

General Assembly September 2012 Lisboa, Portugal

1. Opening by the President and presidential address

The President Philippe Gaulard can state that the EAHP is in very good shape and excellent collaboration exists with EBMWG. He thanks the past President Philip Kluin for his help and activities during the last 2 years. The meeting thus far has been a great success.

2. Minutes of general assembly 2010

No comments

3. Report by the meeting secretary

- Leticia Quintanilla explains that there have been problems with ESP on the contribution of EAHP to the 2-yearly ESP meetings as well as in the transition to the yearly meetings of ESP now. These were largely due to insufficient communication. The contribution of EAHP has now extensively been discussed with the current President Fatima Carneiro and President-elect Han van Krieken during the ESP meeting in Prague in October 2012 and the proposals have been discussed in the EAHP EXCO. EAHP together with the EBMWG be responsible to organize 2 sessions at most for which proposals will be submitted to ESP as part of their regular round for proposals. It is suggested that in the year between meetings, one session will be proposed by EAHP on the subject of the last EAHP meeting and one session on another subject together with one of the other WG of ESP. In the year of our own meeting, EBMWG offered to organize one session, while another session may be proposed together with another ESP WG by EAHP as optional.
- ESP has installed a support of €2000/meeting to all WG, including EAHP as well as registration at half prize for presenters. It is proposed to cover the costs of registration for presenters fully with this additional support (supplemented by EAHP if needed).

4. Report by the Secretary / treasurer

- An overview is shown of the finances for 2011 and 2012 with a summary overview of developments since 2007. In brief, the financial situation is healthy. This is largely due to a very substantial income from the Uppsala meeting that was also very rapidly transferred to EAHP. Costs for meetings, including workshop panels and EXCO are status quo. Income of dues is still a major problem, but should cover a substantial part of our income. The method of a personalized payment link sent by e-mail, which was an ad hoc emergency solution due to delays on the new website, did not sufficiently serve its purpose. The current link of meeting registration and membership list with payment on site has worked though and not resulted in (major) complaints thus far. It is expected that the problem will be solved further via the new website. The financial overview is approved.
- Eighteen applications for waivers/grants for the Lisboa meeting were received and 9 European applicants were granted with a waiver and 6 non-European applicants received both a waiver and a travel grant of €500. The total costs of the program thereby amounted to €12300, which very substantially exceeds the income of "special funds". Since the start the program has become increasingly known and clearly serves its intended purpose. However, formal guidelines on the selection criteria are needed to avoid arbitrariness. After much discussion, criteria are set as follows: abstract or case submitted and accepted, living and working in a developing country, junior position defined as resident or <5 years in practice. It should be noted that grants can also be awarded to non-pathologists and final decisions may depend on the financial possibilities of EAHP at the time. These guidelines are approved by the members.
- EAHP membership has increased steadily since the Uppsala meeting with 55 new members registered on site, 19 in the past year and many registrations on site in Lisboa to a current membership of 478 (paying) members. All names of new members since October 2010 are presented.
- A plan for further professional support for EAHP is presented to be executed during 2013. This includes: legal position and liability of EAHP as an association, legal position and liability of individual EXCO members, yearly accountants control and professional advice on financial decisions and a more-year contract with a professional congress organization aimed commence in 2015 (after Turkey). This proposal is approved.

5. Status of the new joint website with SH

Prompted by various issues that include unpredictable varying annual costs, poor control by EAHP and the wish to install a front-office/back office administrative support, teams from EAHP and SH (Frank Kuo and Norm Levy) have worked with Cantrijn on the design, functionalities and content of a new joint website. After some unexpected delay due to unforeseen problems of SH with USCAP and the resulting transfer of the SH administration and support to ASCP, the project is re-approved by both EXCOs during a meeting on October 22nd 2012 and aimed to be launched by January 2013. For EAHP, the administration is covered by the cMember system via Cantrijn as part of the professionalization project. SH will employ a separate administration system via ASCP in Personify.

6. Next EAHP meetings

- Dr. Bueso-Ramos gives a presentation on the upcoming SH workshop in Houston, Texas October 24-26 2013 on "Recent Advances in AML, MDS and ALL".
- Isinzu Kuzu briefly presents the venue and city of Istanbul as the meeting place for October 2014 (final dates to follow due to unforeseen changes in the plans of IAP).

7. Presentation of Basel 2016

Stephan Dirnhofer presents Basel as the proposed venue for September 3-8, 2016. The proposed congress venue looks very comfortable and the city has much to offer in many aspects (please note the wide variety of museums, especially on modern art). Basel is approved by the members as venue in 2016.

8. Invitation for proposals

Members are invited to submit proposals for the venue of 2018 to the Meeting Secretary (LQ-F). One proposal for Edinburgh has already been received from John Goodlad. The Meeting-Secretary can be approached for instructions on the format to present proposals on request.

9. Proposal for new EXCO

The Nomination committee proposes Isinzu Kuzu, Pierre Brousset and Birgitta Sander as new members of the EXCO to replace Antoine de Mascarel, Lazlo Krenacs and Christer Sundstrom. Attilio Orazzi will replace Anna Porwit as representative of EMBWG and Marsha Kinney will replace Jonathan Said as representative of SH. Andy Wotherspoon is announced as new President-elect. The new members were all approved. The retiring EXCO members are warmly thanked for their contributions over the past years and official diplomas are offered.

10. Other issues

- In view of the financial status of EAHP, it is not considered necessary to increase the membership fee now. The "Professional Organization" program is budgeted on the expected income of the Lisboa meeting.
- A few changes have been made for the Lisboa meeting: early bird registration as low as possible and the possibility of "late breaking abstracts". Both options are considered as something to keep for the future.
- The workshop report will be available before the next meeting, preferably within a year.
- The membership is explicitly informed that **VAT is not included in the registration fee for the Lisboa meeting** except for the on-site registration fee, and that VAT is to be paid either directly locally (at home) or separately and on individual basis via FactorChave in Lisboa.

11. Change of Presidency and Closure of the meeting by New President

As is the tradition, the lovely, largely unused and still brightly shiny logo stamp is passed on in the hands of the new President Elias Campo who thereby takes over the Presidency from Philippe Gaulard and ends the dynasty of the Philippes. In his speech, Elias Campo states his ambitions for his Presidency that especially includes his aims to rejuvenate our association, to strengthen the collaboration with SH and to increase the involvement of non-Europeans, especially those from Asia and developing countries by engaging in educational programs and collaborations in meetings. With warm words of thanks and support to José Cabecadas for the excellent meeting thus far, the meeting is closed.

PM: it should be noted that the spare Karl Lennert Medals are traditionally in the hand of the Past-President and indeed are handed over to Philippe Gaulard by Philip Kluin.