

Report

28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESPMH
DEBRECEN, HUNGARY, FRIDAY 29 AUGUST, 2014
16.30 – 17.30 HRS

VENUE
UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN
LIFE SCIENCE BUILDING, EGYETEM TÉR 1
ROOM: F015-016

Attendants (40):

Roberto Andorno (Switzerland), Gardar Arnason (Germany), David Badcott (UK), Jeffrey Barker (USA), Ana Borovechi (Croatia), Luciana Caenazzo (Italy), Xiao-Yang Chen (China), Sylvester C Chima (South Afrika), Murat Civaner (Turkey), Ignaas Devisch (Belgium), Nathan Emmerich (UK), Petra Gelhaus (Sweden), Eugenijus Gefenas (Lithuania), Bert Gordijn (Ireland), Soeren Holm (UK), Ghaiath Hussein (UK), Péter Kakuk (Hungary), Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands), Jozsef Kovács (Hungary), Mairi Levitt (UK), John Lizza (USA), Ivars Neiders (Latvia), Federico Nicoli (Italy), Peter Novitzky (Ireland), Kyoichi Ozaki (Japan), Georgios Papagounos (Greece), Renzo Pegoraro (Italy), Christoph Rehmann-Sutter (Switzerland), Stephan Sahm (Germany), Aiko Sawada (Japan), Caroline Simons (Ireland), Frida Simonstein (Israel), Ulrike Skorsetz (Germany), William Stempsey (USA), Peter Sykora (Slovak Republic Slovakia) Tuija Takala (Finland), Jacques Tamin (UK), Stephen Tyreman (UK), Yesim Isil Ulman (Turkey), Zbigniew Zalewski (Poland)

1. Draft report of the 27th General Assembly of the ESPMH in Basel, Switzerland, Friday 16 August 2013 (16.30-17.30 hrs)

The report is approved without any correction.

2. Report of the ESPMH Board over 2013

a. The secretary: membership, activities

During the last year the ESPMH membership has increased with 25 members from 294 to 319. Most of the time of the secretariat was spent on preparing this year's conference in Debrecen. Several mailings were sent to the members. Moreover, together with Ignaas Devisch, first preparations have been made for the 2015 conference in Ghent (Belgium). The 2015 call for abstracts (on medicalization) has been finalized. There have also been preparatory talks with Yesim Ulman about the 2016 conference in Istanbul (Turkey). Both the Ghent as well as the Istanbul proposal have already been accepted by the General Assembly. In addition, there is a proposal to host the 2017 ESPMH conference in Belgrade. This is a proposal advanced by Vojin Rakić, who is Director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics (CSB) at the University of Belgrade. This last proposal will be voted on in Ghent.

b. The treasurer: final account for 2013

The ESPMH treasurer reports about problems making members pay the annual fees. Nevertheless, the ESPMH is in a healthy financial state. There is enough cash in the bank.

Year Account ESPMH 2013

Overview accounts 2013			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
General acc	6,310.00	Gen acc	155.08
Conf acc	1,680.00	Conf acc	89.00
With conf.fee	4,260.00	Fin Exch Sys	585.47
General acc	28,370.00	Card comp	24.08
Conf acc	25,328.50	Secretariat	6,352.92
		Treasury	3,000.00
		Springer journal	9,938.56
		Basel conf	22,250.00
Interest	813.95	Basel ass	450.00
		Refunds	2,662.50
		Board costs	1,226.26
		Saldo	19,098.74
Totals	66,762.45		46,678.97

3. Report of the Financial Review Committee over 2013

David Badcott has assessed the ESPMH accounts over the year 2013. David Badcott reports in the General Assembly. Everything is in order.

4. Election of Financial Review Committee over 2014

Both David Badcott has declared to be willing to continue as members of the Financial Review Committee. Maartje Schermer is elected as a new member.

5. Membership fee

The Board proposes that the annual membership fee remains €60,- for individuals and €250,- for Institutions. This is approved by the GA.

6. Preliminary budget 2015

Budget 2015			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership fees (200 x 60)	12,000	Bank costs	300
Conference fees (100 x 450)	45,000	Card comp	1,000
Interest	500	Fin Cardsys	1,500
		Board costs	1,200
		Secretariat	8,000
		Treasury	3,000
		Conference	27,000
		Journal	10,000
		ESPMH site	1,200
		Saldo	4,300
Totals	57,500		57,500

The budget proposal is approved by the General Assembly.

7. Election Members of the ESPMH Board

The three-year term of office of two Board members will finish by the end of this year (Gerrit Kimsma and Eugenijus Gefenas). This means that these two board positions will be up for election during the General Assembly in Debrecen.

In an email from 17 December 2013 we invited you to nominate candidates for these two positions in the Board of the ESPMH. Subsequent to the invitation to propose candidates, we have not received any nominations. However, both Gerrit Kimsma and Eugenijus Gefenas have indicated to be willing to serve yet another term in their respective positions, Treasurer and Regular Board Member.

Thus, the Board’s election proposal is as follows:

Treasurer: Gerrit Kimsma

Regular Board Member: Eugenijus Gefenas

According to the by-laws concerning the election procedure, a candidate can be elected without ballots if there is only one candidate for a position and the members at the General Assembly unanimously agree. As it happens the members do unanimously agree. Therefore, the result of the elections of the normal board members is as follows:

Treasurer: Gerrit Kimsma

Regular Board Member: Eugenijus Gefenas

8. Number of board members with respect to the next elections

According to the Statutes, the number of positions in the Board has to be settled by the GA. There is no proposal to change the current number of seats. That means that the

society continues to have 9 board positions. The GA approves that the ESPMH continues to have 9 board members.

9. Future conferences

- Ignaas Devisch gives a brief presentation focused on the upcoming conference in Ghent, Belgium (already approved by the GA)
- Yesim Ulman presents a proposal to host the 2016 ESPMH conference in Istanbul, Turkey (already approved by the GA)
- Further plans: Belgrade

10. Journal *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* (MHEP)

MHEP is doing well. The manuscript flow is good. Also the page budget has recently been increased, from 400 pages to 600 pages, officially in 2014. The journal's impact factor has gone up from 0.7 in 2012 to 1.3 in 2013. The editors are focused on further enhancing the quality of the papers. Thanks to all the reviewers for their good work. There is a question about the paper version, which some members do not wish to receive anymore. They need to send an email to the secretariat in order to have this realized.

11. A.O.B.

The President informs the members about an embryonic collaboration initiative with EACME. The Boards of ESPMH and EACME are working on a draft Statement of Collaboration. When this is finalized, it will be up for a vote in Ghent next year. There are no further remarks from the GA.