

**General Assembly of the European Society of Pathology.  
Prague Convention Centre, Congress Hall, Prague, Czech Republic,  
Wednesday, 12 September 2012, 12.00 - 13.00 hrs.**

**Agenda.**

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly in Helsinki, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.
4. Report of the President.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
6. Report of the Chairman of the Advisory Council.
7. Report of the Chairman of the Working Group Chairs.
8. Report of the Chairman of the Education Committee.
9. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Virchows Archiv.
10. Progress report of the 25th European Congress of Pathology, Lisbon 2013.
11. Progress report of the 26th European Congress of Pathology, London 2014.
12. Progress report of the 27th European Congress of Pathology, Belgrade 2015.
13. Approval of the sites of future European Congresses of Pathology.
14. Any other items.
15. Place and date of the next General Assembly of the ESP.

**Minutes from the General Assembly.**

**1. Welcome.**

Prof. Carneiro welcomed all participants to the meeting. Approximately 100 members were present.

**2. Approval of the Agenda.**

The agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly in Helsinki in 2011.**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Report of the President.**

Prof. Carneiro reported that the ESP has supported education in pathology through the EScoP, establishing budgets for the Working Groups, contributing programme to the ESP congresses, networking with the EAPCP. The ESP has improved links to national societies, and is networking with international societies including the IAP, EORTC, UEG, ESMO, and ECCO. Development of European quality assurance programmes in molecular pathology is continuing. A contract with CPO Hanser for organising the European Congresses of Pathology during the next 5 years has been signed. The ESP now participates directly in the organising committees of the ESP congresses. The President thanked the local organisers of the Prague congress which was attended by 2434 registered participants, 1955 delegates, which attracted 1318 submitted abstracts, and where ESP bursaries were awarded to 42 trainees. The President announced with regret the death of honorary member of the ESP prof. Karl Lennert.

**5. Report of the Treasurer.**

Prof. Santucci reported on the good financial situation of the ESP. At the end of 2011 total assets were 2.187.539 € and in 2011 total revenue was 193.000 €. The report was approved.

**6. Report of the Chairman of the Advisory Council.**

Prof. Bosman reported that the Advisory Council has met twice in 2011. Initiatives from the Advisory Council have been forwarded to the society, and contributed to planning of ESP congresses. Proposals relating to collective membership and post-graduate education have originated in the Advisory Council. Official statements from the Advisory Council may be published in Virchows Archiv and on the website of the ESP.

**7. Report of the Chairman of the Working Group Chairs.**

Prof. Wells reported that the Chairs of the Working Groups have met twice during the past year. In the latter meeting in Prague, 17 Chairs of the Working Groups were present. The increased need to organise scientific programme for annual congresses has been met positively. Collaborations formed for joint symposia have helped overcome time restrictions posed by reduction of the annual congresses to 4 days. Funding the costs of Working Groups with 1500 € based on invoices has given good results. No support was given for establishment of a separate Working Group on Immunohistochemistry.

**8. Report of the Chairman of the Education Committee.**

Prof. Popper has sent his apologies for absence from this meeting. His report will be available on the Newsletter.

**9. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Virchows Archiv.**

Prof. Bosman started as the Editor-in-Chief in January 2012. He is planning to improve the journal's position, encouraging review papers and review issues, introducing renewal of the editorial committee, recruiting new members in the editorial board, and a new managing editor. Case reports in the journal will be published as one page papers. A Virchows Archiv Prize for the best paper of the year will be awarded during the annual congress.

Dr. Marta Cohen suggested that Virchows Archiv should take advantage of the expertise of the Working Groups for review issues. Prof. Bosman agrees. Prof. Bussolati suggested open access of the journal free for members. This was supported and will be explored.

**10. Progress report of the 25th European Congress of Pathology, Lisbon 2013.**

Prof. Sobrinho-Simoes gave a progress report. The ECP2013 in Lisbon will be arranged by the ESP jointly with the Portuguese Society of Pathology.

**11. Progress report of the 26th European Congress of Pathology, London 2014.**

Prof. Wells gave a progress report. The ECP2014 will be arranged on 30.08.-03.09.2014 jointly by the ESP and the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

**12. Progress report of the 27th European Congress of Pathology, Belgrade 2015.**

Prof. Vasiljevic gave a progress report.

**13. Approval of the sites of future European Congresses of Pathology.**

The XXXI International Congress of the IAP and the 28th European Congress of Pathology are planned to be arranged jointly in Cologne in 2016. It was decided to continue planning for the congress.

Proposals for future sites of European Congresses of Pathology have been received by the ESP including Amsterdam, Bilbao, Budapest and Dubrovnik. These proposals are being evaluated.

**14. Any other items.**

The President thanked the local organisers of the Prague congress.

**15. Place and date of the next General Assembly of the ESP.**

The next General Assembly will be held in Lisbon on 4 September 2013.