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EUROPEAN PANCREATIC CLUB

Minutes General Assembly

**The EPC General Assembly will be held during the EPC Meeting in Southampton, UK
27.06.2014, Time: 14:00, Location: EEE Theatre; University of Southampton**

Secretary	Peter Hegyi
President	Colin Johnson
Past President	Rolf Graf
President elect	Francisco X. Real
Treasurer	Rolf Graf

1. Opening of the General Assembly
2. Report about the 46th meeting of the EPC (Southampton, UK) by the President Colin Johnson

President Colin Johnson gives a detailed report of the EPC/IAP Meeting in 2014. He introduces the programme of the meeting and reports that the meeting had a total of 600 participants from 51 countries (Europe, North America, Asia, Australia). 412 abstracts were accepted for presentation (62 oral and 350 posters). 83 travel awards were given to young researchers. He also introduces the final incomes and the costs of the meeting, which was balanced. (For details, please see the report of Colin Johnson.)

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

Péter Hegyi presents the current membership data of the EPC. At the moment EPC has 567 members, who registered online and paid the membership fee, which is 19% increase compared to 2013. Moreover the number of young members increased with 40%. The popularity of the 3-year membership payment was increased as well (in 2013 82 payments, in 2014 133, which is a 62% increase). In this period there were 9 open calls advertised on the EPC webpage and the secretariat received application for booth calls. He introduces the nominees for the positions. (For details, please see the report of Peter Hegyi.)

4. 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.

5. Report of the Revisor Marco del Chiaro

The Revisor reports that the financial issues of the EPC were legal.

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

Minoti Apte introduces the recent development of Pancreatology. She introduces the Editorial Board of the journal and reports that the first three issues for 2014 were published as scheduled. The IAP/APA evidence-based guidelines for management of Acute Pancreatitis was made open access. The number of manuscript submissions (in 2011 193 submissions, in 2012 286 and in 2013 353 submissions) and the impact factor of the journal (above 2.0) are increasing. Most of the submissions are original articles and are coming from Europe. For detailed statistics please see the presentation of Minoti Apte.

7. Elections for EPC positions

Peter Hegyi introduces the election system and the applicants for the EPC positions.

- EPC Council member (basic science) for 2014-2017
Applicant: Jonas Rosendahl (Leipzig, Germany)
- EPC Council member (clinical science) for 2014-2017:
Applicant: Enrique de-Madaria (Alicante, Spain)
- EPC Abstract Selection Committee member (clinical science - 4 positions open) for 2015-2018
Applicant: Djuna L. Cahen (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
Applicant: László Czakó (Szeged, Hungary)
Applicant: Vijay Singh (Scottsdale, USA)
Applicant: Luca Frulloni (Verona, Italy)
- EPC Abstract Selection Committee member (basic science - 3 positions open) for 2015-2018
Applicant: Sabrina Sonda (Zürich, Switzerland)
Applicant: Andrea Geisz (Boston, USA)
Applicant: Anders Molven (Bergen, Norway)
Applicant: Richárd Szmola (Budapest, Hungary)
- President for 2018:
Applicant: Markus Lerch (Greifswald, Germany)

The introduction was followed by the voting, where the General Assembly of the EPC elected both applicants for the EPC Council member positions and elected Djuna L. Cahen, László Czakó, Vijay Singh, Luca Frulloni, Sabrina Sonda and Andrea Geisz for the Abstract Selection Committee member position. Markus Lerch was elected for EPC President for 2018.

8. Discussion about the EPC Meeting in 2016 in Ukraine

Peter Hegyi introduces the concerns about EPC2016. He talks about the importance to organise EPC meeting in the Eastern parts of Europe as well. However the meeting shall be well organize and most importantly should be safe. He introduces the two possibilities, which the General Assembly shall decide. The first option is to postpone the meeting in Ukraine to 2017 and change the location to Budapest for 2016 (with the agreement of Gabor Varga, President for 2017). This would give the possibility to review the Ukrainian situation after one year and if it is not improved the meeting location should be changed. The other suggestion describes the possibility to change the meeting location for 2016 and give the possibility for the runner-up of the election (Liverpool) to organise the meeting. This would give more time to settle down the situation in Ukraine and the meeting could be organised in 2019 in Kiev. The General Assembly of the EPC voted for the second option therefore the EPC meeting in 2016 will be held in Liverpool, organised by John Neoptolemos, the new President of the EPC for 2016. The EPC meeting in Kiev will be held in 2019.

9. Report about the UEG Scientific Committee by Julia Mayerle

Julia Mayerle gives a brief report about the UEG Scientific Committee. During the UEGW in Vienna Pancreatology is well represented, moreover it is also part of other topics. Pancreatology will have 4 free paper sessions. The number of “pancreas only” abstracts is increasing. (For details, please see the report of Julia Mayerle.)

10. Report about the UEG Education Committee by Güralp Ceyhan

Güralp Ceyhan gives a summary about the progresses in the UEG Education. He reports, that the organisation of the UEG Basic Science Workshop (topic: experimental models in GI cancer) in Munich is going well. There were lots of abstracts submitted for the course. The meeting will involve lectures and mostly focus on hands-on trainings. (For details, please see the report of Güralp Ceyhan.)

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

- Retiring Councillors: Danielle Basso (Basic Science)
Julia Mayerle (Clinical Science)
Ralf Segersvärd (Clinical Science)
- Deadline of the Open Calls: 01.05.2015.

- Retiring Abstract Selection Committee Members:
 - Basic Science: Elisa Giovanetti
 - Deadline of the Open Calls: 01.05.2015.

Retiring EPC Representative (UEG General Assembly Member): Peter Hegyi

12. EPC Fellowship Applications:

Anna Caterina Milanetto, from University of Padova, Italy to Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, Heidelberg (Thilo Hackert)

Andrea Párniczky; from : Pal Heim Children Hospital, Hungary to Universitätsklinikum Leipzig, Leipzig (Jonas Rosendhal)

13. Invitation for the forthcoming annual meeting of the American Pancreatic Association (APA) by the Secretary of APA, Ashok Saluja

Professor Saluja briefly introduces the forthcoming APA Meeting, which will held in Hawaii from 5-8 November. He also highlights that the abstract submission deadline for EPC Attendees was extended.

14. Invitation for the forthcoming annual meeting of the EPC by the future president Francisco X. Real

Francisco X. Real is presenting the preliminary program and budget of the upcoming 47th EPC meeting in Toledo. He mentions that the meeting location was changed to Toledo from Madrid (cheaper, no need for transport within the city). The trains are cheap and frequent to Toledo from the airport. The venue will offer lecture room, exhibition area, seminar rooms in one place. The program would start on Tuesday, including several new topics. On Wednesday there will be sessions including "Basic Science for Clinicians and Clinical Science for Biologists". The main meeting will be for Wednesday afternoon to Friday. (For details of the proposed programme please see the summary from Francisco X. Real.)

15. Closing of the Council Meeting