



# EFSUMB

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY

*'Building a European Ultrasound Community'*

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**21<sup>st</sup> EUROSON 2009 —EDINBURGH - UK**  
**SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2009 –13.00 – 17.00**

<b>Present:</b>	Norbert Gritzmann	President EFSUMB and Delegate Austrian Society	Austria	NG
	David H Evans	Past-President	UK	DHE
	Christoph F Dietrich	Honorary Secretary	Germany	CFD
		Honorary Treasurer EFSUMB	Romania	IS
	Ioan Sporea	and Delegate Romanian Society		
	Luc de Catte	Delegate Belgium Society	Belgium	LC
	Eugenio Cerezo	Delegate Spanish Society	Spain	EC
	Michael Bachmann Nielsen	Delegate Danish Society/ Chairman Publication Committee	Denmark	MBN
	Pentti Lohela	Delegate Finnish Society	Finland	PL
	Wieslaw Jakubowski	Delegate Polish Society	Poland	WJ
	Dieter Nürnberg	Delegate German Society	Germany	DN
	György Harmat	Delegate Hungarian Society	Hungary	GH
	Diana Gaitini	Delegate Israeli Society	Israel	DG
	Fabrizio Calliada	Delegate Italian Society	Italy	FC
	Ilze Sedleniece	Delegate Latvian Society	Latvia	IS
	Odd Helge Gilja	Delegate Norwegian Society/ Chairman Education Committee	Norway	OHG
	Jan Tuma	Delegate Swiss Society	Switzerland	JT
	Chris de Korte	Delegate Dutch Society	The Netherlands	CDK
	Kevin Martin	Delegate British Society	United Kingdom	GB
Gail ter Haar	Chairperson ECMUS Safety Committee	United Kingdom	GTH	
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mrs Lynne Rudd	General Secretary	United Kingdom	LR
<b>Observers:</b>	Mrs Gianna Stanford	Retiring General Secretary	United Kingdom	GS
	Algirdas Tamosiunas	President of Ultrasound Association	Lithuania	AT
	Hanne Sonder Grossjohann	Chairman of the Organising Committee EUROSON 2010	Denmark	SP
	Luis Ortiz	Obstetrician and .Gynae US Society	Spain	LO
	Carmen Garre	President of Spanish Association of Digestive Ultrasound (SADU)	Spain	C
	Carlos de Sebastian	Host Organisation	Spain	CdS

**Apologies were received from:**

Ladislav Dolezal, Czech Republic  
 Gyorgy Harmat, Hungarian Society  
 Ismail Mihmanli, Turkish Society  
 Ilze Sedleniece, Latvian Society  
 Vladimir V Mitkov, Russian Society  
 N Papantoniou, Greek Society



### 1. Welcome by the President (Norbert Gritzmann)

The President (NG) welcomed the delegates and representatives of the Member Societies of EFSUMB to the 2009 Board of Directors meeting (BoD). In addition NG welcomed the President of the Ultrasound Association of Lithuania, Dr Algirdas Tamošiūnas.

### 2. Approval and Signature of Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting held in Timisoara, Romania, 1 June 2008 2007 were agreed as accurate and signed by the President.

There were no objections to the appointment of David H Evans and Mrs Gianna Stanford as tellers

### 3 President's Report

The President reported that EFSUMB is the biggest interdisciplinary Society and one that is financially secure. At EUROSON 2009 young 1<sup>st</sup> authors had their fees waived. EFSUMB can be proud of the European Journal. EFSUMB re-evaluates the contrast guidelines every 3 years, steered by Christian Nolsøe. The website is running well and the Case of the Month very popular. The European Course Book (ECB) under Christoph F Dietrich Editorship is progressing. The Young Investigators' Session was well supported and NG looked forward to this stimulating session. Gianna Stanford was thanked for all her support and hard work and would be sorely missed. Lynne Rudd was welcomed in her stead.

### 4. Honorary Secretary's Report

CFD revealed that EFSUMB membership was almost 20,000 and very stable. He urged Societies to supply email addresses to EFSUMB.

The new member application from Lithuania fulfilled EFSUMB criteria and he welcomed their return as a now active institution since the lapse of their membership in 2002. He added that 'Lithuanian' could be added to the Society's name 'Ultrasound Association' only after it has been functioning for two years it could then be registered. The Society currently has 50 members registered but the last meeting had close to 200 participants. The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the Lithuanian application for membership of EFSUMB.

He raised for future consideration the possibility of welcoming interdisciplinary societies from a single member country, as for example in the case of Belgium which had two separate societies as members.

A biannual EUROSON was muted.

*Board urged to forward their views on these subjects*

CFD gave an update on the ECB and encouraged participation. Dieter Nurnberg felt this should be not only an electronic book but a published book. Jan Tuma recommended a good cheap publisher in Slovakia. Ioan Sporea felt that once the book was on the web publication was not excluded. In response to Kevin Martin's question of timescale CFD hoped for completion of the chapters by March 2010 and added that maybe more topics could be included. KM hoped there would be free access to non EFSUMB members.

*A table of the contents would be attached with the minutes.*

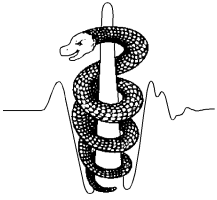
Odd Helge Gilja urged the integration of different committees in EFSUMB and suggested the CFD become a co-opted member of the EPSC to assist the ECB project.

JT hoped the ECB would be open to all members.

### 4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The presented 2008 set of accounts had been signed by the President and the Treasurer for submission and acceptance by the Charity Commissioners.

The 2010 budget was presented in the papers as Paper 9



The Treasurer presented the balances of the EFSUMB accounts € 158.006 in the euro account and £158,390 in the sterling account along with the costs of the staff and committees for 2008. He hoped to encourage more members by keeping down the fees and looked closely at the reasons for membership decrease.

Kevin Martin asked whether the Charity Commissioners accepted EFSUMB's reserves policy. DHE explained that EFSUMB was faced with an income in Euros but most of the expenditure in sterling. For this reason holdings had been converted from Euros and financial gains had been achieved in this way. Likewise the WFUMB payments in dollars from sterling gave an inflated impression of EFSUMB's assets.

OHG asked if the 2010 accounts could be presented showing the real figures and the real surplus to avoid any confusion.

*Review presentation of 2009 Accounts*

## **5. ECMUS Committee Report**

The Board was presented with the additional sentence and was invited to approve the following statement:

'However, Doppler ultrasound examinations should not be used routinely in first trimester of pregnancy.' Luc de Catte and Eugenio Cerezo objected but by the two thirds majority required the Board of Directors supported it.

Gail ter Haar, the ECMUS Committee Chairman, told the Board the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the book Safety Book on Medical Ultrasound had found sponsorship to print a hard copy and that EFSUMB would be supporting a website version. In addition to tutorial articles and literature reviews the committee considered GtH invited suggestions of safety topics for their consideration. Their safety statement is updated every year. A joint meeting between BMUS/WFUMB and ECMUS would take place at EUROSON 2009. New clinical safety guidelines are on the BMUS website. NG felt that the opinions of the hardworking Safety Committee should not be ignored.

*Suggested safety topics to be forwarded*

## **6. EPSC Committee Report**

OHG 's Committee had promoted Education and course in Europe. There was a significant increase in EUROSON Schools and the CEUS EUROSON Schools were on the website through the support of BRACCO. The Committee has produced various Recommendations.

## **7. Publications Committee Report**

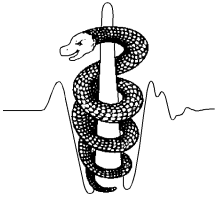
Michael Bachmann Nielsen reported that the EFSUMB newsletters have exceeded their allocated number of pages. That the website has continued to flourish and to further integrate the work of the Publication and Education Committees has invited OHG to meetings.

## **8. EJU Report**

MBN was pleased to note as Editor of the EJU, the slight increase in the impact factor of the EJU and that the rejection rate was about 50% though higher on case reports. OHG asked if there was a policy regarding language. MBN reported that there was an increase in articles in English as they received more in English. DN commented that Germany, Austria and Switzerland realise and accept English for written articles. MBN stated that if BMUS were to join there would be more English contributors.

## **9. Report on EUROSON 2008 Timisoara, Romania**

IS reported that there were 2106 participants from 43 countries. He recommended the format of this EUROSON for the future ones. There were 109 invited speakers, 306 abstracts of which 151 were accepted for oral presentation.



## **10. EUROSON 2009 Edinburgh, UK**

KM reported that workshops were being held prior to the EUROSON congress which had 750 registered, 80-80 speakers and 80% UK delegates but the remainder coming from as far afield as Latvia, Korea and Afghanistan.

## **11. EUROSON 2010 Copenhagen, Denmark**

The lecture hall seats 700 and a separate Exhibition hall. Seven main sponsors have been secured and breakeven will be around 600 with an anticipated 800 participants. The organising Secretariat was very experienced having organised EUROSON 2003.

## **12. WFUMB EUROSON ULTRASCHALL 2011, Vienna, Austria**

The bylaws common to the Congresses had been agreed and a meeting would take place during EUROSON 2009. The meeting expected to attract more than 2000.

## **13. EUROSON 2012 Bid**

Eugenio Cerezo introduced the Spanish bid for the congress. There are 2500 practitioners of ultrasound in Spain who join their own society except for the radiologists and gastroenterologists. For a long time efforts have been made to unite all the Societies into one. Carlos de Sebastian introduced the bid explaining that he was the third generation of his family's company to host congresses but never EUROSON in Spain. Spring 2012 was proposed and under the EUROSON umbrella some societies would host meetings with simultaneous translation in the main meeting rooms. A special deal has been secured for the Municipal Conference Centre, with a free transport ticket for delegates to reach the MCC 20 minutes from the City Centre. Main stations would offer signs to the MCC.

KM asked about the budget and the breakeven figure of 1100 which EC thought was the likely number of Spanish participants. CdS's company would be carrying the financial risk of the Congress.

The Congress would be in English but they would help the National Societies in the three main session rooms by offering simultaneous translation to Spanish using headphones as budgeted.

OHG hoped the Spanish Society could use the occasion to join the forces in the Spanish ultrasound community.

The bid was unanimously accepted by the Board of Directors. NG expressed the wish that they would work closely with EFSUMB.

## **14. EUROSON Schools**

A world record of 8 EUROSON Schools had been held in 2009:

- Thoracic Kosice in June
- Doppler Kosice in November
- Bucharest 1 day course
- BRACCO had supported 2 lecturers in Romania
- BRACCO had supplied high quality videos

## **15. Any other business**

Dieter Nurnberg reported that at the International School of Clinical Sonography, supported by DEGUM, that Lucas Greiner had a proposal aimed at countries less educated. The ExB responded that this is being seriously discussed at their next meeting.

OHG asked that each of the Committee's minutes be integrated.

## **16. Date and place of next meeting**

Saturday 21 August 2010, Copenhagen, Denmark