



EFSUMB

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY
'Building a European Ultrasound Community'

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
25th EUROSON 2013 Thieme Building, Stuttgart, Germany
Sunday 22 April 2012 15.00 – 17.30

Present:	Fabio Piscaglia	President EFSUMB	Italy	FP
	Christoph F Dietrich	President Elect	Germany	CFD
	Christian Pállson Nolsøe	Past President	Denmark	CN
	Odd Helge Gilja	Honorary Secretary	Norway	OHG
	Diana Gaitini	Honorary Treasurer and Delegate Israeli Society	Israel	DG
	Dritan Leli	Delegate for Albanian Society	Albania	DL
	Andreas Klauser	Delegate for Austrian Society	Austria	AK
	Frantisek Zat'ura	Delegate for Czech Republic	Czech Republic	FZ
	Gordana Ivanac for B Brkljacic	Delegate Croatian Society	Croatia	GI
	Torben Lorentzen	Delegate for Danish Society	Denmark	TL
	Eugenio Cerezo	Delegate Spanish Society	Spain	EC
	Dieter Nürnberg	Delegate German Society	Germany	DN
	Pavlos Zoumpoulis	Delegate Greek Society	Greece	PZ
	Francesco Drudi	Delegate Italian Society	Italy	FD
	Maija Radzina	Delegate Latvian Society	Latvia	MR
	Andrius Cekulois for A Tamosiunas	Delegate to Lithuanian Society	Lithuania	AC
	Roald Flesland Havre	Delegate to Norwegian Society	Norway	RFH
	Wojciech Kosiak	Delegate Polish Society	Poland	WK
	Radu Badea	Delegate to Romanian Society	Romania	RB
	Josef Benacka	Delegate to the Slovak Society	Slovakia	JB
	Chris de Korte	Delegate Dutch Society	Netherlands	CdK
	Ishmail Mihmanli	Delegate Turkish Society	Turkey	IM
	Colin Deane for P Sidhu	Delegate to UK Society	United Kingdom	CD
In attendance	Michael Bachmann Nielsen	Chairman Publication Committee/Editor EJU	Denmark	MBN
	Jan Tuma	Chairman of EPSC	Switzerland	JT
	Carmen Garre Sanchez	FESUMB	Spain	CGS
	Adnan Kabaalioglu	TUDS President	Turkey	AK
	Nikolas Papantoniou	Congress Committee 2015	Greece	NP
	Andreas Hagendorff	Congress Committee 2016	Germany	AH
	Mrs Lynne Rudd	General Secretary		LR

Apologies were received from George Harmat (Hungary) Vasile Turcanu (Moldova), Vladimir Mitkov (Russia), Mirjana Brvar (Slovenia) and Hans Schwarzenbach (Switzerland).

1. Welcome by the President (Fabio Piscaglia)

The President welcomed the delegates and invited everyone to introduce themselves. In his view the Federation represented different needs and this was the occasion to raise any issues and concerns.

2. Approval and Signature of Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting held in Madrid, Spain on 22 April 2012 were agreed as accurate and signed by the President.

3 President's Report

The President referred back to his original objectives and was happy to conclude these had been met.

- The Newsletter was a way of communicating and invited contributions
- The Case of the Month is the most popular site on the EFSUMB website and Paul Sidhu was thanked for this work. The delegates were reminded that this was open for submission from any country
- The ECB printed and online version are well used and Christoph F Dietrich was thanked as Editor
- The Association with other Societies continues, ECR, UEG and EASL
- The Recommendations and Guidelines on CEUS Non Liver, joint publication with WFUMB of the Liver Guidelines and Elastography have been successful. The Elastography Guidelines are the first recommendations to be published and all the contributors were thanked
- WFUMB elections saw Christian Nolsoe elected as Vice President 1 and Dieter Nuernberg as Secretary to the new board. Prof Claudon, Past President of WFUMB and Prof Evans who served two terms as Secretary and one as EFSUMB Administrative Councillor were thanked. Prof Lutz is another European who is Chairman of the Education Committee and plays a very important role. EFSUMB has good representation in WFUMB
- The next WFUMB Congresses will take place in Orlando, Florida in 2015; Taipai, Taiwan in 2017 and 2019 is still to be decided. National Societies were reminded to submit bids to host this Congress in conjunction with a NS meeting and EUROSON Congress
- Successful EFSUMB electronic committee meetings have been held with GoToMeetings and FP recommended meeting National Societies, 2 – 3 at a time for a short meeting to discuss issues of concern
- The EFSUMB General Secretary was thanked for her continuous and prompt support.

4. Honorary Secretary's Report

The written report was presented to the Board. OHG presented the membership numbers of almost 20,000 for 2013. Unfortunately Finland will most likely withdraw from EFSUMB and Sweden has not paid their 2013 membership but efforts are being made to reorganise the Society. They are trying to reorganise the Society and hopefully a new board will work closely with EFSUMB. Belarus, Cyprus and Albania seem to have problems with membership payment and any personal contacts to stimulate their integration are invited. The website redesign was shown to the Delegates, the countries viewing it and the top ranking sites. They were reminded that the ECB could be ordered through the EFSUMB General Secretary. The Educational Portal hosts vast amounts of material which can be downloaded for free.

The proposed constitutional changes were brought to the attention of the delegates with two amendments; to change President to Delegate in Article 9.2 and delete 'at least 7 days'.

EFSUMB is pleased to have a close collaboration with Industry which is supporting new courses.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The 2012 accounts were presented in the papers and approved by the Board. The healthy balance of income over expenditure was reported. No recommendation of increase of fees is proposed but the charity needs to be aware that income from membership may fall in the coming years. Funds have been placed in interest yielding bonds. The 2014 budget was presented and unanimously approved. The increase in the

General Secretary's salary was noted and the proposal to reduce subscriptions by 5 % was raised if the newsletter could be sent by email to the provided addresses. This will need to be discussed with Thieme and the emails would only be used for sending the newsletter and EFSUMB business. All National Societies would be offered a form for signature from EFSUMB that the mailing would only be used for institutional purposes on behalf of its members. Discussion revealed that delegates thought this would be advantageous for smaller countries and is the way future communications are going. It was agreed that the set up should be by topic to click to open what is of interest rather than as an attachment. MBN thought it would be a shame to lose the printed version and would like to keep the newsletter in the first issue. The Newsletter Editor's views would be sought.

5. ECMUS Committee Report

The Board was presented with a written report by the Chairman Gail ter Haar

6. EPSC Committee Report

JT summarised his report and invited Delegates to attend the Education Session on Friday at 08.30 to learn more about the Committee's activities on student ultrasound teaching, the student edition of the ECB and Postgraduate training. The Euroson Schools and courses have been successful and this Committee has seen the introduction of EFSUMB CME credits and improved eLearning. Online credit card facilities have been set up to enable such purchases of the ECB.

7. Publications Committee Report

MBN presented his written report and referred to the successful short GoToMeetings held regularly. The website has 41,000 hits every month, the Case of the Month 25,000 and with interest in the translated cases. The mobile site has 5,000 hits per month. The new website layout was shown. The Publication Committee will be holding a Session in Stuttgart.

8. EJU Report

MBN showed a ppt about the EJU. The accumulation and increased submission of manuscripts has led to an increased rejection rate, currently 73.2% aiming at 80%. The recent change in editors, adding FP, Paul Sidhu and Sevgi Tercanli was noted. The time from submission to decision was mostly in one month but it was not clear if this was to the first or final decision. The impact factor of 4.116 is impressive but to some extent unaccountable and it is possible this will increase further in the next year as the Elastography Guidelines are taken into account.

9. EFSUMB Future projects

CFD as President would like to produce Interventional US Guidelines and invited delegates to participate. TL spoke of the Danish Society interest in Point of Care US Guidelines. FP pointed out that the view of EFSUMB on Point of Care US was already expressed in the Newsletter in 2013 and before a discussion on any new possible guidelines is carried out the document has to be verified. CFD promoted the Scientific Corner as a means of collecting data specifically in EUS and rare diseases. He was also interested in the 'teach the teacher' project to harmonise for the future.

10. EUROSON 2013

Andreas Schuler had presented the Congress overview to the ExB earlier and FP congratulated him on the Congress organisation:

- 1800 participants with the hope of 2000 with day registrants
- Reduced rates for medical students
- Breakeven has not yet been reached.

11. EUROSON 2016 bids

The DEGUM bid was presented by Andreas Hagendorff for Leipzig as a joint meeting with the International Society of Cardiovascular US and World Congress of Echocardiology. The Congress Centre near the airport used in 2007 has a capacity for 2534.

The TUDS bid was presented by Adnan Kabaalioglu. Their joint international meetings with MASU and annual US meeting were noted. A meeting in April, September or October was suggested in Istanbul to be organised with DEKON Congress and Tourism. A budget based on 750 and 1250 would produce a profit based on costs of around 1000 euro per person and registration fee of around 350 – 450 euro. 147 countries can attend without requiring a visa and others can obtain an eVisa online. Special hotel rates have been negotiated and are between 2 – 10 minutes from the Congress venue.

CdK asked how a shared Congress would affect the budget and the percentage profit to DEGUM. IM of TUDS commented that combined meetings were favoured by industry. RB would like to have accepted both bids but FP advised this was not possible as other bids may be planned for 2017 but invited the loser to reapply for 2017 as Israel, unsuccessful for 2013 had reapplied for 2014.

Voting for the bid was by show of hands.

- DEGUM's bid was supported by Italy, Norway, Slovak Republic, Germany and Austria which produced a total of 61 votes.
- The TUDS bid was supported by Romania, Israel, Croatia, UK, Denmark, Greece, Albania, Spain, Netherlands, Turkey, Lithuania, Latvia, Czech Republic which produced a total of 23 votes.

DEGUM was congratulated on winning the bid to host EUROSON 2016, Leipzig, Germany. Turkey was complimented on the presentation and very good impression made and the President hoped it would be made again in 2014.

12. EUROSON Lecture 2014

Nominations for the EUROSON lecture had been received from Latvia and Bulgaria. MR was asked to introduce the Latvian nominations for P Prieditis, one of the first performers of US in Latvia whose main focus was thyroid and performed a lot of interventions. In her view if she had to choose between the nominations it would be P Prieditis. The Bulgarian delegate did not attend and no further information was available on their nominations despite the email request. The ExB made the suggestion of Lil Valentin, ob/gyn specialist interested in safety, a member of ECMUS for many years and a past Chairman of the EPSC and the initiator of EFSUMB Guidelines.

Lil Valentin was voted as the EUROSON Lecturer for 2014 but P Prieditis was the second choice of the BoD in the event that the first choice was unable to attend.

13. Honorary Member Prof Gerhard Rettenmaier

OHG presented the proposal to create Prof Gerhard Rettenmaier honorary member of EFSMB. He described him as a true pioneer, a driving force to develop new techniques. He has given lots of lectures, publications and books to his name and Stuttgart was the appropriate Congress to introduce this being close to his home town. This was approved unanimously.

14. ECMUS Safety Statements

FP pointed out that the statement on the use of pregnant models prohibiting scanning for non medical practice would not prevent scanning if, for example, in the Ultrasound Learning Centre if for medical reasons. The statements were all approved.

15. Application for membership

Following the successful EUROSON 2012 the Spanish Society SEECO has merged with other Societies to form FESUMB and this new membership was approved by the Board.

16. DEGUM Proposed Bylaw changes

DN suggested more time was needed to discuss these proposals:

- Order of the Congress name DLT or EUROSON
- Ratio of English language to national language
- Young Investigators presenting published material
- EFSUMB defined levels of speaker reimbursement

FP expressed the EFSUMB view that already published material presented by YI would be less interesting. The idea of an award of another 500 euro for the best published article by an EFSUMB member under 35/37/39 could be discussed. RB felt that the focus for this should not necessarily be clinical research but that physics was important too. FP felt that this additional award with be a good opportunity to consider all topics. The other three points were also viewed favourably, but require further discussion before any change in the bylaw is brought to the Board for voting.

JT pointed out that the written proposal from DEGUM purported to come from SGUM but needed further discussion. For the Swiss there are 4 national languages and English is the common language.

17. Date and place of next meeting

TBA EUROSON 2014, Tel Aviv, Israel 26 – 28 May 2014