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**General Assembly Meeting
European Society for Microcirculation
at the
9th World Congress for Microcirculation
including the 26th ESM Conference
Sunday, September 26th, 17.00 – 18.30
Maison de la Chimie
*28 rue Saint-Dominique - 75007 Paris***

17:00 Meeting was opened by Axel Pries, general secretary of ESM.

1) Minutes

The meeting started with Axel Pries thanking Eric Vicaut for organizing the World Congress for Microcirculation, and then the Agenda and the Minutes from the 25th ESM Conference in Budapest in 2009 were accepted and approved.

2) Presidents report

President Eric Vicaut thanked to everybody helping to make this world congress possible, specially emphasized the very supportive role of Axel Pries. And he also emphasized the good mixture of scientific topics and the good mixture of various countries represented in this meeting and in the scientific program. He said that about 420 registered participants participate in the world congress. And he did emphasize that his major aim was the good scientific program and the academic location and the Academy of Chemistry, in Paris which was expensive, but he believed that it was much better then somewhere out of the city. And also there were some difficulties with many other competing meetings around the time but nevertheless he could able to make this meeting without any financial loss, and make it scientifically very high level meeting and hoped that everything is going to be well in the next 3 days when the meeting takes place.

Eric Vicaut also expressed his view on difficulties of finding support for the conference which may not relate only this conference, but in future conferences due to the lack of the industrial support, which also due to the global economical crisis, and in production of many new generic drugs, but as he said, he finally could secure no loss budget in the World Congress.

2) Secretary report

Axel Pries thanked Eric Vicaut for organizing the 9th World Congress for Microcirculation. He would not use too much time for a formal report at this stage, but rather address individual points later in the agenda.

3) Treasurer report

Angela Shore, the treasurer thanked Akos Koller past president of ESM for the general support from the Budapest meeting of ESM budget, and which helped strengthen the budgetary part of the Society. The treasury report was approved, and accepted by the General Assembly.

4) Future meetings

ESM 2011

Ulrich Pohl gave information regarding that 27th *ESM Conference 2011* which is going to be in October 13-16th. The venue is going to be in the middle of the city on the old University area. Excellent venue and also a plenty of accommodation will be available.

He has already received 15-20 symposia, but emphasized that he would like to receive more suggestion for symposia, and November 1st is the deadline for the symposia. Then at the end of November is going to be a program committee meeting in Munich. By that time he will prepare the potential program. He is planning a bio-imaging session, in which 20 young people will participate on this special session where the latest achievements of bio imaging will be exhibited and shown, and gives hand on course. He also said that there is a financial support available for this course.

The web information (*microcirculation.2011.de*) is linked on the ESM website (<http://www.esmicrocirculation.eu>)

Ulrich Pohl will send information to the committee members and then the ESM is going to disseminate the information to the members of the Society. He is going to form a program committee, and than he also will apply for financial support.

ESM 2013:

Giovanni Mann proposed to organize the 28th *ESM Conference 2013* in London together with Jeremy Pearson on behalf of the BMC at the Imperial College in London, UK. In the following, G. Mann gave a short presentation outlining the venue, setup and goals for the planned conference.

It will be most likely in July 26-29th in the Imperial College, however, it may be moved to September or early June. It was suggested to hold the meeting as a joint meeting with EVBO if possible and agreed by EVBO.

The General Assembly welcomed the initiative and approved the plans for a meeting in London.

ESM 2015, World Conference 2015/2014:

The timing for the next World Conference for Microcirculation was discussed. It had originally been planned for 2015 (in Beijing, China; Chair: Prof. Xiu). However, due to the frame shit for the European meetings from even to odd years due to the new FCVB meetings this timing would not be optimal. It was decided to discuss with the Chair of the Chinese delegation, Prof. Xiu and the International Liaison Committee to to investigate the possibility to hold the next World Congress in China in 2014. (*During the following days, this option was approved by the International Liaison Committee and the Chinese delegation*)

Based on this discussion, the year 2015 was again envisaged for the next ESM meeting. Marco Rossi gave a verbal bid for Italy for 2015, and it was suggested that he should send in a formal, written bid. Also alternative suggestions are welcome if accompanied by a bid for 2015.

5) ESC / CBCS delegate / FCVB

The general Secretary gave a short overview about recent developments with respect to the activities of the ESM in the Council for basic cardiovascular Science (CBCS) at the European

Society for Cardiology (ESC). The chances and risks from this development were discussed. It was considered, that they should be adequately addressed by the delegates of the ESM into the Council and the Programme Committee for FCVB 2012.

FCVB 2012

The next FCVB, Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology will be held in 2012 in London, and it was decided, that ESM supports this meeting by organizing symposia and selects some plenary speakers and also supports the participation of young scientists. On the website there should be possibilities to indicate, that the abstract which sent in to the FCVB 2012 is coming from an ESM member.

The General Assembly elected Angela Shore as CBCS delegate and Angela Shore plus Akos Koller for the FCVB programme committee.

6) Elections

President Elect

Giovanni Mann was proposed as President Elect and was elected unanimously. He accepted the election. The general Assembly congratulated him to his new position!

General secretary

Axel Pries explained that according to the bylaws, his term did end at the conference 2010. In preparing for the ESM committee meetings, he had asked for proposals for new candidates, but did not receive any response. He would be willing to continue but also entertain any suggestions for a change. After a respective discussion, it was decided to form a search committee to come up with suggestions for the position of general secretary. The search committee should be headed by Professor Ulrich Pohl president of ESM and should include ESM presidents (van Bavel, Koller, Vicaut, Mann). This committee may also make suggestions for a change in the constitution if judged necessary.

The current general secretary was elected for another year. The next election should be held based on the suggestions of the search committee at the Munich Meeting in 2011

Communication Officer

Axel Pries thanked Miriam oude Egbrink for her work for the society and explained that she had expressed her wish to step down as communication officer. He informed the Assembly that Boy Houben from Maastricht would be willing to serve as a communication officer. This initiative was welcomed by the and Boy Houben was elected unanimously as ESM Communication Officer. He accepted the election and was warmly welcomed to his new function.

6) ESC / CBCS delegate / FCVB

The general Secretary gave a short overview about recent developments with respect to the activities of the ESM in the Council for basic cardiovascular Science (CBCS) at the European Society for Cardiology (ESC). The first scientific meeting of the CBCS was held in June in Berlin, the next would be in March 2012 in London. The chances and risks from this development were discussed. It was considered, that they should be adequately addressed by the delegates of the ESM into the Council and the Programme Committee for FCVB 2012.

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7) JVR

The editor of the official journal of the ESM, the Journal of Vascular Research (JVR) did address the question of a continued support for the immediate online access by the ESM. Currently, all users have full access to any JVR article via a link indicating that the free access is 'sponsored by the ESM'. For this arrangement the ESM is paying about 2100 GBP (~ 2400 €). The issue was discussed and the decision was to maintain the arrangement but to advertize it more widely for the benefit of the Journal and the ESM.

It is important, that the color figures are free in JVR for ESM members. This should be advertized via the website.

8) Any other business

Being no other business, Axel Pries thanked the all ESM members and closed the meeting at 18:30.

Axel R Pries
General Secretary

Boy Houben
Communication Officer