



Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Academy of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

Date: Sunday, July 3, 2011, 3:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: venue of congress – CCIB (Barcelona Convention Centre), Lecture Hall 118+119

1) Presidential Welcome

Reidar Grenman greets all those who have assembled and establishes that with 18 voting representatives present, there is a quorum.

Later, four more voting representatives arrive.

EAACI	Livije Kalogjera	ERS	Valerie Lund
EAFPS	Pietro Palma	ERS	Metin Önerci
EAONO Jacques Magnan		ESBS	Piero Nicolai
EAONO Angel Ramos Macias		ESGS	Francis Marchal
EASM	Joachim T. Maurer	ESPO	John Graham
EFAS	Linda Luxon – absent	EUFOS-1	Reidar Grenman
EGFL	Joao Olias – absent, replaced by Georges Lawson, Belgium	EUFOS-2	Jan Olofsson
EHNS	Dominique Chevalier	EUFOS-3	Milan Profant
EHNS	C.R. Leemans	PWG	Joao Carlos Ribeiro
ELS	Marc Remacle	UEMS-1	Chris Milford
ELS	Gerhard Friedrich	UEMS-2	Karl Hörmann
		UEP	Antonio Schindler

excused

2) Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Academy of ORL-HNS, June 26, 2009 in Mannheim, Germany

are approved

3) Report of the President

a) The Confederation, draft constitution, registration in Vienna

Reidar Grenman presents the current draft of the Confederation constitution which contains some minor changes decided on during the Executive Committee meetings before.

E.g. under 4.1.4., the word "upcoming" is to be used instead of "current". Also, it has been agreed upon to use the term "corporate partnerships" instead of "corporate members", and that details for such partnerships need to be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

b) European Board Exam

21 countries were represented this time, with 60 candidates from outside Europe, and 40 from within Europe.

The next exam, an oral one, will take place in Vienna on November 19, 2011.

New questions are urgently needed, both multiple choice and oral ones; these are to be sent directly to either Karl Hörmann or Chris Milford, ideally via USB stick.

c) Varia

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4) Report of the General Secretary

a) Presentation of voting members

As the quorum was established earlier, this point has been taken care of.

b) Varia

Marc Remacle informs about the formal application of ESSD, the European Society for Swallowing Disorders, to become a member of the EAORL-HNS.

Prof. Clavé (Spain), President of ESSD, confirmed the application in person.

Following this, the General Assembly unanimously accepts ESSD as a new member. ESSD will forward a copy of its byelaws to the EAORL-HNS secretariat.

5) Report of the Treasurer

a) Financial Status

Piero Nicolai proclaims that the EAORL-HNS is "in good health" financially.

One major expense was the transfer of EUR 5000,- to the Confederation account handled by Mondial, as agreed upon in Mannheim in 2009. EUFOS has supplied the same amount.

Reidar Grenman explains that before any transfer is made, he, in addition to the Treasurer, as President gives his agreement.

b) Status Payment Fees Deadline June 1, 2011

All membership fees have been paid by June 2011.

6) Presentation and Approval of the Constitution of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS

After the draft has been discussed, there is unanimous agreement to proceed with registering the Confederation.

7) Election

a) General Secretary and other officials

As Marc Remacle is candidate for the EUFOS Presidency, he needs to step down as General Secretary of EAORL-HNS.

In his email to the EAORL-HNS Executive Committee dated June 14, 2011, Reidar Grenman had proposed that Piero Nicolai – who has acted as Treasurer for the past two years – take over this task, to ensure continuity. Nicolai represents ESBS in the Exec. Comm.

As geographical representation is also important, he had suggested John Oates as the new Treasurer. EAONO backs his candidacy.

These two proposals had been discussed and approved in the Executive Committee Meeting on Saturday, July 2.

The General Assembly unanimously approves both proposals.

b) new officers/members of the Executive Committee

Apart from John Oates (EAONO) as new Treasurer, Hans-Edmund Eckel is the new ELS representative.

ERS and EHNS representatives: to be elected / nominated by the representative organisations

c) Confirmation of Prof. Lang and Prof. Marco to remain as auditors until Nice 2013

Both have kindly agreed to the Executive Committee's request to remain as auditors until Nice 2013. The General Assembly unanimously agrees to this proposal.

8) 2nd Confederation Meeting, Nice 2013

Update on preparations and presentation of venue – Jacques Magnan, President of the Meeting

Jacques Magnan presents his plans for the Nice meeting, due to take place from 27 – 29 April 2013. The venue is the Acropolis congress center in Nice.

Magnan points out that not all of EA's member societies have replied to his invitation to provide names of contact persons to in the scientific programme. It is scheduled to be finished by December, so it can be promoted in 2012 at major meetings such as IFOS, Politzer, ESPO.

It has been agreed in the EAORL-HNS Exec. Comm. Meeting that Reidar Grenman and Jacques Magnan will draft a letter to be sent to the Presidents and General Secretaries of those societies which have not yet replied.

9) Varia

EAFPS General Secretary Abel-Jan Tasman presents the current status of EAFPS's proceedings regarding the debated CEN 403 committee on aesthetic surgical.

Initiated by the Committee for standardization of the European Union (www.CEN.eu), it intends to generate a standard for the practice of "Aesthetic Surgery". It pertains to many aspects of (facial) plastic surgery, including standards for patient relations and consent, equipment, facilities, and ethical conduct. Also competencies, qualifications and limitations of practitioners to perform individual procedures are discussed. When the current working draft is revised and completed, the new standard "Aesthetic Surgery" will be applied as national standard in each member country.

The CEN 403 process was initiated without involvement of many specialties concerned with facial plastic surgery. As a result, representation is disproportionate and specialties like Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Craniomaxillofacial Surgery, Ophthalmology and Dermatology are substantially under-represented among the voting delegations of CEN 403.

EAFPS and other societies have mounted a strong effort to influence CEN 403. With increased awareness and lobbying at multiple levels, CEN 403 is being influenced towards a final result that should be more acceptable to all concerned parties and serves a goal that should be common to all: Increasing patient safety and ensuring a safe environment for all duly qualified specialties to practice (facial) plastic surgery.

There is unanimous agreement that these tendencies need to be fought. The decision is made to deposit notes of protest at the national CEN mirror committees through the EAORL-HNS members. EAFPS will prepare a pre-written note that may be copy-pasted on personal or institutional stationery and sent to CEN and the pertinent national bodies.

Reidar Grenman thanks everyone for their participation and closes the meeting at 5:30.