



## MINUTES EAUN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Milan

**Location:** MiCo – Milani Congressi  
**Room:** Tower Room, Level S2  
**Date:** Monday, 18 March 2013  
**Time:** 12.15 – 12.45 hrs.

**Attendance: 27 delegates attended the AGM**

		DECISIONS
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome by the chair</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The chair thanks all for attending our AGM and hopes the delegates have all found sessions of interest. The board will be very happy to read your evaluations of the congress. The chair would like to have some interaction at the AGM and hope people will have points and questions.</li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Formal installation of new members</b>	
	<p><b>Changes on the board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We pay tribute to a board member who is finishing after a long service with us: Veronika Geng. She has been absolutely instrumental in all our guidelines to date and has been a critical member in our team, and always brings order to our board meetings and helps us improve with honest comments. She is also a fount of knowledge and will stay in the background helping us with the guidelines. On behalf of the EAUN: thank you so much Veronika!</li> <li>- New board members introduce themselves so the members can get to know them more :           <p><i>Paula Allchorne:</i> urology nurse specialist from the UK, nursing for 17 years, main background prostate and bladder cancer, with her passion more around bladder cancer. She just completed an MBA in the Health Service, and hopes to contribute to future strategic plans and the development of guidelines.</p> <p><i>Simon Borg:</i> 25 years' experience of pre-operative nursing in urology, especially new technologies. Simon hopes to contribute in the field of pre-operative nursing which is not appreciated as much as it should. And points at the a substantial divide between north and south Europe and the economic realities we are facing with a lot of cutbacks as topics of interest. He would like to see further consolidation of what has been achieved and further expansion of acceptance and appreciation from the medical profession for the work we do. He would like to contribute to achieving a European wide standard in peri-operative nursing.</p> <p><i>Stefano Terzoni:</i> nurse, diploma from University of Parma in 2002 MD 2005, PhD 2011, dissertation on pelvic floor rehabilitation. Work as tutor nurse and lecturer in University Milan, and 2 times a week in outpatient service, came into contact with this association in Paris where he presented a poster and was impressed with the level , he hopes to make a contribution.</p> </li> </ul> <p><b>Election of 3 new board members</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does the membership accept Paula Allchorne as board member for 3-year term: Vote: 100% in favour.</li> <li>- Does the membership accept Simon Borg as board member for 3-year term: Vote: 100% in favour.</li> <li>- Does the membership accept Stefano Terzoni as board member for 3-year term: Vote: 100% in favour.</li> </ul> <p>Welcome to the board!</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p> <p>ACCEPTED</p> <p>ACCEPTED</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval new board terms and board structure</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are two points to make on the set-up of the board: a 3-headed presidency (Chair Elect, Chair and Past Chair) was introduced last year and we now have elected a Chair Elect, Mr Lawrence Drudge-Coates (LDC). Unfortunately, Lawrence and Willem De Blok cannot attend the AGM because they are involved in the cystoscopy hands-on-training course. Lawrence has also taken over the secretary work from Willem.</li> </ul> <p><b>Election of 2 new chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does the membership accept Lawrence Drudge-Coates as chair elect for 2-year term: Vote: 100% in favour.</li> <li>- Does the membership accept Bente Thoft Jensen as past chair for 2-year term: Vote: 100% in favour.</li> </ul>	<p>ACCEPTED</p> <p>ACCEPTED</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes AGM 2011</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vote: 100% in favour.</li> <li>- The minutes are accepted without comments.</li> </ul>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>The report of the chair with presentation of the achievements of 2011/2012</b>	
	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership now over 2600.</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Interest Groups (SIG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The board is expanded and we are always interested in volunteers, our SIGs have started up and Lawrence Drudge-Coates and Susanne Hieronymi are overlooking that project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Veronika Geng and Susanne Vahr are completely immersed, we have a good brand, but it takes time and money to maintain and further improve it.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fellowship programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All information is on the website of the EAUN. We can also assist with networking. If you are not looking for a fellowship but for contacts abroad you can also contact the EAUN or look under links at the website. You have to be a member for two years to do a fellowship, but we can be creative with the rules otherwise.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education and accreditation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We launched an online tool on Bone Health in Urological Cancer, it will be very worthwhile to do, it takes about 3 hours and can be found on our webpage on educational resources. It will raise awareness of bone health within the nurse specialists group. We are, for the first time, running a hands-on-training course on cystoscopy, at the congress, which we hope will be accredited. Our online course on Bone Health was launched yesterday.</li> <li>- We are working with the Ulster University, they are very interested to work with us. They will review the cystoscopy course next year. Signposting of the programme of the University of Ulster on our website will appear soon.</li> <li>- The one day programme in Prague, will possibly be based around the bladder. It will be a simple anatomy, physiology, aetiology and bladder related problems, accredited</li> </ul>	

by the University of Ulster, a didactic course given by board members.

- Another link that we have is with the Global Congress on Prostate Cancer in June 2013 in Marseille. R. Pieters is involved in the organisation, and we will support it. It's worthwhile for people involved in this topic to attend.

#### **Communication**

- We realise there is a lack of communication from EAUN with eastern European countries. Luckily Susanne Vahr's son decided to do his thesis on this topic, which will help us improve our website and other communications.

#### **Sponsoring from companies**

- We have noticed a change from industry who are more and more interested in educational projects together with EAUN. We have looked into a commercial product but the board decided that we can only endorse programmes we have been involved with from the start. We are always careful about our branding. On the other hand we cannot develop without industry either.
- We had a sponsorship meeting on Saturday, with a very positive response from industry. We gave a presentation in which we tried to describe areas where companies and EAUN could meet halfway.

#### **Support from EAU**

- We can't work without the support of the EAU and there are facilities in the EAU that we could probably tap into more such as their research. At the Opening ceremony, for who was there, Per-Anders Abrahamsson, General secretary of the EAU confirmed the support of the executive for the nurses. Willem and the chair met the EAU executive last September, which was good, and hopefully will be an annual event. Prof. Artibani is our link in the executive.

#### **Database**

- We have a database for active members, so if you would like to become active, please update your details.

### **6. Long-term Strategy and budget**

#### **Finances**

- At the pre-congress board meeting finances were discussed. Our financial results are balanced. Is anyone wants to see the balance we have a printout.

#### **Achievements**

- Membership numbers: the dip in 2012 was related to the Hong Kong nurses not renewing their membership, although the contacts were really good.
- The numbers of congress attendance were updated today. We are over the 400 delegates again, and delighted with these numbers.
- Number of abstracts is up a little bit too.
- Our intermittent catheter guideline was published this year and the next guidelines will be on bladder installations with BCG and mitomycin C. We are still looking for support from companies for this guideline. All our guidelines can be found on our website.

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<b>7.</b>	<b>Cooperation with other organisations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GAUN, the Global Alliance of Urology nurses, it's about networking and supporting each other. GAUN, with participants from USA, Australia and UK, Europe, had a meeting during the congress in Milan. EAUN and SUNA support the GAUN website.</li> <li>- Research needs: this year we have had more research than ever and there is already interest for next year.</li> <li>- We are involved in Europa Uomo, Willem was in London last week for a meeting. EAU patient information. Representatives from EAUN are involved in de working groups. So part of the information for patients on the website comes from nurses, which is an improvement.</li> <li>- GSK Steering group is developing a nursing education programme for oral TKIs caring for patients with RCC, with a representative from EAUN.</li> <li>- Ber Oomen from the European Society of Nursing Organisations (ESNO ) contacted EAUN to get involved. They are working on directives at EU level to change the legislative for training for nurse specialists. They keep us informed of what is happening in the European parliament. We would like to lobby not to change those directives.</li> <li>- We are taking part in the ERUS (robotics in urology) meeting again and help organise a nurses day. In September 2013 it's in Stockholm, in September 2014 in Amsterdam. Willem is our link in this organisation too. It's a good meeting for nurses.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Report on the meeting of the board with the presidents of national societies in Milan on Saturday</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The meeting was very interesting and very successful. Ten societies attended and the Polish nurses society was there for the first time and gave a very nice presentation.</li> <li>- There will be some changes in the group membership. We have explained this to the chairs at the meeting. Society may want to become a member a month before the congress, which is administratively not possible. Contact the EAUN if you are interested in the new rules.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Subjects for the next Congress in 2014 in Stockholm</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If anyone has any topics they would like to be presented in Stockholm e-mail the chair or Hanneke at the general email address . We are there to meet your needs.</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposals from the members</b>	
	<p>The attendees posed the following questions and remarks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erik Van Muilekom: Did you discuss payment of board members? It will become difficult to get people, as hospitals will not support nurses as much in the future.</li> <li>- Chair: We have asked for more support of the central office. Or to partly fund someone from the board, so the hospitals do not lose out if a board member is away from work for EAUN. Officially from the EAU the direction is that board work is voluntary work and not paid. But people are under more and more pressure from their department. Alternatively, if board members are not paid then the solution could be to assign more staff. As a board we are spending a lot of time on this work and we have asked for extra support in sponsorship.</li> <li>- Jan Kirg, urologist from the Netherlands: compliments the chair on her talk, it was very interesting. One of his favourite residents does scientific research in Eindhoven and she found that men with sexual function problems were much more open when talking to women (men are their competitors). Therefore Eli Lilly (the producer of Cialis) may be happy to support EAUN. He also mentioned he missed the ESSM, European Society of Sexual Medicine in your contacts with other organisations, as this society is of interest for your members.</li> </ul>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Closure</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Susanne Vahr hands over a present to Veronika Geng to thank her.</li> <li>- Hanneke Lurvink (EAUN Coordinator in the Central Office) has been a terrific support.</li> <li>- Thank you for attending the AGM!</li> </ul>	