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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY

MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING 26th EUROSON 2014 David Intercontinental Hotel Tel Aviv, Israel Monday 26 May 2014 11.00 – 13.50

Present:	Christoph F Dietrich	President EFSUMB	Germany	CFD
	Odd Helge Gilja	President Elect	Norway	OHG
	Fabio Piscaglia	Past President	Italy	FP
	Hans-Rudolf Schwarzenbach	Honorary Secretary	Switzerland	HRS
	Christian Kollmann for Andreas Klauser	Delegate Austrian Society	Austria	AK
	Mila Lubomiorvva	Delegate Bulgarian Society	Bulgaria	ML
	Boris Brkljacic	Delegate Croatian Society	Croatia	GI
	Torben Lorentzen	Delegate Danish Society	Denmark	TL
	Eugenio Cerezo for Carmen Garre Sanchez	Delegate Spanish Society	Spain	CGS
	Pavlos Zoumpoulis	Delegate Greek Society	Greece	PZ
	Dieter Nürnberg	Delegate German Society	Germany	DN
	Diana Gaitini	Delegate Israeli Society	Israel	DG
	Francesco Drudi for Marcello Romano	Delegate Italian Society	Italy	FD
	Zoltan Harkanyi	Delegate Hungarian Society	Hungary	ZH
	For George Harmat	Delegate Latvian Society	Latvia	MR
	Maija Radzina			
	Andrius Cekulois for A Tamosiunas	Delegate Lithuanian Society	Lithuania	AC
	Vasile Turcanu	Delegate Moldovan Society	Moldova	VT
	Chris de Korte	Delegate Dutch Society	Netherlands	CdK
	Roald Flesland Havre	Delegate Norwegian Society	Norway	RFH
	Wojciech Kosiak	Delegate Polish Society	Poland	WK
	Radu Badea	Delegate Romanian Society	Romania	RB
	Vladimir Mitkov	Delegate Russian Society	Russia	VM
	Adnan Kabaalioglu for Ishmail Mihmanli	Delegate Turkish Society	Turkey	IM
	Carmel Moran for Colin Deane	Delegate UK Society	United Kingdom	CD
Inattendance	Michael Bachmann Nielsen	Chairman Publication Committee/Editor EJU	Denmark	MBN
	Josef Just	FESUMB Treasurer	Spain	JJ
	Christian Nolsoe	WFUMB Vice President	Denmark	CN
	Muge Arbak	DEKON PCO	Turkey	MA
	Sorin Dudea	President Elect	Romania	SD
	Nikolas Papantoniou	Congress Committee 2015	Greece	NP
	Ioan Sporea	SRUMB	Romania	IS
	Roxana Sirli	SRUMB	Romania	RS
	Eva Garde	Tilesa Kenes	Spain	EG
	Dapha Loebel	Tilesa Kenes	Spain	DL
	Lynne Rudd	General Secretary		LR



Apologies were received from Luc de Catte (Belgium), Frantisek Zatura (Czech Republic) Vasile Turcanu due to late flight arrival (Moldova) and Jozef Beňačka (Slovak Republic)

1 Welcome by the President and Approval and Signature of Minutes of the previous meeting (Christoph F Dietrich)

The President welcomed the delegates and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting held in Stuttgart, Germany on 11 October 2013 were agreed as accurate and signed by the President.

2 President's Report

The President highlighted some of the significant achievements

- The proposed Guidelines on Interventional Ultrasound are underway
- The building up of the EFSUMB website under the Committees' initiatives with 40,000 hits per month
- The educational activities with the updating and reviewing process of the ECB
- The opportunity to translate the chapters of the ECB and ECBSE, inviting the Delegates to help achieve this goal
- The almost completion of the ECBSE
- EFSUMB CME credits which local authorities are invited to accept
- The EFSUMB representation in WFUMB
- The need for a new strategy of EFSUMB, e.g., to optimize relation to society members, reorganizing the fundraising, improved balance of members and membership fees.

3. Honorary Secretary's Report

The written report was presented to the Board. The focus would be on EFSUMB bringing in inactive members.

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

FP presented the Hon Treasurer's Report which showed EFSUMB's stable finances. How EFSUMB spends the 8 euro membership fee was explained and pointed out that this had been translated for the Italian and German Societies. FP mentioned that the Secretariat costs in WFUMB were much higher, Committees only meet physically once a year and the newsletter fixed costs had been reduced. The website is an area that should be expanded. Expenses have been cut to the minimum and there has been a slight decrease in income. It is expected that the 2014 accounts will be much more balanced with higher Congress costs MBN commented that the Publication Committee proposal for access to all the website to be restricted to EFSUMB members and open to members from outside Europe to purchase website access for a small fee and reduced rates at EUROSON Congresses and Euroson Schools should be considered to supplement EFSUMB income. DN felt this should be open to European members as well as overseas.

EFSUMB invited all ideas for strategies to raise income. BB commented that in ESR of 60,000 members 45% are from Europe and the remainder have associate member status with access to the website but not able to run for office. TL asked about EFSUMB investments and it was explained that 2 fixed rate bonds of 100,000 euro provided a better return than deposit accounts. EFSUMB would be looking at investing a further 100,000 in the stock market on low risk investments with a specialist charity broker. PZ wanted more EFSUMB support on research projects which involves bureaucracy. CFD referred to the Paediatric Data Registry EFSUMB has almost ready for data collection and the framework will be available on the website for future projects. A website free for EFSUMB members was thought by MR to be a motivation for new members. FP explained the only block to this is the requirement from NS Secretariats to supply an annual updated list of members to permit this access. Without this the system would not work. A show of hands indicated that this was acceptable to Delegates to provide this information.

The 2015 budget including a reduction of the membership fee to 7 euro and the 2013 Accounts were approved unanimously.



5. Committee Reports

ECMUS Committee Report

The Board had been presented with a written report by the Chairman Gail ter Haar. CK, Secretary of ECMUS referred to the meeting last month in the South of France updating tutorials on technical and safety issues which will be added to the VL site with questions. Literature and safety related reviews are on the website and once a year they review clinical safety statements.

EPSC Committee Report

DN, Secretary of EPSC, summarised the Chairman's report on Endorsed Courses, Schools the ECBSE and reported the Committee is discussing common courses for all NS and a programme for students' ultrasound education working with Romania who is further down this field.

Publications Committee Report

MBN summarised his written report and referred to the website improvements and the more recent introduction of the Facebook page which will be updated including with EUROSON photos.

EJU Report

The new impact factor will be known midyear and may show an increase on the 4.1. The largest number of submissions of manuscripts (25%) is from Asia, in particular South Korea and China. He cautioned against disappointment if ms were rejected as this is the fate of 75%. CK asked about self citation and this is in the range considered acceptable, 38 – 40% but will change with the reduction of the acceptance rate.

EFSUMB Newsletter Report

The BoD was reminded that the EFSUMB newsletter could implement comments from the NS's. Italy and Germany had translated the latest newsletter for the benefit of members who may be less familiar with English.

6. EFSUMB Ultrasound Learning Centres (ULC)

OHG described how EFSUMB is a leader at the forefront of educational clinical learning centres. These are not in competition with WFUMB Centres of Excellence. The proposal previously sent could be incorporated into a Bylaw for presentation in Athens. He summarised that these will be free for participants with various time periods and offers of support. The Centres would be hosted by a member of an EFSUMB NS, be an experienced teacher as evidenced by CV's and publications. Centres would need to ensure compliance with local regulations and provide the level of equipment and teachers as specified. Centres would be EFSUMB recognised on payment of a 100 euro fee and quality reassurance every 5 years. DN mentioned 10 Centres already interested and up to 20 were anticipated. The EFSUMB certificate was not one of training but evidence of time spent under instruction. The certificate would be awarded by the Centre. It is hoped that training in many disciplines using ultrasound can be offered. In response to BB more than one site under one umbrella may be considered if logistically practical. This should be reflected in the Bylaw but it was agreed the ULC's should begin before the formal Bylaw approval at the next Congress. RFH thought that the Centres should have a website informative for participants. . All candidates for ULC status can now start to apply by forwarding the appropriate documents to EFSUMB General Secretary.

7. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

This was the new challenge for EFSUMB to raise revenue, to integrate more substantially sub specialities (such as ob/gyn) and the recruitment of member societies. All delegates were invited to make suggestions and proposals. An open question includes how to balance better membership balance and membership fees between the EFSUMB societies.



8. Translation of EFSUMB material

Translations of the Newsletters and ECB chapters were invited to be emailed by NS's to their members advising EFSUMB when this has taken place. VM requested a list of materials it is possible to translate. CFD referred to an EndNote list of material on the EFSUMB website, publications which would be made available to all delegates.

EFSUMB to email EndNote EFSUMB publications references

8. EUROSON CONGRESSES

EUROSON 2014 Update

DG presented the Congress statistics, 4 Categorical Courses, 40 Scientific Sessions, 4 lunch symposia, Learning Centre with 13 US machines, 4 phantoms and 40 instructors, 72 electronic posters, 23 industry exhibitors. Registration had reached almost 700 with onsite registrations expected from 43 countries. There are 96 speakers of which 26 were from Israel. The budget realised less sponsorship than anticipated but the expenses were reduced accordingly.

EUROSON 2015 Lecturer nominations

Gebhard Mathis (Austria) and Torben Lorentzen (Denmark) had been proposed. Brief background on the speakers was provided and the BoD voted for Torben Lorentzen to present on 'Ultrasound Guided Intervention, 2015 update'.

EUROSON 2016 Leipzig, Germany

Delegates were urged to take the leaflets prepared for the 26 -28 October meeting at which OHG will be Co-President.

EUROSON 2017

The bid was presented by Turkish President and Delegate AK, their second bid, for Istanbul or possibly Antalya in October or May. Their organisation of international meetings, courses and Euroson Schools was shown, with the next ES in Istanbul 14-15 February 2015. The budget has been produced on 750 and 1250 participants, with registration at 340 – 440 €, accommodation in the region of 75 – 150 euro and travel from 300 – 500 euro. Turkish Airlines is a member of Star Alliance with access to 200 cities. 147 countries do not need a visa. There are 3 proposed venues, Congress Valley in the heart of the city, with no need for transportation; Golden Horn and Istanbul Airport. The Delegates agreed that Antalya might offer too many distractions to participants but the final decision would be left to the Congress Organisers. PZ felt that AK experience and contracts in the Eastern Mediterranean and Balkans would make Istanbul the better choice.

Turkey normally expects 400 – 500 participants at a national Congress. The Delegates voted unanimously for the bid by the Turkish Society.

WFUMB 2019

Ioan Sporea and Roxane Sirli presented their bid for Timisoara, Romania to be organised by the main organisers from the WFUMB Centre of Excellence.

Eva Garde and Dapha Loebel presented the bid for Granada, Spain to be organised by Tlesa Kenes Spain. CFD was happy to be in the position of not having to vote as this was a difficult decision for the Delegates. By a small majority with a show of hands, the bid of the Spanish Society was accepted as the proposal to be put to the WFUMB Committee.

9. WFUMB

Report from EFSUMB Administrative Councillor to WFUMB

FP explained that the EFSUMB nomination of candidates was in the hands of the WFUMB Nominating Committee and presenting names that are familiar to them is beneficial for EFSUMB. Christian Nolsoe will be offered for



President Elect, Dieter Nuernberg or Secretary, Treasurer or Vice President and CFD as delegate for the Administrative Council bringing his experience of EFSUMB to WFUMB. Each candidate was voted and approved.

Report from VP1 to WFUMB

CN gave an overview of WFUMB highlighting that two thirds of the world do not have access to any imaging. He would like to see another Centre of Excellence in Europe, improved communications from WFUMB, streamlined and minimise the bureaucracy and seek further cooperation with other organisations, mentioning WINFOCUS, ISR and SUSME and industry.

10. Application for membership

None has been received.

11. SGUM Proposal for new category of 'Fellow' in EFSUMB

HRS explained this was for people who have contributed to EFSUMB by their activities for the Society but in a different way from Honorary Members already governed by a Bylaw. He mentioned Jan Tuma as an example. It was agreed that a new bylaw should be created for the Delegates to vote upon for the next meeting.

12. Any other Business

DN mentioned that at the Stuttgart meeting DEGUM had announced a proposal which had needed more time to be discussed within the DLT (on the understanding that Scientific Sessions would be in English):

- Order of the Congress name DLT or EUROSON first in all publicity
- Ratio of English language to national language to be removed. (DN explained that at DLT Congresses most of the participants are German speakers and want more sessions in German)

Both points were voted with some against and others abstaining but finally accepted.

- In addition, the EFSUMB defined levels of speaker reimbursement in the Appendix of Congress Expenses to be permit two different kinds of speakers and reimbursement was raised.

Comments: FP reminded the Board of the discussion in Stuttgart where he suggested that the Organiser should specify at the time of the bid the language percentage so that the Delegates could make the decision.

Additional proposed changes of the bylaws where received too late according to EFSUMB rules to be distributed to the BoD in time, especially as some of them were highly relevant requiring extensive discussion of the potential implications on EFSUMB's future. However, the EFSUMB ExB fully recognise the existing burning issue of the economical burden of the EFSUMB fee in very large national societies such as DEGUM and EFSUMB is intending to introduce a discussion on how to best solve the issue.

PZ hoped EUROSON 2015 would combine many societies in US and through his successful Euroson Schools would attract East European and Mediterranean participants and sponsors

WK announced the intention of the Polish Society to bid for EUROSON 2018 in Poznan, Poland which was noted by the Delegates and will be formally introduced at EUROSON 2015.

13. Date and place of next meeting

TBA EUROSON 2015 Athens, Greece 6 – 8 November 2015