



# INTERNATIONAL WRIST ARTHROSCOPY SOCIETY

## IWAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, 12:30 – 14:00

Room R2, CityCube Berlin, Germany

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The Secretary General, Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt, introduces the agenda that was sent out months before to all Board members.

The JWS report is introduced by Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt for Toshiyasu Nakamura, Editor in Chief of the Journal, who cannot be there: editorial board, review process, geographic author spread, usage statistics, top downloaded papers for 2018.

The Secretary General introduces the Presidential Report and Tyson Cobb.

Tyson Cobb thanks all the members who are present and says it is a privilege for him to be part of EWAS, introducing his perspective on how wrist arthroscopy has evolved over the years, giving a list of typical procedures that involve wrist arthroscopy. His experience as President in the 2018/2019 period has included the Strasbourg Course that hosted a Council Meeting, during which the change from EWAS to IWAS was discussed. The Society has already evolved once from GEAP to EWAS, but now it has outgrown its name and the new Mayo Clinic Course is part of this. Tyson Cobb ends by thanking everyone for allowing him to be part of EWAS.

Christophe Mathoulin says that before leaving his position as the Chairman of the Teaching committee, but, he wants to cheer the EWAS Courses organized in all of the five continents. An idea conceived 15 years ago with a group of friends, has evolved to include 30 Courses a year, a Journal, forums and a revolution in the treatment of wrist pathologies.

Christophe Mathoulin thanks the sponsors and underlines how talented young people must now take responsibility and carry on with the work that has been done and he will continue to help with all his strength.

Nicole Schmelzer-Schmied presents the financial report, highlighting the situation of EWAS. She suggests a new payment system that will make the payment process easier and less expensive than PayPal. Everyone agrees to accept the budget as it has been presented.

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The membership fee is brought up for discussion, but there is no suggestion to increase it.

André Guy presents the report of the Internet Committee and thanks Jane Messina for her continuing support. The Forum works well with animated debates, but he thinks not enough results are presented. He considers the EWAS Website outdated and looks forward to give his contribution to some restyling work on the home page, considering that the Website can count on about 2000 visits a month. Social networks could be interesting but certainly time consuming. If interested a choice should be made as to which.

He also suggests removing the PDFs from the Website once they have been published for copyright reasons. Tyson Cobb asks if it is possible to get permission from Editors to reroute readers directly to journals once articles have been published. The general decision was then that we should not continue with this Collection of Articles. Perhaps this can be in the future replaced by something else.

The change of name from EWAS to IWAS had already been discussed at the General Assembly in Copenhagen and during the year. The GA confirms that decision today in The GA agrees explicitly in unanimity. The new logo has been given as a gift from our member Gustavo Mantovani and is approved.

Bylaws were sent to members one month ahead of the General Assembly highlighting changes. To change the name from EWAS to IWAS changes must be made. The SG explains that there is complex transition for altering the bylaws and there might be more changes than highlighted in changes of BYLAWS sent to the members. The Secretary General asks for permission to the members to adapt the bylaws in the future by new council in the coming Year, and to make these changes without waiting for another GA. The next step will then to go to St. Gallen to make the official changes. The GA agrees explicitly unanimously. No objections.

The elections follow for the roles of President, Secretary General, Vice SG, Chairmen for the Teaching committee and Treasurer.

Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt ends his double mandate as Secretary General.

Nicole Schmelzer-Schmied confirms she is happy to continue as Treasurer. The GA agrees explicitly in unanimity, beside one abstention.

Henk Coert steps down from Vice Secretary General. Michel Levadoux is proposed as a candidate. The GA agrees explicitly in unanimity, beside one abstention.

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Eva-Maria Baur is the candidate for President. The GA agrees explicitly in unanimity, beside one abstention.

Max Haerle is the candidate for Secretary General. The GA agrees explicitly in unanimity, beside one abstention.

Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt and Henk Coert are candidates to share the position as Leader of the Teaching committee. The GA agrees explicitly in unanimity, beside one abstention.

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The Executive Board will meet once a year in November in Strasburg and the General Assembly will be once a year at the FESSH Congress. The new IWAS board will meet once a year before the General Assembly, which is planned for the moment during annual FESSH meetings.

The Society is extremely grateful both to Terry Whipple and Christophe Mathoulin and Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt appoints them as Honorary President of IWAS. The SG underlines the outstanding role of both for our society and specialty.

Max Haerle acknowledges the work done by Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt over the period since 2011 during which he has been the vice-, or Secretary General. His elegant and intelligent conduction, combined to Nordic rigorousness has been an outstanding service given from him to that very Latin influenced society at his start.

Terry Whipple remembers how in 1984, against objections, he struck a match and started a fire: in a small room in a hospital, he organized a wrist exploration lab where they initiated to access the wrist. They had no instruments, Wolf manufactured the first arthroscope for the wrist. That initial concept has developed into the Society as it is, with all its organization. "When you are in the twilight of your career you look back on your medical experience and prides on what other people have learnt from you, as a continuation of your ideas". He ends his speech hoping that young surgeons will be involved, so that EWAS/IWAS can mushroom even more in the future.

The General Assembly is declared closed by GS Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt.

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Berlin, 20th of May 2019

Signed by the GS Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt (Norway),

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	<b>Chief Editor of JWS:</b> Toshi Nakamura (Japan)	
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