

Final report

**30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESPMH
ZAGREB, CROATIA, FRIDAY 19 AUGUST, 2016
16.30-17.30 HRS**

VENUE:
ANDRIJA ŠTAMPAR SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
4, ROCKEFELLEROVA ZAGREB

Attendants:

Unfortunately the list of attendants of the Zagreb General Assembly was lost.

1. Draft report of the 29th General Assembly of the ESPMH in Ghent, Belgium, Friday 21 August 2015 (16.30-17.30 hrs)

The report is approved without any correction.

2. Report of the ESPMH Board over 2015

a. The secretary: membership, activities

During the last year the ESPMH membership has increased from 322 to 330 members. Last year the secretary has been collaborating with Yesim Ulman, the local host of the Istanbul conference. However, in the course of the year we encountered increasing security concerns in relation to the planned conference in Istanbul leading to worries voiced by a significant number of ESPMH members and others who had intended to come to Istanbul, but were now reconsidering their attendance. This led to the ESPMH board's decision to relocate to another country. Luckily Ana Borovecki immediately offered to host the 2016 conference in Zagreb. On behalf of the board I would like to thank Ana for her fabulous work. I would also like to thank Yesim Ulman for all the preparatory work for the Istanbul conference. The relocation was frustrating for the Turkish team. Also frustrating was the fact the Turkish academic travel ban whereby no Turkish participants could come to this conference in Zagreb. The members at the General Assembly express good wishes and solidarity with the Turkish colleagues.

Looking to the future, the proposal to hold the 2017 conference in Belgrade has already been accepted by the General Assembly in Ghent. Vojin Rakic (Director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics (CSB), University of Belgrade) will give a brief presentation about the 2017 conference in Belgrade (Serbia). In addition, there are 4 further proposals at hand to host ESPMH conferences after 2017 that need approval by the General Assembly.

- Proposal for a conference in Lisbon, Portugal (August, 2018). Contact person is Carlos Branco, Centro de Filosofia das Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal.
- Proposal for a conference in Oslo, Norway (August, 2019). Contact person is Søren Holm. Centre for Medical Ethics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo

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- Proposal for a conference in Warsaw, Poland (August, 2020). Contact person is Joanna Rozynska. Institute of Philosophy, Department of Ethics, University of Warsaw, Poland
- Proposal for a conference in Riga, Latvia (August, 2021). Contact person is Ivars Neiders, Department of Humanities, Riga Stradins University, Latvia

All these proposals are voted on later in this General Assembly

b. The treasurer: Final account for 2015

Year account ESPMH 2015

Overview	Accounts 2015		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
General acc	54,032.94	Bank costs	422.06
Conf acc	44,388.29	Card Comp	2,240.93
Sav. acc: inter	602.52	Ingenico	553.56
		Ghent meeting	49,767.24
		Treasury	3,000.00
		Springer journal	11,460.72
		Board costs	1,673.43
		Refunds	4,785.90
		Saldo	25,119.91
Totals	99,023.75		99,023.75

3. Report of the Financial Review Committee over 2015

Hub Zwart and Maartje Schermer have assessed the ESPMH accounts over the year 2015. According to their report in the General Assembly everything is in good order. Hub Zwart reports. There is a lot of money as a buffer. He suggests to use the buffer money for certain purposes such as waiving the fee for less affluent participants.

4. Election of Financial Review Committee over 2016

Hub Zwart is willing to serve another year as member of the committee. He will review next year's financial report together with Maartje Schermer who has also declared to be willing to continue as member of the Financial Review Committee. However, she has also announced that she will resign after next year's report.

5. Membership fee

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

6. Preliminary budget 2017

Budget 2017			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership fees (200 x 60)	12,000	Bank costs	500
Conference fees (100 x 450)	45,000	Card comp	2,500
Interest	500	Ingenico	800
		Belgrade conference	30,000
		Secretariat	8,000
		Treasury	4,000
		Journal	12,000
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Totals	57,800		57,800

The budget proposal is approved by the General Assembly.

7. Election Members of the ESPMH Board

a. Election procedure:

The three-year term of office of five Board members finishes by the end of 2016 (Roberto Andorno, Christoph Rehmann-Sutter, Bernice Elger, Ana Borovecki and Lazare Benaroyo). According to the By-Laws, Christoph Rehmann-Sutter (now president-elect) is following up Roberto Andorno as president of the ESPMH. This means that four board positions are up for election during the General Assembly in Zagreb.

In a letter from 14 December 2015 the secretary invited ESPMH members to nominate candidates for positions in the Board of the ESPMH. Subsequent to the invitation to propose candidates for these four positions, we have received one nomination for the position of President-Elect: Péter Kakuk. In addition, we have received two nominations for the position of regular board member: Ignaas Devisch and Frida Simonstein. Finally, Ana Borovecki, Lazare Benaroyo and Bernice Elger have indicated that they are willing to serve another term.

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

President-Elect of the ESPMH: Péter Kakuk.

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 General Assembly unanimously agrees.

For the three positions of Regular Board member there are three ballots with the names of all five candidates on each of these, i.e.:

Regular member 1: Ana Borovecki, Lazare Benaroyo, Ignaas Devisch, Bernice Elger & Frida Simonstein.

Regular member 2: Ana Borovecki, Lazare Benaroyo, Ignaas Devisch, Bernice Elger & Frida Simonstein.

Regular member 3: Ana Borovecki, Lazare Benaroyo, Ignaas Devisch, Bernice Elger & Frida Simonstein.

b. Election results

The members unanimously agree with the ESPMH board's proposal of Péter Kakuk as President-Elect of the ESPMH.

Regular member 1: Ana Borovecki

Regular member 2: Ignaas Devisch

Regular member 3: Frida Simonstein

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

According to the Statutes, the number of positions in the Board has to be settled by the General Assembly. However, there is no proposal to change the current number of seats and the General Assembly approves the current number of board positions. Consequently, the society continues to have 9 board positions.

9. Future conferences

There are four presentations with proposals to host future annual ESPMH conferences. They are all up for approval by the General Assembly:

- Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (August, 2018). Contact person is Carlos Branco, Centro de Filosofia das Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal. Accepted
- Conference in Oslo, Norway (August, 2019). Contact person is Søren Holm. Centre for Medical Ethics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo. Accepted
- Conference in Warsaw, Poland (August, 2020). Contact person is Joanna Rozynska. Institute of Philosophy, Department of Ethics, University of Warsaw, Poland
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The members unanimously agree on all proposed locations.

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

Floor Oosting, Senior Publishing Editor from Springer says a few words about the journal. MHEP is doing well. The manuscript flow is good. Rejection rate is 70%. She also presents a few other metrics. The most important is the impact factor of 2015, which has gone up from 0.7 to 0.974.

11. A.O.B.

We had a brief discussion about an ESPMH reaction to the letter of Yesim Ulman that was read by the President during the opening ceremony of the Zagreb conference. It was decided that the ESPMH board would send a letter back.