

## Minutes from General Assembly 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EAHP April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

The Agenda for the GA was sent out to the members prior to the meeting together with the minutes from the GA 2018. The minutes from the GA are available on the EAHP homepage. The members were by email informed about the opportunity to send in comments/questions regarding the minutes 2018 and the election of new EAHP EXCO members by email to the secretary-treasurer.

1. The GA was opened by the president, Daphne de Jong who gave a short summary of the impact on the pandemic on the activities of EAHP. In spite of the difficulties, EAHP has continued to be active through virtual meetings and several new projects have been launched. The present congress, in spite of the virtual format had >800 registrations, which shows the need of continuous educational activity and also shows that EAHP is as strong and lively as ever.
2. Daphne de Jong announced the passing away of 3 EAHP members, Gorana Aralica from Croatia, Dennis Wright from UK and Jeronimo Fortez Vila from Spain, followed by a moment of silence. The obituaries are posted on the EAHP homepage.
3. No comments/questions on the minutes of the GA 2018 had been communicated. The minutes of the General Assembly 2018 were accepted.
4. Report by the Meeting Secretary John Goodlad. In spite of the pandemic situation a number of educational activities and support of courses have taken place during 2019-2021. Among previous meetings are European Congress of Pathology, September 2019 in Nice (symposium on technical advances in lymphoma diagnostics, short course in advances in extranodal lymphomas, slide seminar on reactive vs malignant lymphoproliferations, video microscopy session on cutaneous lymphomas together with Dermatopathology working group) and ECP/International Academy of Pathology, December 2020, Glasgow (slide seminar on ocular lymphoproliferative disease, together with Ophtalmic Pathology Working Group, short course arranged by EBMWG on integration of molecular data and histopathology in bone marrow pathology). The following EAHP sponsored/joint sponsored collaborations with other societies have taken place: College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka January 2020 (Lymphoma Pathology Workshop) co-organized by invited speakers from EAHP Daphne de Jong, Ayoma Attygalle and from SH Yaso Natkunam. South division of IAP/African Assembly of Pathology, September 2019 in Johannesburg, invited speakers from EAHP German Ott, Stefan Dirnhofer, Teresa Marafioti, Kikkeri Naresh, Falko Fend, Leticia Quintanilla-Fend and Lorenzo Leoncini. Latin American Society of Haematopathology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress, invited speakers from EAHP Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, German Ott, Philippe Gaulard, Birgitta Sander and from SH Rob Hasserjian and Julia Geyer. Upcoming meetings are: ECP in August 2021, virtual (Symposium on Grey Zone Lymphomas, Slide seminar on morphological and biological mismatches, Short course on overlaps, borderlines and mimics in myeloid neoplasms and Short course on cytology of lymphoma together with Cytopathology Working Group), EHA June 2021, virtual (joint Laboratory Medicine workshop session

on Aggressive B-cell lymphomas: pathology, molecular translocation technology and clinical impact), SH/EAHP workshop in Philadelphia November 2021 (Transformation and Transdifferentiation in lymphoid malignancies) and the future meetings on EAHP/SH in Florence 2022 (local organizer Lorenzo Leoncini) and in Dubrovnik 2024 (local organizer Snjezana Dotlic).

5. Report by the Secretary-Treasurer Birgitta Sander. The financial status of the foundation ESVH is in good standing. Accountants control is done yearly and has been without remarks. Regarding yearly net result, this was positive in 2019 (48858 EUR) mainly due to the revenue from the 2018 Edinburgh congress. In 2020, there was a negative net result of 15110 EUR and in 2021 a small, but reasonable positive result is expected. By March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, EAHP has 608 members and during 2019-March 2021 81 new members were welcomed. The membership fee remains unchanged, 75 EUR/year. Advancement of the Dubrovnik meeting. During early 2020, it became clear that an in-real-life meeting in Dubrovnik would not be possible due to the pandemic. A cancellation of the venue would have come with severe economic penalties for EAHP. Our professional congress organizer, MCI, made a successful negotiation with the congress venue which made it possible to postpone the congress until September 2024. The relation with MCI. MCI has been the PCO for EAHP since 2016, starting with the Basel congress 2016. The initial contract was for three congresses (Basel 2016, Edinburg 2018, Dubrovnik 2020). In January 2019, the EXCO made an evaluation of the performance of MCI which turned out favorable. Further, in 2019, the planning for Florence 2022 was already ongoing. At the EXCO meeting in January 2019 it was decided to keep MCI as the PCO with an open end rolling contract. The new webpage for EAHP is now launched thanks to a fine job by the financial, IT and membership administrator of EAHP, QCS, led by Mr Danny Douwes and with input and support from members of YoungEAHP. The homepage can be found at <https://www.european-association-for-haematopathology.org/>
6. The president reported on projects and activities by EAHP during 2018-2021. A collaboration with EHA has been initiated with the aim to increase educational and research interaction between haematopathologists and clinicians. This might also attract future sponsors for EAHP activities. A first joint symposium entitled "Aggressive B-cell lymphomas: pathology, translocations and clinical impact" will occur at the virtual EHA congress in June 2021. In the future, joint symposia and courses are expected. YoungEAHP was formed in 2019 as an international group of early career haematopathologists and researchers within the EAHP. The group presented the concept at the EAHP EXCO meeting in 2019 and was formally launched in 2020. Among the aims of forming the YoungEAHP group, is to increase interaction, visibility and collaboration both within the group but also with EAHP, to provide an early career point and to help EAHP to shape the future of haematopathology. YoungEAHP members were invited to the 20<sup>th</sup> EAHP-SH meeting as question moderators and have been instrumental in filling the new homepage of EAHP with content. In the future, YoungEAHP are expected to give input on and assist educational activities and to be a forum for career development. YoungEAHP is open for early career haematopathologists and researchers and can be contacted at <https://www.european-association-for-haematopathology.org/young-eahp/>.
7. The president led the election of new EXCO members. No comments/objections regarding the proposed new EXCO members had been communicated. The new EXCO

was elected. Stefan Dirnhofer was approved as president-elect and Socorro Maria Pinilla Rodriguez as officer. Local organizer for the 2022 EAHP-SH meeting in Florence is Lorenzo Leoncini. New representative for SH is Jim Cook and new representative for EBMWG is Hans Michael Kvasnicka. The leaving EXCO members German Ott, Marguerita Guenova, Santiago Montes-Moreno, Dan Arber and Umberto Gianelli were acknowledged and thanked.

8. Change of presidency. Daphne de Jong symbolically transmitted the EAHP logo stamp to the new president Leticia Quintanilla-Fend.
9. Presentation of the venue for 2022. Lorenzo Leoncini welcomed all to the 21<sup>st</sup> EAHP-SH congress in Florence, September 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2022.
10. The General Assembly was closed by the president Leticia Quintanilla-Fend.