



EFSUMB

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY

MINUTES BOARD OF DELEGATES' MEETING 28th EUROSON 2016 Leipzig, Germany Wednesday 26 October 2016 18.30 – 20.45

Present:	Executive Bureau (ExB)			
	Odd Helge Gilja	President EFSUMB	Norway	OHG
	Paul Sidhu	President Elect	UK	PS
	Christoph F Dietrich	Past President	Germany	OHG
	Hans-Rudolf Schwarzenbach	Honorary Secretary	Switzerland	HRS
	Adrian Saftiou	Honorary Treasurer	Romania	AS
	Delegates			
	Jordan Genov for Rumiana Mitova	Delegate Bulgarian Society	Bulgaria	JG
	Glordana Ivanac for Boris Brkljacic	Delegate Croatian Society	Croatia	GI
	Milan Kocian for Frantisek Zatura	Delegate Czech Society	Czech Republic	MC
	Bjoern Skjoldbye for Torben Lorentzen	Delegate Danish Society	Denmark	BS
	Carmen Garre Sanchez	Delegate Spanish Society	Spain	CGS
	Nikolas Papantoniou	Delegate Greek Society	Greece	NP
	Matthias Wuestner	Delegate German Society	Germany	MW
	Vito Cantisani for Marcello Romano	Delegate Italian Society	Italy	VC
	Maija Radzina	Delegate Latvian Society	Latvia	MR
	Sergiu Puiu for Vasile Turcanu	Delegate for Moldovan Society	Moldova	SP
	Chris de Korte	Delegate Dutch Society	Netherlands	CdK
	Ruth Thomsen & Anette Hem Johnsen for Nils Petter Oveland	Delegate Norwegian Society	Norway	RT/AHJ
	Andrius Cekuolis	Delegate for Lithuanian Society	Lithuania	AC
	Wojciech Kosiak	Delegate Polish Society	Poland	WK
	Jana Slobodnikova for Jozef Benacka	Delegate for Slovak Society	Slovak Republic	JS
	Mustafa Secil	Delegate Turkish Society	Turkey	MS
	Simon Freeman	Delegate UK Society	United Kingdom	SF
	Sara Sehlstedt	Delegate for Swedish Society	Sweden	SS
	Carmen Garre Sanchez	Delegate for Spanish Society	Spain	CGS
	Ksenija Vukovic	Delegate for Slovenian Society	Slovenia	KV
	Sorin Dudea	Delegate for Romanian Society	Romania	SD
	Jan Tuma	Delegate for Swiss Society	Switzerland	JT
In attendance	Michael Bachmann Nielsen	Chairman Publication Committee/Editor EJU	Denmark	MBN



Vito Cantisani	Chairman EPSC	Italy	VC
Adnan Kabaalioglu	TUDS President	Turkey	AK
Eugenio Cerezo	FESUMB	Spain	EC
Muge Arbak	DEKON	Turkey	MA
Esra Guler	DEKON	Turkey	EG
Lynne Rudd	General Secretary		LR

Apologies were received from Liat Appelbaum (Israel), Gyorgy Szekely (Hungary), and Gebhard Mathis (Austria).

1 Welcome by the President and Approval and Signature of Minutes of the previous meeting (Odd Helge Gilja)

The President welcomed the delegates and invited them to introduce themselves. The minutes of the Board of Delegates' Meeting held in Athens, Greece on 5 November 2015 were agreed as accurate and signed by the President.

President's Report

The President had written his report, which had been circulated earlier. He summarised that the 28 Societies and over 20,000 members were stable. He invited the Societies to send the members' email addresses. He was especially proud of the over 100 Euroson Schools that have been held, with 10 Schools and 20 Endorsed Courses in the last year in 14 different countries. He was proud of the first ever GIUS Guidelines and the 7 Ultrasound Learning Centres (with space for more). He thanked his colleagues, the ExB and the General Secretary for the good collaboration. The Board approved the report.

2. Honorary Secretary's Report

The written report was presented to the Board. The Hon Secretary emphasised the importance of the EFSUMB corporate identity and spirit of collaboration. NS input was invited. The Board approved the report.

3. Honorary Treasurer's Report

AS presented the Hon Treasurer's Report, which showed EFSUMB's finances are stable. The Industry support of the Guidelines was acknowledged. The 2017 budget was presented for approval, which shows that EFSUMB will need to dip into reserves. This is considered to be acceptable as the Society should not be seen to be only accumulating funds, besides which, interest bearing accounts are only available at very low rates. SD asked how long this could be sustained but EFSUMB may need to look to raising the fee in the future if this trend continues. The Delegates were reminded that EFSUMB is not entirely dependent on income from membership fees but also from Euroson Schools, Endorsed Courses and from Industry support for Guidelines and webinars. The financial stability of the Society is projected to continue. JT suggested moving the funds into Swiss francs but this would not be beneficial at the current exchange rate. EFSUMB takes a longer term view of financial stability. BS questioned the sum payable to WFUMB which is the largest expenditure but with an incoming Danish WFUMB President this withholding may not be appreciated. The Board approved the report.

4. Committee Reports

ECMUS Committee Report

The Board had been presented with a written report by the Chairman Gail ter Haar. Literature and safety related reviews are on the website and once a year they review clinical safety statements. Report approved.

EPSC Committee Report

The Chairman Vito Cantisani reported on the webinars which have taken place and the recent student ultrasound education position paper publication. In 2017 Bracco will support 5 CEUS Schools are planned in addition to the Schools and Courses. Further webinars on CEUS and Elastography are planned. The Joint Committee Session in Leipzig will show the education survey responses. Report approved.

Publications Committee Report



Chairman Michael Bachmann Nielsen referred to his written report and emphasised the continued work on the popular Case of the Month. The two best cases will be selected for publication in the Open Access Journal, UIO. The focus of the Committee in 2017 will be hand-held devices. Report approved.

EJU Report

MBN talked of the high impact factor, 4.4 and high rejection rate of 89%. The journal is running smoothly and MBN referred to his editorial in Issue 3 of how papers are cited. Report approved

EFSUMB Newsletter Report

Alexandros Sotiriadis had submitted a written report. He summarised the EFSUMB newsletter content but NS news and contributions were invited. Report approved.

5. Bylaw 1 EUROSON Congresses

The change to a fixed fee of 2,500 euro to host a congress was approved by the Board. NP said the amount could be reviewed in a few years to see if organisers were happy with this sum. It was pointed out that in the event of an unsuccessful congress this fee could be reconsidered on presentation of audited accounts. The Board unanimously approved the bylaw change.

6.. Bylaw 2 ECMUS Committee

The ExB proposed an ad hoc committee that could assist EFSUMB in preparing safety material for Guidelines under consideration. Safety Statements are also considered by WFUMB. MR asked if there would be motivation to join an ad hoc committee but OHG felt this would be monitored. The Board unanimously approved the bylaw change.

7. Bylaw 4 Young Investigator Award

The bylaw change to increase the prize to 3000 euro which could be divided between a clinical and a technical presentation was unanimously accepted.

8. Bylaw 5 EJU Editor

This previously deleted bylaw removed the term of office for the EFSUMB EJU Editor. The ExB proposed that this position should be in line with all EFSUMB Committee posts with a fixed term. The maximum term of 9 years was unanimously approved.

9. Bylaw 14 EFSUMB Student Committee

This new bylaw was amended slightly to include under point 10 'The EPSC and Publications Committee Chairman or nominee shall be invited to attend the meetings where practicable. An ESC representative will be invited to attend the EPSC and Publications Committee meetings where practicable.' The bylaw was unanimously accepted.

10. EFSUMB Strategies including website

PS talked about the possibility of having an area of the EFSUMB website open only to EFSUMB members with the possibility to derive some income from the many non-EFSUMB members using the website. SF felt that perhaps some NSs were discouraged from sharing material beyond the EFSUMB members. JT talked about EFSUMB charging 10 euro for using the Abdomen Common Curriculum. CFD felt EFSUMB could benefit from hosting the Second Edition of the ECB as an app available to download from the website. EFSUMB aims to keep educational material available to all users and is aware of the benefits of this for less developed countries. The details of this proposal will be considered and presented to the Board at the next meeting.

VC will ask Industry for more support and webinar ideas with the aim of keeping it free for everyone. Expanding the topics beyond CEUS sponsored by Bracco will pose some sponsorship decisions in view of the different brands.

AS felt that to make the transition smooth the website material should be accessible with a username and password. This would also give EFSUMB more information on its users and what material is being accessed. Registration could be free initially.



11. CONGRESSES

EUROSON 2016 update

2000 registrants are anticipated from 50 different countries. There is a full exhibition of 48 companies (850 m²) and the desired level of sponsorship reached, 450 speakers including chairs, 157 posters, 261 abstracts and up to 20 parallel sessions.

EUROSON 2017, Ljubljana, Slovenia

AK in discussion with EFSUMB has proposed the move from Antalya, Turkey to Slovenia and is working on the programme. He hopes the central European location will be popular and easier for industry. The largely unused list submitted to EUROSON 2016 is being used but this will be resent for further update along with the website banner for NS websites. TUDS is using the same PCO with experience in Slovenia and has confirmed the same dates as originally proposed. The website is live, with registration opening soon. The GR Congress venue is in the centre and walking distance from the hotels.

EUROSON 2017 Lecturer nominations

The Board viewed the 3 proposals of Luca Maria Sconfienza (Italy), Lasse Løvstakken (Norway) and Massimo Mischi (Netherlands). The majority vote approved the Mischi lecture entitled 'Prostate cancer detection and localization by dynamic contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging'.

EUROSON 2019 Bid presentation

OHG advised that Bergen, Norway will bid for 2020 instead of 2019 and CGS presented the Granada, Spain bid using the experience of the EUROSON 2012 Madrid organisation with over 900 participants. Granada is the first destination for tourists but cheaper than other cities. There are two airports (Granada and Malaga), a conference centre with hotels in walking distance. No dates have yet been selected but spring is the preferred time. The Board voted unanimously for Granada.

12. WFUMB Report from EFSUMB Administrative Councillor to WFUMB

CFD submitted a written summary of WFUMB's activities but informed of the prostate and thyroid Elastography WFUMB publication and a conjoint position paper on how to teach GIUS. WFUMB congress in 2017 will be in Taipei, Taiwan, 13 – 17 October. BS felt that more use of a GoPro camera could be made to record material for the website. The Board unanimously approved the nomination of CFD to the WFUMB ExB as Vice President 2 to replace Dieter Nuernberg. The nomination of OHG as the Administrative Councillor was also unanimously approved.

13. Application for membership

OHG advised that Georgia is in the process of applying for membership. The Constitution requires that this request is supported by another NS and Lithuania, Russia and Latvia offered to support this formal application.

14. Election of EFSUMB Fellows

The relevant NS delegates summarised the nominations for EFSUMB Fellows of the following: Svein Odegaard Norway, (delineating the walls of the GI tract) Klaas Bom, The Netherlands, (inventing and developing the linear array, intra-cardiac and intra-vascular probe and portable echo machine) Lorenzo Derchi, Italy (pioneer in US in Italy) and Diana Gaitini, Israel (work organising EUROSON Congress, contributions to the ECB and strong support of EFSUMB). All Fellows were unanimously elected.

15. Any other Business

MR asked about US Museums. DEGUM has such a collection and BMUS has a store of items in Glasgow. EFSUMB has no plans in this regard but a part of the Congress could be devoted to a display or session of history which may bond the generations.

16. Date and place of next meeting

TBA EUROSON 2017 Ljubljana, Slovenia 22 – 25 September