Cologne, Germany*

Agenda

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly in Belgrade, 09 September 2015.
4. Report of the President.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
6. Report of the Chair of the Advisory Board.
7. Report of the Chair of the Working Group Chairs.
8. Report of the Chair of the Education Subcommittee.
9. Report of the Chair of the Trainee Subcommittee.
10. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Virchows Archiv.
11. Approval of honorary membership to prof. Michael Wells.
12. Progress report of the 28th European Congress of Pathology and the XXXI International Congress of the IAP, Cologne 2016.
13. Presentation ceremony of the book on history of the ESP.
14. Progress report of the 29th European Congress of Pathology, Amsterdam 2017.
15. Progress report of the 30th European Congress of Pathology, Bilbao 2018.
16. Approval of the sites for the European Congresses of Pathology in Gothenburg in 2021 and in Basel in 2022.
17. Approval of the formation of a new Working Group of Autopsy Pathology.
18. Presentation of names of the awardees of the Giordano Fellowship in 2017.
19. Any other items.
20. Date and place of the next General Assembly of the ESP.
- 06 September 2017 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Minutes from the meeting

1. Welcome.
 - The President welcomed the participants. There were ca. 80 participants.
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly in Belgrade, 09 September 2015.
 - The minutes were approved.
4. Report of the President
 - The President gave his report on the activities of the ESP. A new team has been appointed at the ESP office including Director-General Dr. Raed Al Dieri and Management Assistant Sarah Byaruhanga. The term of Prof. Helmut Popper as the Chair of the Education Subcommittee has ended, and the new Chair is Prof. Ales Ryska. The term of Prof. Fred Bosman as Editor-in-Chief of Virchows Archiv will end at the end of 2016. The new Editor-in-Chief will be Prof. Daniela Massi. The new website has now been launched. The term of Prof. Aurelio Ariza as the Editor of the ESP Newsletter has ended, and the new Editor is Prof. Gordan Vujanic. The book on the history of the ESP has been launched. A total of 21 European Advanced Training Centres are in operation, and a total of 13 Giordano Fellowships have been awarded. One ESP-EORTC Fellowship has been awarded. A new memorandum of understanding has been signed with the ESGO, the AORTIC and the Euro-CNS, and negotiations are underway with the ENETS. The present congress has been a successful collaboration with the IAP. Future challenges include developing the ESP Education portal and the ESP Foundation, and continuing collaboration with the IAP by organising a joint congress in Glasgow in 2020. Furthermore, collaboration with the UEMS will be continued to develop the Progress test.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
 - Prof. Marco Santucci gave the Treasurer's report. He compared the balance sheets of 2015 and 2014. There was a decrease in net assets of the society by ca. €200.000. Income of the society has almost doubled, but the expenses have increased even more. This is largely due to allocation of funds to various projects, ca. €260.000. Some €50.000 were spent on educational activities and €40.00 on the ESP-EORTC fellowship. Revenues from profits of the London congress were good, and there was a limited increase of royalties from Springer. The financial result of 2016 was negative at ca. €113.000. The report of the Treasurer was approved by the General Assembly.
6. Report of the Chair of the Advisory Board.
 - Prof. Fatima Carneiro reported on the activities of the Advisory Board. The Board had many active discussions on the following topics: The concept of membership status of national societies, the ESP position document on formalin banning in Europe prepared earlier by the Molecular Pathology Working Group and approved by the Council, role of technicians in grossing of pathology specimens, and participation of national societies in congress programmes.
7. Report of the Chair of the Working Group Chairs.
 - Prof. Han van Krieken gave the report of the Chair of the Working Group Chairs. Two meetings were held and almost all Working Groups were represented. Topics of the discussions included the scientific programme of the Amsterdam congress, evaluation of collaboration between the ESP and the IAP, welcoming the Euro-CNS, ESP funding to the Working Groups, and the new website improving communication of the Working Groups and their members.
8. Report of the Chair of the Education Subcommittee.

- Prof. Ales Ryska gave the report of the Chair of the Education Subcommittee. The new members of the Subcommittee are Prof. Daniela Massi, Prof. Arzu Ensari, Prof. Janina Kulka, Prof. Anna Batistatou, Prof. Tibor Tot, prof. Fred Bosman, and Prof. Peter Schirmacher. Prof. Ryska reported on the Giordano Fellowship, the EScoP courses, and the development of the ESP Education portal.

9. Report of the Chair of the Trainee Subcommittee.
 - Dr. Aleksandra Starzynska gave the report of the Chair of the Trainee Subcommittee. The trainees were involved in three sessions in the Cologne congress. New active members to the Subcommittee are being sought. A new Chair of the Subcommittee will be appointed at the Amsterdam Congress.
10. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Virchows Archiv.
 - Prof. Fred Bosman gave the report of the Editor-in-Chief of Virchows Archiv. Prof. Bosman's term will end at the end of 2016, and the new Editor-in-Chief will be prof. Daniela Massi. Prof. Bosman will continue as Senior Editorial Consultant through 2017. The Editorial board will be renewed, and the peer review process will be improved. The impact factor is stable. The review article policy and the annual review issue were discussed.
11. Approval of honorary membership to prof. Michael Wells.
 - Proposal of an honorary membership of the ESP to prof. Michael Wells was approved unanimously.
12. Progress report of the 28th European Congress of Pathology and the XXXI International Congress of the IAP, Cologne 2016.
 - Until now 4088 persons have been registered in the Cologne congress making it the largest ESP congress so far. The President thanked CPO Hanser for their arrangements.
13. Presentation ceremony of the book on history of the ESP.
 - The President thanked prof. van Krieken for the initiative of writing this book. The book is available at the ESP booth at the Congress. The author Andrew Wilson's televised message was presented to the General Assembly.
14. Progress report of the 29th European Congress of Pathology, Amsterdam 2017.
 - Prof. Folkert van Kemenade gave a progress report on the Amsterdam congress.
15. Progress report of the 30th European Congress of Pathology, Bilbao 2018.
 - Prof. Jose Ignacio Lopez gave a progress report on the Bilbao congress.
16. Approval of the sites for the European Congresses of Pathology in Gothenburg in 2021 and in Basel in 2022.
 - Prof. Göran Elmberger presented the proposal of Gothenburg for 2021. The proposal was approved. Professors Rainer Grobholz, Gieri Cathomas and Zsuzsanna Varga presented the proposal for Basel in 2022. The proposal was approved.
17. Approval of the formation of a new Working Group of Autopsy Pathology.
 - A group of ESP pathologists has applied for a new working group of autopsy pathology. The proposal was presented by prof. Cecilie Alfsen. The proposal was approved.
18. Presentation of the names of the awardees of the Giordano Fellowship in 2017.
 - The President announced the names of the awardees of Giordano Fellowship. There were 24 applications, and a selection committee awarded 13 fellowships (names displayed).
19. Any other items.
 - No other items.
20. Date and place of the next General Assembly of the ESP.
 - 06 September 2017 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.