



BOARD OF DELEGATES' MINUTES
GoToMeeting
13 June 2020 10.00 – 11.50 CEST

Attending:

Executive Bureau Adrian Saftoiu, Paul Sidhu, Christian Jenssen, Vito Cantisani (Italian delegate), Helmut Prosch (Austrian delegate), Roald Flesland Havre & Caroline Ewertsen

EFSUMB Committee Chairs Adrian Lim, Maija Radzina (Delegate for Latvia), Codruta Constantinescu

Delegates Durim Cela (Albania), Rumiana Mitova (Bulgaria), Boris Brkljacic (Croatia), Milan Kocian (Czech Republic), Elena Gotsiridze (Georgia), Matthias Wuestner (Germany), George Harmat (Hungary), Arturas Samulis (Lithuania), Sergiu Puiu (Moldova), Anesa Mulabecirovic (Norway), Małgorzata Serarin-Krol (Poland), Alina Popescu (Romania), Vladimir Mitkov (Russia), Sara Sehlstedt (Sweden), Chris de Korte (The Netherlands), Mustafa Seçil (Turkey), Simon Freeman (UK), Oleg Dynnyk (Ukraine)

Invited: Daniela Miletic (Serbia)

In attendance: Lynne Rudd

TOPIC	ACTION
Welcome & Apologies Christian Kollmann ECMUS Chair	
1. Minutes from the BoD meeting held in Granada, Spain 29 May 2019 were accepted as a true record without corrections.	Add to website
2. Report of the President AS showed a ppt which highlighted <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the recent membership changes – Ukraine and Albania joined in 2019, Serbia’s application for membership in 2020, Switzerland members as an affiliate society and 75 individual members• website changes are needed to speed up the site with a dedicated server but the recent improvement is noted including the introduction of a COVID-19 free section which has proved very popular. Despite the website partial closure the home page visits are up 30%, Case of the Month up 100%, EFSUMB Course Book page up 70% and Membership page up 20%.• The Safety Committee addition of statements and helpful information links• The EPSC Professional Standards project looking at current experiences and focusing on specific applications• Guidelines have been published on CEUS non-liver in 2019 and CEUS Liver will be published in 2020 and GIUS guidelines are published in 7 parts• Euroson Schools are active with 6 planned in 2021	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFSUMB Webinars have increased including a GIUS and a Young Investigator session held in the days before the BoD meeting. The timing may be crucial to attendance and will be monitored. The COVID-19 webinars were well attended and all this has been freely available • The Student Committee has a new section on the website and each Image Challenge generates an average of 85,000 hits with links on Facebook and LinkedIn. The Committee has worked with both EUROSON 2020 and 2021 on a students' programme. 	
<p>3. Honorary Secretary's Report (written report submitted)</p> <p>Vito Cantisani referred to the work needed on the website and invited contributions and ideas from delegates. The EFSUMB Course Book has 31 chapters online and is selling well. The website Paediatric Registry will generate two papers and EJU will be publishing an ECMUS Safety Statement, the EFSUMB Dermatological Position paper in August and the Bosniak Cyst position paper soon. The EFSUMB Secretary and Website Administrator were thanked for their work.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's Report & Budget Update</p> <p>HP explained the loss of income in membership fees in 2019 (23,754 euro less than the previous year) which combined with a decrease in sponsorship money has led to a net loss in 2019 of 65,317 euro. However this is partly due to a decrease in investment values (a combination of the Brexit and COVID-19 on markets) but is also the result of a paper loss on exchange which occurs when the euro account balance is converted to sterling for the purposes of the annual report to the UK tax authorities and Charity Commission. In fact, EFSUMB's expenditure has been stable and the relatively small decrease in net assets is not a huge concern and EFSUMB will focus on individual membership to compensate for the income losses. More important has been the response to the COVID-19 crisis in offering additional free material. With the cancellation of EUROSON 2020 and probably only virtual meetings in 2020 the forecast is for a positive balance in 2020. All NS are asked to make their membership payments before 4 July with the fee remaining at 7 euro.</p>	<p>4 July deadline for membership fee payments</p>
<p>5. ECMUS Safety Committee Report (written report submitted by Chair CK)</p> <p>AS recommended the safety position paper on the website with important links to other professional societies statements.</p>	
<p>6. Publication Committee Report (written report submitted)</p> <p>AL (Chair) summarised his report that the Case of the Month is still popular but he requires more cases from National Societies. He thanked Caroline Ewertsen for her contributions who is also WFUMB image of the month editor and there may be some sharing of cases when there is a shortage. Alex Sotiriadis, EFSUMB/EJU newsletter editor invites submissions which will now also promote the Student Committee activities. Milan Kocian has introduced a Journal Club where you are invited to download the form to share relevant ultrasound publications.</p>	<p>Request to submit interesting cases</p>
<p>7. EPSC Report (written report submitted)</p>	

<p>MR (Chair) thanked HP for the paper on Student Education published in UIO and Matthias Wuestner for his work on US Professional Standards which is work in progress. Further online meetings are planned as well as future webinars.</p>	
<p>8. Student Committee Report (written report submitted)</p> <p>CC (Chair) told that the 6 current members meet using Facebook and WhatsApp and are promoting EUROSON for students. They have introduced the weekly Image Challenge and will contribute a Students' section to the EFSUMB/EJU newsletter. CC felt joining the other Committee meetings was beneficial for an informed overview. A physical meeting will take place during the Students' Congress in Timisoara in 2021.</p>	
<p>9. WFUMB Representative Report (written report submitted)</p> <p>PS expressed the view that EFSUMB is a strong component of WFUMB, the umbrella organization of the world federations. Like EFSUMB they have seen many activities curtailed. Their strength is in education with worldwide Centres of Education, the next planned in Zambia and Peru. There are a lot of dedicated practitioners and a phenomenal outreach programme. The WFUMB journal UMB contributes a good source of income to WFUMB. Their next congress will be jointly with EFSUMB in Timisoara, WFUMB 2023 in Muscat, Oman and in Kyoto, Japan in 2025.</p> <p>The EFSUMB representative for the WFUMB position of Administrative Councillor was agreed as Adrian Saftoiu who will be Past President and is in accordance with the EFSUMB constitution. EFSUMB is entitled to one representative in the WFUMB Executive Bureau (7 positions for 6 Federations but the incoming President usually endorses a same Federation nomination for Vice President). Odd Helge Gilja and Christoph F Dietrich indicated their desire to be considered for the WFUMB ExB (both currently Education and Publication Committee chairs respectively and both co-opted Administrative Councillors). It was agreed only one nomination was likely to be successful and it was agreed that PS will be nominated. AS will write to WFUMB's President Elect confirming OHG and CFD's interest to continue their good work in WFUMB.</p>	<p>EFSUMB nominations to WFUMB to be advised.</p>
<p>10. EUROSON 2021 Update</p> <p>Alina Popescu gave a ppt presentation confirming the intention is to organize a physical meeting unless the situation dictates otherwise. In this case they will plan a virtual meeting or postpone to 2022. The new convention centre is almost completed (September 2020) in the centre of Timisoara with a plenary hall accommodating 1000 and with 6 halls available and small rooms for hands-on. The Exhibition will last 3.5 days, with a Postgraduate course on day 1. Early bird registration fees are 300 euro for Society members and announced on the website but registration opening will be slightly delayed for the moment. The students' congress will take place in a different location on 28 – 29 May. AP offered promotional material to National Societies and requested advertising the congress on all NS websites.</p>	<p>NS Website promotion of EUROSON requested</p>
<p>11. Application for EFSUMB membership</p> <p>Daniela Miletic is VP of the Serbian Ultrasound Association and explained their society is relatively small [56 members] but comprises Radiologists,</p>	

<p>Gastroenterologists, Cardiologists and Gynaecologists. They look forward to being part of EFSUMB.</p> <p>AS invited new member Albania to comment on EFSUMB membership and DC told that they now have a WFUMB Centre of Education in Tirana and run short courses.</p>	
<p>12. Nomination of EFSUMB Fellow</p> <p>AS summarized Boris Brkljacic's many achievements and the Delegates approved his nomination unanimously.</p>	
<p>13. Website and Statistics</p> <p>With over 1.5 million hits on the website in the last year the site needs upgrading. The ExB proposals were discussed to close more areas to visitors and it was agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Case of the Month close archive ○ Image Challenge free for one month and then close archive ○ Consider paying for webinar access ○ Close webinar archive but with detailed list of these (AP & AL) ○ If webinar sponsored discussions to take place with sponsors e.g. Bracco ○ Consider webinar CME only if EFSUMB members ○ Recording of Euroson Schools open for a few months and then closed (recordings paid for by Bracco to be discussed) ○ Invite sponsors for website/webinars (RFH) ○ Invest in website and server capacity ○ Develop more eLearning material (SS) ○ Discuss at next Industrial Board Meeting a donation which EFSUMB then decides where the money goes. <p>It may be advisable to institute changes in a step by step fashion to evaluate the impact of each change.</p>	<p>Bracco discussions on webinar & school recordings</p> <p>IBM agenda item</p>
<p>14. Any other business</p> <p>It was agreed to carry forward the 2020 EUROSON lecture proposals to EUROSON 2021 (Prof Ozbek and MR).</p> <p>RFH will work closely with the EUROSON 2021 congress organisers bringing his organization experience from EUROSON 2020.</p> <p>GH offered his support to the next congress</p> <p>AS advised that CE will be responsible for individual members in EFSUMB and looks forward to welcoming all in Romania.</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25 May 2021 Timisoara, Romania</p>	

