## MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Copenhagen

**Location:** Bella Center, Copenhagen  
**Room:** Room 12, Level 1, Green Area  
**Date:** Monday, 19 March 2018  
**Time:** 13.00 – 13.45 hrs.

**Attendance:** 39 delegates attended the AGM

### DECISIONS

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| 1. | Welcome by the chair  

*Stefano Terzoni, Chair:* thank you, dear colleagues and friends, for attending the meeting. I already received some feedback, which was positive, and we hope you had a wonderful congress and really enjoyed the sessions and socials.

We have over 3,000 members, and we had delegates from over 50 countries, which is an outstanding achievement, and for this I would like to thank the delegates for attending and Ms. Corinne Tillier 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.

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| 2. | Approval of the Minutes AGM 2017  

- Vote: 100% in favour.  
- The minutes are accepted without comments.  

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| 3. | Voting changes in the board  

We sadly have a Board member stepping down because the final chair term ends: Lawrence Drudge Coates has made an outstanding contribution to the EAUN. [Loud applause] He has been a Chair in the past 6 years and played an incredible role in education, guidelines, sponsorship and everything in between. LDC receives a small gift from the board.

The term of the current Chair Stefano Terzoni also ends now, but the good news is that Susanne Vahr will take over the chair. Susanne mentions that Stefano will remain in the board as a past Chair, so it is not a real farewell.

*Handing over the “Medal of power”.* [Stefano hands over the medal to Susanne] Susanne promises that she will try to keep the line that Stefano followed and hopes to achieve that the Board activities will become even more successful and productive. Stefano declares to have full trust in Susanne’s qualities and competence as a chair.

*Installation new Board member:* The board has found a new board member whose CV has been reviewed and who is willing to step in, and now the board is asking the members to approve of the candidate: Jason Alcorn from the UK.
Jason presents himself to the members: “I would like to thank the board for this opportunity. I am a Nurse Consultant from Yorkshire, England, and hopes to compliment the board with my experience. I have 17 years’ experience in urology at all levels form junior to nurse consultant.”

- Vote: 100% in favour.

“Welcome Jason!”

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<th>The report of the chair with presentation of the achievements of 2017/2018</th>
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<td>The Chair also introduces the Board members:</td>
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<td>Susanne Vahr, Chair Elect and responsible for guidelines; Lawrence Drudge-Coates: Past Chair and responsible for education end sponsorship; Corinne Tillier, Chair of the SCO; Simon Borg, sponsorship; Paula Allchorne: finance and communication; Giulia Villa: education and guidelines; Linda Söderqvist: responsible for the Special Interest Groups (SIG); Jeannette Verkerk: also SIG and communication.</td>
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<td>The Chair also introduces the Scientific Committee Members: Jerome Marley, Franziska Geeze, Hanny Cobussen and Bente Thoft Jensen. Thank you for an outstanding contribution!</td>
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Membership
Membership has increased again: we have over 3,000 members now. We are very happy to see the congress attendance is also rising again: 367 delegates this year! From UK 69, Sweden 22, Netherlands 63, Belgium 29, Denmark 63, Australia 9, Finland 9, Ireland 9, Italy 11, Norway 22, Switzerland 10.

Patient information
Button on the right top corner on our website, which will lead you to the patient information. An initiative of the EAU that we have joined.

National Societies Meeting
At the National Societies Meeting this year we saw many participants.

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<td>Education by Giulia Villa</td>
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<td>The European School of Urology started in 2014</td>
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<td>• 1st Course Adam 2015, UTI</td>
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<td>• 2nd course, Rome, Overactive bladder in 2016</td>
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<td>• 3rd course, Amsterdam, Bladder cancer in 2017</td>
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<td>The 4th course will be about Holistic Prostate cancer in 2018 in Cracow in Poland. The programme is found in the leaflets in the booth. Registrations opens in April. We look forward to your applications.</td>
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<td>Worldwide educational activities by Lawrence Drudge-Coates</td>
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<td>We are a European organisation but our reach in Worldwide. We are involved in many education opportunities from Asia to the Middle-East, to support urology nurses which is our mandate, and we should be immensely proud about and which identifies the EAUN as an organisation, professionalism, good clinical skills. It’s up to</td>
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the members, and the open mindedness of the board.

**Guidelines by Susanne Vahr**

You are probably all familiar with our guidelines, and in this light I would like to show you what the current situation is: quite a few of our guidelines need updating. We were hoping to finish the update of the TRUS biopsy guideline before this conference, but did not succeed. This takes longer than usual because there is a lot of literature on this topic that all has to be reviewed. We hope it will be available in the next conference.

In the meantime we have also started on the update of the Indwelling catheterisation in adults guidelines that was produced in 2012. We expect this one to be finished in 2020.

The guidelines on *Incontinent urostomy* and *Continent urinary diversion* are quite outdated and a lot has changed. We plan to combine these two guidelines into one and describe first the nursing interventions that are overlapping in both guidelines. And then make separate parts for the different kinds of diversions.

Because a lot of work needs to be done, we will expand the guideline groups. To make sure that the other board tasks are also taken care of we have asked Lawrence to keep supporting the board, so other board can focus on guidelines.

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**6. Report Finances & Special Interest Groups & Scientific committee**

**Finance by Paula Allchorne**

We are in a privileged situation with the help of the EAU, also financially. They initially give us 25,000 and also the support in the office from Hanneke, who manages us all, and her colleagues. We also rely on sponsorship a lot.

To reduce expenditure, we reduced the board meetings to 3 meetings only. And monthly video conferences.

Fellowship cost was not so high this year since we only had one applicant, so it would be really nice if you could encourage your peers to do a fellowship.

We ran 2 courses this which were sponsored, the ESUN and the ERUS. The ESUN courses are very expensive as we pay for flights and accommodation of participants and faculty.

International collaboration: when we are invited to organise a workshop or lecture travel and accommodation is often paid by the organiser, we only pay for local travel and visa.

The guidelines are our biggest expenditure. It’s more efficient to organise full day meetings for the panels, but that is also costly, around €20,000 per guideline.

To sum it up: We received €25,000 from the EAU, €79,000 from sponsoring, but this covered 2 ESUN courses. We have done very well this year, by being careful with spending. Because the team manages the budget well we have a positive balance of €5,000. The EAU is happy to continue support if we stay within budget.

**Special Interest Groups (SIGs) by Jeannette Verkerk**

There are 2 groups: one on bladder cancer and one on continence. I am the contact
for the Continence group and Linda for the Bladder cancer group. We only have 2 members in the Continence group and are searching for new members. One person has already shown interest. Bente Thoft has agreed to chair the bladder cancer group. At this annual meeting we had a meeting with the SIG members and the groups agreed to prepare sessions for the next annual meeting and set up a plan for the groups. Please watch out for newsletters or mailings with more information if you are interested to join, there is a lot of work to do.

**Scientific Congress Office (SCO) by Corinne Tillier**

First of all thank all of you for participating in the congress! This scientific committee is responsible for organizing the programme of the annual meeting and reviewing the abstracts. This year was a big succes with over 350 registrations. This programme would not have been possible without Hanny, Jerome, Bente and Franziska in the SCO. Bente steps down from the SCO this year. Before her Lisette and Rita supported the team and did a lot of great work. Thank you. It is important that the members of the SCO are working in different fields and roles. E.g. Lisette works in continence and she even was awarded Continence nurse of the year this year in the Netherlands. I also know Rita from Switzerland who works in bladder cancer did a wonderful job, even though she was in the SCO before me.

Corinne is proud to announce the SCO have appointed a new SCO member, Julie Ellis-Jones (UK). Julie cannot attend the AGM but introduces herself with a video.

*Video Julie:* I am based in Bristol, England. I’m a urology nurse specialist by background and currently working as a senior lecturer. I was awarded the Florence Nightingale title in 2008. I was lucky to have been working as a clinical nurse specialist and a research nurse role in clinical trials form many years. My research background supports practice and vice versa. As a result, I have a strong commitment towards patient-centred evidence-based practice. Currently my interest is in urodynamics, education, research, physical assessment and reasoning, amongst others and I enjoy encouraging others.

**7. Acknowledgements by Stefano Terzoni**

I would like to acknowledge some people who are very important for the organisation. Rita Willener, one of the founding fathers or rather mothers, was already mentioned earlier.

I would also like to acknowledge all long-term members who are still active in various groups, such as Bente Thoft, Ronny Pieters, Kate Fitzpatrick, Jerome Marley, whom we can always count on for support and advice. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work! [applause]

I would also like to thank Hanneke Lurvink for your continuous support and tremendous amount of work behind the curtains.

**8. Open forum**

The chair calls for feedback or comments from the members: there are no comments

Chair: “*We hope you enjoyed the programme in Copenhagen. We welcome your suggestions for the programme. Please fill out the survey or send an email to the EAUN!*

**9. Closure**

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