



Minutes from the

Council meeting, EWAS, Strasbourg Friday, November 25, 2016

Present: Guillaume Herzberg, Henk Coert, Nicole Schmelzer-Schmied, Jane Messina, Philippe Liverneaux, PC Ho, Max Haerle, Christophe Mathoulin, Riccardo Luchetti, Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt

Absent: Francisco del Piñal

As an introductory remark, it was stated that for the next years Paola Valerio (from Studio Progress) should be present at this type of meeting to inform of the status of the members as well as the status at the office and to take part of the discussion of future activities. The Secretary General will invite Paola Valerio for the Council meeting in the future.

1. Presidential report. Guillaume Herzberg gave a short report on the recent activities of EWAS (FESSH and IFSSH), and the planned activities for the upcoming EFORT and FESSH 2017.
2. Financial report. Nicole Schmelzer-Schmied informed about the economic situation, the sponsorship agreements, and EWAS' request for a VAT-number in Switzerland (in order to bill correctly and be under the protection of the Swiss law). Early 2016 there was a request from JWS for a raise of payment for the journal, however since no formal agreement had been proposed, no change in payment was performed. The membership fee for the EWAS' members has been decided to be raised to € 75 / year to meet the raise of expenses (for JWS in the future).
3. Report from Studio Progress. Paola Valero was not present (she had not been invited to the meeting); information about the activity of Studio Progress was included in other parts of the discussion. As already mentioned, Paola Valero will be invited to the Council meetings in the future.

4. Nomination of next President and Vice-President, as well as nomination of Secretary General and vice Secretary General. Christophe Mathoulin led the discussions. As some of the present members of the Council were involved in the discussion of names, Jane Messina and Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt left the room while the discussions for these candidates took place.
As a conclusion, the council decided to propose for the upcoming General Assembly (June 2017) to elect Tyson Cobb as our new vice-President. (A year ago Gustavo Mantovani was proposed as our new President to be elected at the upcoming GA during FESSH 2017.) As for Secretary General, it was concluded to nominate Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt for another 3 years' period and the same for Henk Coert as vice Secretary General.
5. Update of the committees:
Teaching committee.
Current leader: Christophe Mathoulin. He will continue his work in this position, but he will start working with Max Haerle and Michel Levadoux as members of the teaching committee in order to help him, and to be candidates to replace him.
Future developing committee and Scientific committee.
Current leader: Philippe Liverneaux. He will continue his work and reported on a potential development of a robot with a company being interested in the development.
IT committee. Current leader: Jane Messina. She will continue her work.
6. Internet report. Jane Messina reported on the updates and changes that have been done the last year. As a general impression, the web site seems to work well.
7. Whipple Prize. One candidate was proposed; Riccardo Luchetti. He was found a good candidate and was applauded as the next Whipple Prize winner.
8. EWAS Junior grant. This year we had four strong applicants for the grant (each of € 2.000,-). After some discussion, we decided to give two applicants an EWAS grant: Dr Matthias Vanhees, UK and Dr Geert Buijze, Netherlands.
Both the winners will be informed and will receive the financial support after the travelling has been performed and a report has been given at an upcoming FESSH meeting.
9. Upcoming courses. Christophe Mathoulin informed about upcoming courses. In 2017 there will be the first EWAS-course in India (Bengalore), and a new course in St Petersburg. There is also a possibility for new courses in South America as well as a continuation of the first successful course in South Africa (November 2016). EWAS-members are asked to participate in different courses throughout the world, and organizers ask to have their course as a "EWAS-supported course" a request that will be handled by our Vice-Secretary General.

10. Sponsorship agreement with Storz. Karl Storz has sponsored EWAS the last years. Max Haerle informed that there might be some changes for 2018; a final agreement has not yet been reached, however there are ongoing discussions.
11. Travelling committee. A short report was given from the travelling committee. When an expert is given some financial support for the travel expenses, a report shall be given to Studio Progress together with information about the travel expenses, bank account, etc. Studio Progress will do the paperwork and EWAS will make an invoice to the sponsoring company before the reimbursement is performed through our treasurer and bank in Switzerland. After some issues (regarding VAT), it now seems to work.
12. Symposium at upcoming courses; EFORT, FESSH 2017. Guillaume Herzberg informed on the plans for the upcoming meetings where the programs are finalized and the speakers have accepted.
13. Report on book projects. On behalf of the Chief Editor, Andrea Atzei, Henk Coert and Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt informed about the status of the book "Arthroscopic treatment of radial sided wrist pain". There have been some discussions with the company (publisher); some authors have not accepted to give away copyrights to the publisher, but the project is getting along. The first authors have delivered their chapters, the final dead line is April 2017.

Other issues.

-Following the FESSH meeting in Santander, there was a positive balance in the budget. Paco Pinal, the president of the FESSH meeting, has generously decided to give EWAS parts of this money (more than € 30.000). The money should be used for education (travelling purposes) for young surgeons interested in hand- and wrist surgery. (This generous donation is one reason why EWAS this year was able to give two applicants the EWAS Junior Grant.)

-A new contract with JWS (Thieme) needs to be signed. The Secretary General has sent a request to Thieme for a new contract.

-As already mentioned, Studio Progress should be present at our Council meetings. It was also suggested to invite the Chief Editor of JWS to the council meetings, to include the Chief Editor of JWS as a Council member will be proposed at the upcoming GA.

-For all the activities of EWAS, we need a more solid financial background. This could be done by raising the membership fees, or we could discuss sponsorship agreements with companies. Another option is to try to establish "Partnership". Max Haerle has looked into this possibility and will work on this.

-To try to increase the number of EWAS members we will suggest to discuss with IRCAD if it could be possible to include a small fee in the course fee in order to give the participants of the EWAS courses (at the IRCAD centers) a "free" membership for one year (the year following the course they participated). The small fee from IRCAD should cover the expenses for the JWS. The idea is to get

the course participants interested in EWAS and hopefully to recruit them as members. (An invitation to the course participants has been made and a request to IRCAD has already been sent.)

-Included in the information that the course participants at IRCAD receive, there should be a short letter to tell "How to become a member of EWAS".

-For the EWAS Junior grant applicants, the information should be updated on our website. The applications should be sent to the Secretary General and should include no more than a resumé of a CV (maximum 2 pages).

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Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt
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