## THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE



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Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to provide you with an update on the upcoming 36th European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care, set to be held in Frankfurt Offenbach, Germany, from August 21st to 24th, 2024. Enclosed is the latest draft version of the program, available on the society's home page.

I kindly remind speakers who have not yet registered to do so asap <u>online</u> as soon as possible. Those who have not registered by June 15th will risk having their names removed from the final program. This measure aims to prevent any potential gaps in the conference sessions themselves.

# **ESPMH General Assembly**

On behalf of the ESPMH Board, I extend an invitation for you to attend the General Assembly of our society, scheduled for Friday, August 23rd, 2024, from 16:30 to 17:30 hrs. Please find a draft agenda attached to this email for your reference.

#### **ESPMH Election**

In an earlier letter (from 17 December 2023) we invited you to nominate candidates for four positions in the Board of the ESPMH. The Frankfurt Offenbach conference will be the last conference with Péter Kakuk as President of the ESPMH. According to the by-laws, Ana Borovecki (now President-Elect) will follow up Péter Kakuk as president of the ESPMH. Hence, we will have to elect a new President-Elect in Frankfurt Offenbach. Furthermore, the three-year term of office of three board members (Luciana Caenazzo, Ignaas Devisch, and Frida Simonstein) will end on December 31 of this year, which means that these three positions will also be open for election in Frankfurt Offenbach.

In reaction to the invitation to propose candidates for these four positions, we have received two nominations for the position of President-Elect: Ignaas Devisch and Stephan Sahm. In addition, Péter Kakuk, Frida Simonstein and Luciana Caenazzo have indicated that they are willing to serve another term as regular board member.

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

Regular Member of the Board: Luciana Caenazzo, Peter Kakuk, Frida Simonstein

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 position of President-Elect there will be one ballot with the names of the two candidates.

## President-Elect of the ESPMH:

- Ignaas Devisch
- Stephan Sahm

ESPMH members attending the General Assembly in Frankfurt Offenbach can vote in person. Members who are unable to attend the meeting but still care to vote, should email the ESPMH Secretariat to request postal ballots. These ballots should be resent to the Secretariat **by June 15** or alternatively handed in (via an attending colleague) to the Secretary at the Frankfurt Offenbach conference before the start of the General Assembly.

Bio-sketches of the candidates are attached to the email (the bio-sketches of the current board can be seen on the <u>society's homepage</u>).

On behalf of the Board,

Bert Gordijn

Secretary of the ESPMH

Attached:

Draft agenda General Assembly Bio-sketches Draft programme Conference brochure