

# **EFSUMB**

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY

# MINUTES BOARD OF DELEGATES' MEETING 29th EUROSON 2017 Ljubljana, Slovenia Thursday 21 September 2017 17.00 – 19.30

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Lynne Rudd	General Secretary		LR

Apologies received from Susana Lopes, Sara Sehlstedt and Frantisek Zatura.

# 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**

OHG described EFSUMB as bigger and better. He summarised some of the events EFSUMB is proud of; 8 webinars, EFSUMB editors of the UIO, GIUS guidelines part published, liver elastography guidelines publication, nonliver CEUS guidelines submission and the non-liver elastography guidelines preparation. The Student Committee is seen as an important step for recruiting future ultrasound users and with handheld devices more accessible students may be exposed to ultrasound earlier. CFD was thanked for his hard work with the ECB (in preparation for the second edition) as well as finalising the Student Edition. The 7 ULC's shown on the website should be viewed and recommended to potential users. OHG praised the team spirit, the hard work of all the committees and the ExB and thanked the EFSUMB Secretary for her work. The lapel buttons were distributed to the delegates as part of the promotion of corporate identity. The Board approved the report.

#### 2. Honorary Secretary's Report

The written report had been presented to the Board and HRS showed a ppt at the end of his 4 year term. The Board approved the report.

#### 3. Honorary Treasurer's Report

AS presented the Hon Treasurer's Report, which showed EFSUMB's 2016 income and expenditure and that finances were solid. The final audited accounts are shown in sterling as the charity has to submit these to the UK Charity Commissioners. The euro budget for 2018 reflects the membership income anticipated and projected expenditure. This is stated in euro as the majority of income and expenditure is in euro and the banking account is in euro. 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. ECMUS secretary CK referred to the safety statements and tutorials on the website. He recommended the Congress Safety Session to the Board. Report approved.

#### **EPSC Committee Report**

The Chairman Vito Cantisani reported on the webinars on CEUS and Elastography which have taken place and the recent student ultrasound education position paper which is in final preparation. In 2017 Bracco sponsored 5 CEUS Schools adding to the total of 140 Schools and over 17 Endorsed Courses approved in 2017. 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 focus of the Committee in 2017 was on hand-held devices and the position paper will be finalised shortly. Report approved.

#### **EJU Report**



Thieme has introduced a new look to the journal colour and layout. There are 6 editors with a new EFSUMB Editor to be elected. MBN will stay on as Editor. The rejection rate is currently 80% and the biggest contributors are Germany, followed by China, Switzerland, Italy and Korea. The IF is slightly down at 3.892 with no guidelines in 2016 but will probably rise next year. MBN commented that it was a long time since he had seen a German language manuscript. EFSUMB Board members were invited to review. The UIO journal has a large number of EFSUMB editors but is not an EFSUMB journal. The new journal is always in PubMed and PMC and ESCI. Report approved.

KV requested more EFSUMB information via newsletters. EFSUMB currently restricts newsletters to 6 per year but these could be increased (to 10 pa) at the wish of the Board.

#### **EFSUMB Newsletter Report**

Alexandros Sotiriadis had submitted a written report. He summarised the EFSUMB newsletter content. Report approved.

**5. WFUMB Report** (Christoph F Dietrich, Administrative Councillor) The next WFUMB Congress in Taipei, Taiwan was commended to the Board. CFD said EFSUMB is well represented in the incoming Committees with Christian Nolsoe as President, CFD as Vice- President and OHG as Administrative Councillor. WFUMB has been active in publications; cleaning transducers published in UMB, a midwife US project in rural areas using mobile phone technology and 2 guidelines on elastography (prostate and thyroid) under the leadership of Richard Barr.

6. **EFSUMB Bylaw 14** The bylaw on the Student Committee was approved last year but with fewer student nominations the extension of membership was proposed. The majority agreed that the wording of those eligible be changed to 'Those in training in relevant disciplines, under 39 years of age, may be nominated but at least four medical student representatives should be present on the Committee where these nominations are received.'

### 7. EFSUMB Strategies

**Website** PS presented the changes to the EFSUMB website with a ppt to be circulated to the Board. The wordpress platform means the site adjusts the format to all viewing modalities. Additionally when the site is updated it automatically updates all formats which is a time saving device. The possibility of an area of the EFSUMB website open only to EFSUMB members was discussed and has been set up to be accessible with a username and password.

**APP** AS hopes this development will help improve corporate identity and be attractive to younger users. The process requires initial approval of the content from Google play and iStore but this will not restrict future content changes. It is hoped the App will be ready in November 2017. The advantage of this App is that the content is based on the website content but can include information from Congresses hosting the programme and abstracts. The calendar is very important and will also carry the information on Schools, Courses and webinars. The ECB 2<sup>nd</sup> edition would also be available on the App. The Board approved the App and agreed this should be free. The name 'The Ultrasound App' was preferred to EFSUMB Ultrasound App as ultrasound is a keyword in searches. A restricted area for members was approved after consideration of what will be free to the users from outside EFSUMB countries. It was agreed that basic teaching for less developed countries should be free. EFSUMB will present this discussion to the IBM.

PPTs to be circulated

#### 8. CONGRESSES

**EUROSON 2017 update** AK was thanked for his flexibility with the change of venue and his hard work. There are 500 registrations from 44 different countries, 110 lecturers with 5 parallel sessions over 3 full days.

**EUROSON 2018, Poznan, Poland 6 – 9 September** The website will be ready in October and registration open on 2 November. Abstract registration will be open on 2 January. The Congress Centre has ample rooms and is situated in the Old Town. The First Announcement will be ready in November, second in January 2018 and third in June. It is anticipated that 500-800 will attend from the Polish US Society and 200 -250 students. Student workshops on basic US will be part of the programme. Parallel sessions in Polish and English will take place. Registration fees will be kept as low as possible and CME will be applied for. OHG reminded the organisers this will be the 30<sup>th</sup> EUROSON anniversary and to consider something to mark this occasion.

25/09/2017 Final OHG/LR



**EUROSON 2018 Lecturer nominations** The list of nominations was voted on and it was agreed the EUROSON lecture would be given by Andrzej Nowicki, Poland 'The value of ultrasonography in assessment of flow mediated-dilation in radial artery'.

**EUROSON 2020 Bid presentation** Birgitte Berentsen showed a video promoting Bergen and the Grieg Hall for the June bid for 6 parallel sessions with adequate rooms and exhibition space. The bid was approved,

**9. Application for membership – Georgia** The Constitution had been circulated and the Board voted unanimously to accept the new Society as the 29<sup>th</sup> National Society of EFSUMB.

**10.** Election of Honorary Member The nomination of Sturla Eik-Nes as an Honorary Member was approved by the Board with a show of hands. The nominations of Gebhard Mathis and Lucas Greiner as EFSUMB Fellows was voted on by the Board and approved.

**11. Any other Business** SD commented in connection with the on-going talks between SRUMB and WFUMB 2021 that the financial interests of EFSUMB and SRUMB should be represented as well as those of WFUMB. He asked the future leadership to look carefully at the contract.

#### 12. Date and place of next meeting

TBA EUROSON 2018 Poznan, Poland 6 – 9 September