MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Barcelona

Location: Fira de Barcelona, Spain
Room: Green Room 17, Level 0
Date: Monday, 18 March 2019
Time: 13.15 – 14.00 hrs.

Attendance: 62 delegates attended the AGM

1. Welcome by the chair

   Susanna Vahr, Chair: thank you all for being here. I am proud that we attracted more than 300 nurses to the 20th International EAUN Meeting.
   Unfortunately, Ronny Pieters, who won the award that bears his name, is absent because he is in hospital but he is improving. I call on everyone to fill out the evaluation form before departure.
   I would like to thank Ms. Corinne Tillier and the other members of the scientific committee for composing this wonderful programme.
   The full members have received a bat they can raise to show if they agree (green) or object (red) to the question posed.

2. Approval of the Minutes AGM 2018

   The minutes are accepted without comments.
   ACCEPTED

3. Voting changes in the board

   Linda Söderkvist will remain on the board.
   Installation new board member: The board has found a new board member whose CV has been reviewed and who is willing to step in. The board asks the members to approve of the candidate: Tiago Santos from Lisbon (PT).
   Tiago presents himself to the members: “I am 28, work since 2014 in urology as responsible nurse in the outpatient clinic of the Champalimaud Foundation. I joined the EAUN because I see many new challenges emerging fast: the evolution in technology and changes in health systems. I thank the EAUN for this opportunity and hope to attract more nurses to the field of urology.”
   Votes: the new board member is accepted and welcomed.
   The chair hopes Tiago will attract more young nurses to the EAUN.
   There is a vacancy on the board; the membership of Jerome Marley is extended for 12 months. The chair thanks him.
   Stefano Terzoni (past chair) had to step down last year. He is thanked by the chair for his support of her and the EAUN. She announces Stefano has accepted the position of Chair of the Continence SIG Group.

4. Voting changes in the bylaws
**Proposal for change in full membership**: change wording to ‘it is open to all certified European nurses working in the field of urology. Only certified European nurses are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting’.

**Proposal for change in affiliate membership**: change wording to ‘it is open for all European healthcare professionals and they are eligible to vote at the annual general meeting’. Both changes are accepted by the members.

**Proposal for change in bylaws**: the term of the board - the chair is elected for three years, the chair-elect for 2 years. We want to make sure that we have new people on the board, but we also wish to ensure continuity in the projects. The changes are accepted by all members.

**Changes in the scientific committee**: Corinne Tillier and Jerome Marley are stepping down. The new chair is Jeannette Verkerk, a new member is Robert McConkey (Galway (IE)).

**Robert presents himself to the members**: “I am an advanced nurse practitioner with 13 years’ experience in urology. I now work with NMIBC patients. I hope to bring my knowledge and experience to the scientific committee in the next few years.”

**Special Interest Groups**

Jeannette Verkerk informs the audience about the 2 active SIGs: Continence care: new chair Stefano Terzoni, 3 new members. Next year a workshop is planned.

Bladder cancer: chair is Bente Thoft Jensen.

Two new groups will start: Prostate cancer (chair Lawrence Drudge-Coates) and Endourology. The latter does not have a chair yet, but does have several interested members. Corinne Tillier will be the contact person for the special interest groups, as Jeannette Verkerk was appointed Chair of the Scientific Committee.

Jeannette announces a common framework is set up for special interest groups. Every EAUN member is welcome to join such a group. Please send an e-mail to Hanneke Lurvink via the EAUN website.

### 5. The report of the chair with presentation of the achievements of 2018/2019

The chair informs the audience of the EAUN achievements:

- involvement with a growing group of collaborators, such as ESMO, ESUT (Linda Söderkvist is an important contact person), the EAU patient information group (Bente Thoft Jensen is part of this group) and EULIS
- more international relations: the EAUN needs to be visible all over the world. By visiting international conferences, we teach and learn at the same time. The EAUN guidelines are adapted in many countries worldwide to ensure quality of care all over the world
- an increasing demand for educational activities (especially in endo-urology): we call on nurses with experience in endo-urology to join the special interest group in endo-urology and give training
- we are moving more and more towards evidence-based nursing.
- all abstracts that are presented at this congress will be published in the International Journal of Urological Nursing and can thus be found online.

**Urology Nursing Curriculum by Jerome Marley**

He underlines the importance of setting up a structure in the development of European urological nursing education. The results of the World Café at EAUN18 Copenhagen have been reported to Congress. The presidents of the EAUN, British Association of
Urological Nurses (BAUN) and the Australian and New Zealand Urology Nurses Association (ANZUNS) are working together to draw up an educational curriculum/framework suitable for everyone. This is a complex process and will be built in stages to ensure consolidation of success. We shall be consulting and communicating with EAUN members as part of this process.

### 6. Report ESUN & Guidelines activities

#### Accreditation by Jason Alcorn

Why is EAUN looking at accreditation?
- EAUN is a large organisation that provides continuing professional development
- Increasing requests for accreditation both from the industry and educational
- Allows use of the EAUN logo and name, which is respected
- Endorsement of best practice.

Accreditation provides increased confidence in urological practice delivered daily, an improvement of patient outcomes and we ensure that practice is up to date. There are a few issues the board needs to investigate: setting up an accreditation process and panel to come to a standardised process, the differences between countries, cultures and interpretations and the opportunities to identify and recommend best practices for all colleagues.

#### Guidelines by Giulia Villa

The guidelines are essential to the EAUN. On the website you will find a list of guidelines in different languages. An update of the guideline on prostate biopsy was published this year. We call on everyone to promote and distribute these guidelines. E-courses and other tools were developed to support your education. Two online courses have been developed.

#### 5th EAUN course by Jeannette Verkerk

The course about Sexual dysfunction in men and women will be held on 25-26 October 2020 in Amsterdam. The modules include physiology of human sexual function, female sexual disorders, male sexual disorders, counselling in sexual disorders in men and women and treatment of erectile dysfunction. The workshops Surgical treatment: penile prosthesis and Let’s talk about sex are organised as part of the course.

### 7. Report Finances & Scientific Committee

#### Finances by Paula Allchorne

We are pleased to receive € 25,000 a year from the EAU. Since board meetings are our largest outgoing costs, they are reduced to 2 a year plus the Annual Meeting. Many meetings are video-linked to save costs. We receive € 10,000 euros from memberships. Profit from sponsor money was € 1,148. Publishing guidelines is a great cost. This year, our result was negative; thanks to last year’s profit our closing balance is positive. Everything is published on the website.

*International contacts:* This year there were 18 in total. Members gave workshops or spoke on behalf of the EAUN. In China and Hong Kong, 6 training centres were opened. We reached 56,000 people via podcasts; we are a truly global organisation.

#### Scientific Committee by Corinne Tillier

After 3 years as chair of the scientific committee I would like to thank the audience for sharing my passion and your knowledge. My focus is evidence-based and I feel we need to learn from each other. The EAUN is a great opportunity to share knowledge about practice and research and calls on everyone to send in abstracts in both fields.
The Chair thanks all the board members for their input.

8. Open forum

*Question*: yesterday, a poster session was organised in an area where it was difficult to follow. The speakers did not have microphones. I feel this should be done more professionally as it is a pity to miss this information. Maybe it is possible to organise it in a better area next time.

The chair says the problem was brought to the organisation’s attention and it will be considered at next year’s meeting.

*Remark*: a participant from Malta wishes to thank the organisation for the chance she was given. She has no other opportunity to get training and her knowledge and experience grows thanks to the EAUN. It empowers her and she is thankful.

Chair: “I hope all attendants used their time in Barcelona to network, because this is the only event where so many urological nurses get together. I would like to especially thank Hanneke Lurvink for organising the meeting and for all her hard work. See you in Amsterdam next year!”

9. Closure

Thank you for attending the AGM!
See you in Milan!