

Minutes of the General Assembly of EAHP In Edinburgh October 2nd 2018.

1. Opening by the President and Presidential address. President German Ott gave a brief overview of the accomplishment of EAHP in the past 2 years. EAHP continues its focus on building educational programs on site to support haematopathologists in developing countries by contributing participation of faculty from the EAHP to local meetings. This enables reaching a large proportion of haematopathologists in a certain geographic area/country. As an example the tutorial in Indonesia in December 2017 was attended by 200 participants. EAHP also continues its professionalization regarding membership and financial administration.
2. Minutes of the General Assembly 2016 are posted on the SH-EAHP website and they are approved.
3. Report of the Meeting Secretary. Leticia Quintanilla-Fend reported on the support of the first Latinamerican Congress of Haematopathology held in Buenos Aires, Argentina May 18-20 2017. Invited speakers from the EAHP were German Ott, Elias Campo, Philippe Gaulard, Falko Fend and Leticia Quintanilla- Fend and from SH Steven Swerdlow. The meeting was very well attended with 230 participants from different countries. The SH-EAHP workshop in Chicago September 7-9 2017 had two European panel members, Falko Fend and Miguel Piris. The EAHP Tutorial in Surabaya, Indonesia took part December 1-3 2017. This included a slide seminar, organized by Christiane Copie-Bergman. Other EAHP invited members were German Ott, Falko Fend and Leticia Quintanilla-Fend. Also, a clinician, Matthias Voehringer, participated. The 30th European Congress of Pathology took place in Bilbao, Spain, September 8-12 2018 and EAHP invited members were Daphne de Jong, Birgitta Sander, Philippe Gaulard, Patty Jansen, Santiago Montes-Moreno, Laurence de Leval, Falko Fend, John Goodlad, Snjezana Dotlic and Leticia Quintanilla-Fend. Future meetings involving EAHP are an EAHP tutorial in India, planned for 2020, responsible Daphne de Jong and a tutorial in South Africa 2019, responsible Lorenzo Leoncini. EAHP will also participate in the upcoming SH workshop in Phoenix Arizona in September 2019. The second Latinamerican Congress of Haematopathology will take place in Bogota, Colombia May 23-25 2019 and participation from EAHP will be Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, Elias Campo, Philippe Gaulard and German Ott and from SH Steven Swerdlow.
4. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer. Birgitta Sander reported that the economy of the foundation ESVH is in good standing, which is confirmed by accountants control. The Basel congress rendered a very good revenue of almost 90 000 EUR and during 2016 also many members payed their dues (which sometimes had not been paid during previous years). However, this is an exception and when considering the past 10 years the mean revenue from meetings have been approximately 40 000 EUR and the membership fee income 15 000 EUR. It is felt that the future congresses may not yield the same revenue due to difficulties in sponsoring and high VAT in some countries, however this is difficult to predict. EAHP membership administration has been professionalized. Due to decreased performance by our previous membership administration company, Cantrijn during 2017 a transition to Quality Company Support (QCS), based in Leiden, the Netherlands was done in early 2018. Quality

Company Support provides membership administration, webpage administration and will take over financial administration (paying bills) that was until now done by Christine Arkes. The professionalization increases costs for EAHP but provide clear advantages such as continuity and professionalism in contact with members and EXCO and in administration. The membership registry has, due to a joined effort by QCS, Christine Arkes and Birgitta Sander, become up-to-date with currently 545 members of which 527 has updated affiliations and email contacts. Membership applications and membership questions are rapidly handled since QCS handles EAHP issues all working days of the week. EAHP has an educational purpose and the projects initiated in 2014-2016 – the support of courses and congresses in least developed countries as well as awarding travel grants and waivers for registrations fees for our biannual EAHP-SH congress work well but also generate costs. A prediction, based on average revenues from the past congresses and average income from membership fees matched against expenses for membership and financial administration, support courses and EAHP-SH congress participation was presented which resulted in an expected deficit of 10 000 EUR/year. It was therefore suggested to raise the membership fee from 45 to 75 EUR. This was discussed in the GA and it was pointed out that we also have to ensure adequate membership payment and that the differential between being a member and a non-member should make a clear impact on the registration fee for the congress. It was also proposed to put educational material from various meetings and courses held under the auspices of EAHP on the SH-EAHP webpage in a membership protected page. The raise of membership fee to 75 EUR was approved by the GA. For the Edinburgh meeting 27 application for travel grants/waivers were received of which 10 full grants ((Panama, Cameroon, Indonesia, India, Iraq) and 6 waivers for registration fee (Ukraine, Turkey, Romania, Colombia, Brazil) were granted. 67 new members have joined the EAHP in 2016 – September 2018.

5. General Data Protection Regulation. Birgitta Sander informed on the EAHP membership registry and which information it contains (name, affiliation, contact address and email, membership dues payment status). The registry is owned by EAHP and administered by QCS. The information is shared only partly with the Professional Congress Organizer, MCI. In case of not wanting to share the data with MCI or to interrogate/correct the information in the registry, Birgitta Sander should be contacted.
6. Presentation of the venues for 2020 and 2022. Snjezana Dotlic presented the venue for the XXth EAHP-SH Congress. All facilities, the congress venue and the various options for social events give full confidence that this will be a most attractive site for the upcoming congress. Lorenzo Leoncini proposed Florence as the venue for 2022 and the proposal was accepted by the GA.
7. The secretary since many years, Christine Arkes was warmly thanked for her invaluable work in keeping membership and financial administration in good order and for her invaluable help to the Secretary-Treasurers.
8. Proposal for the new EXCO. Snjezana Dotlic, Luc Xerri, Alberto Zamo and Thomas Tousseyn, Umberto Gianelli (on behalf of EBMWG) are proposed as EXCO members to replace John Goodlad, Andrew Wotherspoon, Marja-Liisa Karjalainen-Lindsberg, Christiane Copie-Bergman, Maurilio Ponzoni and Falko Fend (EBMWG). Ming Du is proposed as the first non-haematopathologist in the EXCO since the EXCO needs not

only haematopathological expertise but also competence in molecular biology/genetics. John Goodlad is proposed as Meeting Secretary and Leticia Quintanilla-Fend as new President-elect. The proposals are all approved. The retiring EXCO members are warmly thanked for their contributions over the past years and official diplomas will be offered later at a dinner meeting.

9. Change of President and closure of the meeting by the new President. As is the tradition the EAHP logo stamp is virtually passed on in the hands of the new President Daphne de Jong who thereby takes over the Presidency from German Ott. With warm words of thanks and support to John Goodlad and his team, the new president closes this General Assembly of EAHP which is soon followed by a great Networking Party at the National Museum of Scotland.