



## MINUTES EAUN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PARIS

**Location:** Le Palais des Congrès de Paris  
**Room:** Room Havane, Level 3  
**Date:** Monday, 27 February 2012  
**Time:** 13.15 – 13.45 hrs.

**Attendance: 30 delegates attended the AGM**

	Topics	DECISIONS
1.	<b>Welcome by the chair</b>	
	It's great to see you all, and it is a pleasure to open the AGM.	
2.	<b>Formal installation of new members and chair</b>	
	<p>The current Board is presented to the members and the chair explains that in daily practice the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary are taking the urgent decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ulli Haase will not renew her term after completing the three years in March 2012.</li> <li>- Approval of Board membership Susanne Vahr: Susanne started as a temporary board member for one year. She is now up for election for a full (3-year) term. She will contribute to education, especially. Vote: 1 against, 29 in favour.</li> </ul> <p>Susanne explains she works in pre- and post-education, was involved in 3 EAUN guideline groups so far and is aiming to enhance the quality of future guidelines. Other goals are: enhance implementation of guidelines and the visibility of the EAUN guidelines in eastern countries, and enhance the usefulness for nurses working in different levels.</p>	ACCEPTED
	<b>Approval of the Minutes AGM 2011</b>	
	Vote: 100% in favour.	ACCEPTED
	<b>The report of the chair with presentation of the achievements of 2011/2012</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The membership has grown (to over 2,600 members), the congress is of a high scientific level and the long term goals are on target. The board is aware it should not only focus on oncology but also on benign disease. There will for instance also be a Special Interest Group (SIG) on continence. The new guideline on indwelling catheters is hugely successful.</li> <li>- The EAU is drafting patient leaflets, urology nurses, via EAUN, have been involved in the pilot that has just been completed. It's a great opportunity for cooperation, and it is important that this project works well. It's great urology nurses have been invited to co-author and review.</li> <li>- Lawrence Drudge-Coates explains to the members the Skeletal Care Academy project in short: global pan EU, multiple cancers, Lawrence chairs the nursing steering committee of the Skeletal Care Academy, since 4 years. It is funded by several companies and therefore the attendees don't have to pay any fees, or their own costs. It's a successful project and the EAUN has played</li> </ul>	

	<p>a major part is this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Susanne Hieronymi fills in the members on the GSK steering group that the EAUN is involved in: It's a GSK initiative, and the reason that this group was initiated lies in the fact that in metastatic renal cell cancer (mRRC) therapy, tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) oral agents have many specialties and side effects, and therefore it is very important to have well-informed nurses. The GSK nurses steering group is creating an online module, with the launch projected at the end of June 2012, during the skeletal care congress. The module will be made available on the EAUN website.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Long-term Strategy</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday, before the congress started, the EAUN Board met with Prof. Artibani, EAU Executive, and he invited the EAUN Board to attend an EAU executive meeting to discuss their activities and plans. Prof. Artibani is very supportive and interested. The long-term strategy will be re-newed.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Sponsor meeting</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the first time, in Paris, the EAUN Board arranged a sponsor meeting with the companies with a nursing focus. They were very interested and there is room for more support. The EAUN Board is developing corporate sponsorship options together with the EAU marketing department.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Presidents meeting</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also a first, in Paris the EAUN Board invited all presidents of the national urological surgeons societies for a meeting. Two societies' presidents attended (from Austria and Ireland), so it was a small meeting, but a start and useful.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Guidelines</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The board received very positive response to the Transrectal Ultrasound Guided Biopsy of the Prostate (TRUS) guideline and this year's Indwelling Catheterisation guideline. The Evidence-based approach will continue, it's the only way to go.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Fellowships</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The members do not yet take full advantage of the Fellowship programme. The members are asked to encourage colleagues to join. There are also plans to allow a fellowship to the USA in specific cases.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Educational projects</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EAUN is developing an online bone health course. It's a dynamic online educational course, offering practical knowledge which you will be able to relate back to practice. The built in tools will guide you how to use it. It's a package of education on bone health developed with support from AMGEN. It will be available on the EAUN website this year.</li> <li>- A Urology nursing course will be organised together with the University of Ulster. Participants will be able to gain ECTS points (European recognition). It will also be interesting for nurses of a long standing experience. An attractive part of this concept is that EAUN will endorse it, but is not the accrediting body, this would be the University.</li> <li>- The EAUN Board will also try to run a 5-day course similar to EUREP but for nurses, hopefully in September or October. This course will be more basic than the online course that is being developed.</li> <li>- Endourology course. The SWEN is a working group affiliated to the Dutch urology society. They organise a course that covers cystoscopy and TRUS meant for specialised nurses. The board has noticed there is an interest from all over Europe for this topic, so the board is looking into options to organise this.</li> </ul>	

	<b>Sponsoring</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is quite a lot of interest from companies to use the expertise of urology nurses via the EAUN, especially from pharmaceutical companies.</li> <li>- The meeting in Paris is an excellent opportunity for board members to get in contact with the company representatives to find funding for costly activities such as guidelines.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Cooperation with other organisations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GAUN: It is challenging for the board of the Global Alliance on Urology Nurses (GAUN) to meet in person, hopefully a meeting can be held in Milan, during the next EAUN annual congress. Bente Thoft is the Vice-chair of GAUN.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Abstracts</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unfortunately, the number of abstracts seems to be dropping. The board is going to address this and has addressed it with the two courses online on Writing an abstract and Making a poster. Use this to your advantage also when you are experienced!</li> </ul>	
	<b>Research Competition</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This year we only received 2 submissions. When you are interested to join the competition next year, seek help in your hospital to write a plan. Not only research but also practical developmental projects qualify for the competition. Experience learns that winning this competition can have a positive influence on your hospital department.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Post-EAUN Meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bente Thoft explains: The Post-EAUN meeting idea started when only 20% of the registered Danish delegates could reach Barcelona in 2010 and we wanted to make it possible for Danish colleagues to at least present for their colleagues. It was a great success. The meeting was again organised after the annual congress in Vienna (2011). and this year it will be organised again, in June. Colleagues will present their developmental projects and research. If we would not organise these meetings there would be no other possibility to present except at the EAUN congress.</li> <li>- The board values these initiatives because she is aware that in hospitals it's hard to get time-off and therefore the EAUN tries to support these local initiatives with speakers and brochures, hand-outs etc.</li> <li>- The same type of meeting will take place in March in Netherlands, here for the second time.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Closure</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank you for attending the AGM!</li> </ul>	