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EUROPEAN PANCREATIC CLUB

Minutes General Assembly

The EPC Council was held during the EPC Meeting in Zurich, Switzerland – 28.06.2013, 17:15,
Gartensaal, Kongresshaus Zurich

Secretary	Peter Hegyi
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Past President	Petr Dite
President elect	Colin Johnson
Treasurer	Rolf Graf

1. Opening of the General Assambly.
2. Report of the EPC meeting 2013 in Zurich, Switzerland by President Rolf Graf

President Rolf Graf gives a detailed report of the 45th EPC Meeting. He reported that the meeting had a total of 511 participants from many continents (Europe, North America, Asia, Australia). He also introduces the incomes and the costs of the meeting, which was balanced. He mentions the deficit guarantee of the Swiss National Science Foundation. The attendance of the social activities during the meeting was lower than expected. The keep the financial balance the social event were organized within the reach of the public transport. (For details, please see the report of Rolf Graf.)

3. Report by the Secretary Péter Hegyi (membership status, electronic voting, etc.).

Péter Hegyi presents the achievements of the last 6-month-period, which includes the creation of a new, multifunctional web page, a new election process via open calls, the revision of the statutes of the EPC and introduction of the email voting for the EPC Council. The new webpage will serve as a membership database for the secretariat. The members can also pay the EPC membership fee online, or submit abstracts for the annual meetings. The webpage will also serve as an information source for the members. (For details, please see Péter Hegyi's presentation.) He also mentions that the EPC has one new National Pancreatic Society (Belarusian Pancreatic Club) and that the secretariat has updated information from 15 National Pancreatic Society, however 8 society have not provided updated information yet.

From this year the EPC positions are advertised as open calls via the EPC webpage and newsletters. This new election system should guarantee the transparency for the elections. The eligibility of the applicants has to be confirmed by the EPC Council and the General Assembly has the right to vote for the applicants. The EPC Representatives in the UEG will be elected by the Council.

4. Introduction of the changes of the Statutes of the EPC and ratification by the General Assembly

Péter Hegyi introduces the suggested changes in the Statutes of the EPC. The changes include a new open call based system for the election for EPC positions and EPC representatives. (For further details, please see Peter Hegyi's presentation.)
The General Assembly ratified the changes.

5. Financial report by the treasurer Rolf Graf

Prof. Graf gives a brief report about the financial status of the EPC. He reports that the finances are well balanced and for detailed information please see the report of the Treasurer.

6. Report about the Society Journal (Pancreatology) by the Editor in Chief Minoti Apte

Minoti Apte introduces the editorial board of Pancreatology, where recently were some changes and more active peoples were nominated. She reports the increasing number of manuscript submissions (in 2011 193 submissions, in 2012 286 and in 2013 191 submissions so far) and also increasing impact factor of the journal (above 2.0). The average time from the submission to the first decision is ~25%. The journal has new manuscript types (snapshots, Images in Pancreatology and the new “Two of us”, which provides space for young scientists to publish a paper together with an expert). Most of the submissions are original articles. Most of the submissions are coming from Europe. At the end together with the Council the selection process of the editorial board members was discussed.

7. Candidates for EPC positions - introduction by the Secretary:

- EPC Council member (basic science) for 2013-2016
Applicant: Aleksey Tepikin (Liverpool, UK)
- Revisor of the EPC for 2013-2016:
Applicant: Marco del Chiaro (Stockholm, Sweden)
- President for 2017:
Applicant: Gabor Varga (Budapest, Hungary). Professor Varga briefly introduces the city of Budapest, the Semmelweis University the planned conference venue (Theoretical Building of Semmelweis University), the planned meeting schedule and social events.

The introduction was followed by the voting, where the General Assembly of the EPC elected all applicants for the applied positions.

8. The Secretary introduces the EPC representatives elected by the Council of the EPC

- EPC representative at UEG General Assembly for 2014 – 2018
Rolf Graf (Zurich, Switzerland)
- EPC representative at Future Trend Committee for 2014 – 2018
Ákos Pap (Budapest, Hungary)
- UEG Public Affairs Committee for 2014 – 2018
Marco del Chiaro (Stockholm, Sweden)

9. Report about the UEG Scientific Committee by Julia Mayerle

During the UEGW in Berlin Julie Mayerle managed to get 4 abstract session, 4 invited lecture session, endoscopy session and a session during the postgraduate course for the pancreas. 176 “pancreas only” abstracts were submitted for meeting (highest number ever). Moreover the results of PHYTON trial will be presented during the UEGW instead of DDW. (For details, please see the report of Julia Mayerle.)

10. Report about the UEG Education Committee by Güralp Ceyhan

In the absence of Güralp Ceyhan Helmut Friess gives a brief summary about the progresses in the UEG Education. In 2014 June/July Güralp Ceyhan will organise a basic science workshop (topic: experimental models in cancer) in Munich with the support of the UEG (85000 euros). The meeting will have 35-40 participants, who shall send an abstract and a CV, moreover they also shall submit an abstract for the forthcoming UEGW (one of the aims is to attract basic scientist to the UEGW). (For details, please see the report of Güralp Ceyhan.)

11. Report about the Retiring Members of EPC – Deadlines for the new Open Calls (documents available at <http://e-p-c.org/open-calls>)

- President for 2018 (Clinical) - **Deadline of the Open Call: 01.10.2013.**
- Retiring Councillors: William Greenhalf (Basic Science)
Heiko Witt (Clinical Science)
- **Deadline of the Open Calls: 01.03.2014.**
- Retiring Abstract Selection Committee Members:
Basic Science: Viktória Venglovecz, Miklós Sahin-Tóth, David Criddle
Clinical Science: Johanna Laukkarinen, Attila Oláh, Jonas Rosendahl,
Hjalmar van Santvoort
- **Deadline of the Open Calls: 01.03.2014.**
- Retiring EPC Representative (UEG Scientific Committee Member): Julia Mayerle
- **Deadline of the Open Calls: 01.10.2013.**

12. Invitation for the forthcoming annual meeting of the American Pancreatic Association (APA) by Miklos Sahin-Toth

Professor Sahin-Toth briefly introduces the forthcoming APA Meeting, which will be held in Miami from 30 October-02 November. He also highlights that the abstract submission deadline for EPC Attendees was extended from June 24 to 1 July. The meeting will also involve the International State of the Science Symposium on Idiopathic Recurrent Acute Pancreatitis and the Celebration of the Hirshberg Foundation Grant's 10-year Anniversary.

13. Invitation for the forthcoming annual meeting of the EPC/IAP by the future president Colin Johnson

Prof. Johnson is presenting the preliminary program of the upcoming 46th EPC meeting in Southampton. The program would include a symposium on Wednesday (Nutrition and the pancreas), which will be followed by the main meeting from Thursday to Saturday. For invited speakers the presentation time is planned for 15 minutes and for the free papers the time shall depend on the number of the submitted abstracts. The Welcome reception is planned for Wednesday and the Gala dinner for Friday, the council meeting shall be on Thursday. He also mentions that the meeting will be a joint IAP/EPC meeting therefore there shall be an agreement between the EPC and the IAP. (For details, please see the presentation of Colin Johnson.)

14. Closing of the Council Meeting