



## **EuSEM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 4 October 2016, 17.40 – 18.40**

**EuSEM 2016, Vienna**

**Room ZEREMONIENSAAL, Hofburg Palace**

### **Minutes**

**1. Welcome**

**2. Approve Minutes** of previous AGM held on 13 October 2015 in Torino

The minutes were approved.

**3. Matters arising** from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda

**4. To receive reports** from:

i. President – Barbara Hogan:

The young emergency medicine refreshers course held by YEMD in September continue to be popular and highly effective.

Invitations for applicants to the position of scientific committee leads have been circulated. Applications are requested within two weeks.

BH thanked scientific committee for their excellent work throughout their terms.

A strategy meeting shall be held to discuss the future formatting of the EuSEM Congresses including the addition of new and modern content.

Invitations for applicants to the position of ECOC Vice-Chair have been recently circulated. New ideas are sought for how we can develop future Congresses bearing in mind the success of models such as SMAC. The Vice-Chair would support the Chair for one year and then take over as Chair. Applications are requested within two weeks.

ii. Honorary Secretary – Jana Seblova (JS)

JS mentions the new Exec member is Eric Dryver as Education Committee Chair. Next year we will hold elections for one of the Vice-President positions and the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer as these terms end in 2017. If you or colleagues are interested to stand for election we encourage you to apply next year.

Executive meetings are to be held twice a year once at the EuSEM Congress and once in March. All reports and minutes of meetings will be published in future within one month on the website. As will the Rules of Procedure.

iii. Honorary Treasurer – Marc Sabbe (MS)

MS gave a summary of the current financial standing of EuSEM. Income and expenditure to date and reported a current balance in our accounts of over 200,000 Euros.

MS presented the income and expenditure for the EBEEM. As of September 2016 EBEEM for the first time has showed a positive balance of 13,000 Euros. It has now been agreed that the exam should be set up under the auspices of UEMS EM Section and have a clearer separation of staff and finance.

Three candidates have been interviewed for the new CEO during the Vienna congress.

iv. Editor of the European Journal of Emergency Medicine – Colin Graham (CG)

CG reported the submission numbers are up to over 500 a year. Most are original articles. Short reports have now been stopped. Most submissions are from Europe. Accepted papers are primarily from Europe.

Most rejections are immediate. Some papers take up to 180 days with multiple revisions. Some take 6 months to reject (though this occurs very rarely). Time of authors not included in these stats.

Impact Factor is up again to 2.026. This gradient of rise will plateau. (up from 0.733 in 2009). EJEM now ranks higher than the EMJ and is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 24. Good reviews are the only way to keep this going. Thank you to all our reviewers who are under massively increased time pressures. New reviewers are very welcome!

Altruism we see with reviewers is disappearing. One person has refused to review because of the delay in his article getting reviewed. CG forcefully reminded that everyone has to play a part in doing reviews.

The Editorial Board has been updated recently. CG Thanked departing members for their help. New members are sought to expand the size of the board. A Deputy Editor is also sought. 4 indications of interest have been received. Talking to publisher on Tuesday to review these applications.

CG discussed the need to find ways to incentivise reviewers and engage with social media.

## **5. Report of changes in the EuSEM Office / Management / Administration**

MS summarised the events of the last 4 weeks.

Learning PM was leaving, MS investigated options to find new office premises (due to the expense of being based in London – 36000 Euros a year) and a new CEO. MS has looked at potential locations in Belgium. Two potential locations have been found. One is our registered office address, the UEMS HQ in Brussels. A small office (11 square metres) is available at a reasonable price (50 Euros per square metre). Second option is the Flemish Red Cross HQ in Mechelen. They have an entire floor free (400 square metres) again a reasonable cost (10 Euros per square metre). Both locations include full utilities and phone reception service within the price. With the Red Cross there is also the potential for collaboration on guideline projects. Relocation has consequences for the EBEEM, so this will be discussed with them. The Red Cross offices would be large enough to host training courses and Part B exams. The Executive yesterday voted in favour of exploring the Red Cross option, which is supported by Council.

Three potential candidates for the CEO position have been found so far and have been interviewed at the congress. A decision will be made in the coming days by the executive board and procedures for how to proceed will be finalised.

- 6. Introduction of the new EuSEM Logo:** BH states that a new modern logo has been designed and voted upon by the executive committee.

**9. EuSEM Congresses**

- i. Vienna, Austria 2016 (2 – 5 Oct. 2016)
- ii. Athens, Greece, 2017 (24 – 27 Sep. 2017)
- iii. Glasgow, United Kingdom, 2018 (8 - 13 Sep. 2018)

**10. New ECOC chair, new chairs for the congress scientific programme**

CD confirms that 2187 participant attended the 2016 Vienna congress and preparations for 2017 congress in Athens are already underway.

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**11. Any other business**

RP invites all Council members to submit information to the new website from their country and society including but not limited to, news, society information, and professional material.

BH gives special thanks to the work for the great Dr.David Willians (DW) for his active and excellent participation within the EuSEM executive and council, and UEMS section.

Special thanks given by DW to BH and best regards are given to incoming president.

**12. To note date and venue of next AGM – 26 September 2017, Athens, Greece**

**13. Handover to the incoming President**

BH thanks all members for hard work during her presidency with EuSEM.

Special thanks given to the current and former EuSEM executive members, CEO, and administrative staff.

BH wishes Roberta great success in her presidency and expects that her wonderful energy will bring great success to EuSEM.