MINUTES EAUN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Munich

Location: ICM – Internationales Congress Center München
Room: Room 5
Date: Monday, 14 March 2016
Time: 13.15 – 14.00 hrs.

Attendance: 73 delegates attended the AGM

1. Welcome by the chair

Lawrence Drudge-Coates, chair: a very warm welcome to the AGM. This has been a phenomenal meeting, we had some excellent presentations, very interesting topics and brought us home. I hope you were able to do some networking too.

The AGM is the business end of our organisation as required by our bylaws. Some of the board members will present their topics and the aim of the meeting is to be a transparent organisation. We will discuss the activities we organised for you and how we spent our finances fruitfully. Afterwards we will have an official handover of the chair position.

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 2014

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

ACCEPTED

3. Formal installation of new members

We have a few renewals in the board and we feel it is important to recognise the enormous amount of work the board members do for the organisation and their commitment.

Staff support
Without the commitment of the EAUN manager, Hanneke Lurvink, we would not have this meeting and we would like to recognise this (applause). It needs an enormous commitment, which should not be underestimated.

Incoming board members
The board proposed two new board members for the General Assembly to approve: Ms. Jeannette Verkerk (NL), and Ms. Linda Söderkvist (SE). Before the vote they present themselves:

Jeannette Verkerk, NL, presents as incoming board member
I worked as urology nurse for 9 years, have a master degree in Science in Nursing, currently work as quality and safety advisor in a hospital, with a special interest in the
clinical care pathway and in education. I am happy if you will enable me to bring this expertise to the board.

**Linda Söderkvist, SE, presents as incoming board member**

Linda works as operating room nurse and Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) in Stockholm. “As expert nurse I support colleagues and residents.” She would like to share with the members her expertise in the perioperative field. Linda’s thoughts and reflections of the congress: “Interprofessionally we can change and address issues to improve patient care. An example from this congress is what I learned from two nurses from Fundacio Puigvert, Barcelona, Spain. They found that 10% of patients need to have their stoma repositioned. It happens often after cystectomy. Surgeons do not follow up enough and I will take this home to our hospital. We can make a difference. This meeting aims to offer a high standard, to make you go home empowered in your profession, which is very important.

**Voting for the incoming board members for their first 3-year term**

- Vote for Linda Söderkvist: all green, no red bats: ACCEPTED
- Vote for Jeannette Verkerk: all but one green, one red bat: ACCEPTED

**Leaving board members**

Kate Fitzpatrick, IE, and Erica Grainger, DK, are leaving us, unfortunately. They will be acknowledged at the end of the AGM for their enormous contribution.

4. **Extra edition of the Research Competition**

This year for the session in Munich we received no research plan applications. We will therefore give you an give extra opportunity to submit research plans. The criteria are the same, but there is not linked session where you have to present the plan. The project plans will be judged on their merits from the paper submission. The deadline for this new chance to submit is 1 September. All the details will be listed on the website, eaun.uroweb.org, in the education section.

The Prize will be handed out in March 2017. And the winner will be able to present their research at the annual meeting in 2018.

5. **The report of the chair**

**Membership**

Membership has increased again: 2,696
But is difficult to get you here at the congress.
With money nurses seem to be at the bottom of the ‘food chain’. The board is trying to find ways to help you attend conference.

**Finance**

You are aware we receive an annual budget from the EAU, this will be discussed later on, but the good news is we are now bringing in more money ourselves. We don’t need to make a profit, an neutral balance is fine.

**Fellowships**

This is an opportunity we consider of great importance and we would encourage you to take advantage. There are a lot of (university) hospitals in varies countries where you can go. We pay for you to go there, so please think seriously about using this opportunity.

**Post-EAUN meetings**
Are successful in the Netherlands and Denmark. The National Societies Meeting was successful many part a lot from Norway. We can help you, you can help us.

**Travel grants**
We have now secured funding for 10 travel grant for this meeting but also for London 2017. It’s not a small amount: 500 euro. They are only available for members, so if you are not a member yet it may be a good idea to apply for membership soon. We only had 7 applicants this year. We will have it on the website again.

**Sponsoring**
It’s getting difficult, partly due to existing European regulations for what they can provide. It’s about knowing the rules, and we will keep looking for sponsorships with support of the EAU.

**Marketing**
Marketing is the future, how we can market ourselves, for excellence in urological nursing. We are the best urological nurses organisation. Board members had a course on social media this year to learn how to use this tool for EAUN. So we are now on Twitter, we will tweet you, please follow us on Twitter.

**Education**
The Bone health course is up for review. We are looking into the usefulness of webcasts. Our guideline, the new guideline is great, it’s amazing where they go in the world. The board is looking at practical applications how we can use them more, there are huge opportunities.

6. **Susanne Vahr, DK, presents guidelines and educational development**

**Guideline**
This year we have produced the tenth practice guideline on Male External Catheters, where the previous version was practice-based, this new version is evidence-based. The incontinent and continent urostomy guidelines are no longer available in the US Clearinghouse, because they have to be updated in 5 years. It shows how fast they outdate.
We decided to update the TRUS biopsy guideline for next year, then update the incontinent urostomy guideline in 2018. Then we have time to develop a new topic. this morning in the guidelines session we received suggestions to create a guideline on UTI, but we have to have a clear scope of what it is we need to write about.

**ESUN**
The European School of Urology Nurses (ESUN) was started in 2014 and we organised the 1st course in Amsterdam in 2015. The course may be repeated in an improved format, but the topic is suitable to repeat.
The 2nd course will be on neurogenic detrusor overactivity. The audience may be smaller, make sure your colleagues are all aware. We have secured sponsorships so EAUN will pay for food, accommodation, flights. Thanks to sponsorship as a member you will only pay 100 euro for the whole course.

7. **Paula Allchorne, UK, presents financial development**
The financial overview was shown in 3 slides. Paula: we did quite good, we saved money by only having 2 board meetings outside of the conference and 4 video
conferences, and were able to grant two members a fellowships abroad. Key expenses are education and guidelines.

Last year we actually made a profit for the first time, see table. The profit will be used towards education and guidelines our most important objectives.

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8. Corinne Tillier, NL, presents herself as incoming SCO Chair

The Scientific Congress Office (SCO) started in 2013, there are 5 members, and a board member is chair. I am Corinne, originally from France but since many years I work as clinical nurse specialist in the Netherlands. I work with prostate and testis cancer patients. I will take over chairing the SCO from Stefano Terzoni. It will be difficult to replace Stefano, but I will do my best. Being in the board and the SCO feels a bit as if I have a second job: It’s demanding, but also rewarding.

I’m happy to announce we have found a new SCO member, Franziska Geese (CH) who will take over from Rita Willener (CH). Franziska receives applause. Rita contributed a lot to EAUN and to the scientific programme in the past and current years, and we are very grateful to Rita, who was not able to attend this meeting.

I will now highlight one of our new rules (bylaw), which we find very important to have.

- New Rule: If an SCO or Board member presents an abstract at our annual meeting as 1st author they cannot win a prize.
- New Rule: If they are the last author of an abstract. He or she cannot receive any of the prize money personally.
- Another new rule deals with honorarium: honorarium earned with EAUN sponsored activities can no longer be used for personal gain. New Rule: If a Board or SCO member is involved in a symposium, the honorarium they
receive will go to EAUN and be used for education.

The EAUN is a good team, but you, our members and delegates, are all part of this team. Therefore please help us to compose a good programme for next year by filling out the survey or sending an email to the EAUN.

9. Long-term EAUN Membership acknowledgement

Chair: “Consider where we are now and where we came from. We owe it to the members who, for many years, have had faith in the board and the EAUN and therefore we will now accredit our members from the early days. The current board members are relative new-borns. Fifteen of our members have been a member for 15 years already. We have 3 here today and we are delighted to present them with a certificate.” [photos were taken]

Karen Stenzelius, SE: “We started with 30 delegates, and most nurses did not speak English. This has improved a lot. Also the quality of the scientific work has improved a lot in these years. The EAUN is important for us, because it raised the level of nursing science and because we can learn from each other’s experience and learn about nursing scientific developments.”

Jerome Marley, IE: “I am blown away by what has developed in 16 years, nursing has really changed, and I have never been more convinced that urological nurses can now make their own future in a way they never have before.”

Ronny Pieters, BE: “I was in urology since 1993, and I attended a SUNA conference, where I saw the EAU booth. I realised that European urology nurses needed a similar organisation and meeting. I discussed it with Patricia De Bont (EAU Congress Manager) who discussed my idea with the chair. The EAU decided to support a urology nurses meeting and that was the start.”

From left: Ronny Pieters, Lawrence Drudge-Coates, Karin Stenzelius, Jerome Marley

10. The Chair’s goodbye address for Kate Fitzpatrick, IE, Past Chair

“Kate is an outspoken Irish lady, who challenges the other board members. She is also very passionate for urology and for the EAUN. That drive, passion and unselfish desire typifies what EAUN is all about. Her legacy lies in the foresight to bring into focus the Scientific Committee and her commitment to education is second to none. But most importantly she became to us a very dear and delightful friend.” Kate Fitzpatrick is then invited to come and stage to receive a certificate of gratitude, a
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<td><strong>11. Chairman Handover Ceremony</strong></td>
<td>Lawrence: It was an absolute delight to be (vice) chair for 4 years. I’m happy to hand over to Stefano Terzoni from Italy. Stefano you have shown you are a solid guy, and you have the support of the board. The leaving Chair takes the opportunity to say thanks to the delegates for the support of the members and delegates in the years of his chairmanship, as he relinquishes the Chair chain to hand it over to Stefano and welcome him as the new Chair of the EAUN.</td>
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<td><strong>12. Stefano Terzoni, IT, presents himself as incoming Chair</strong></td>
<td>“We have a rock solid foundation, with 15 year membership. I have been on the board since 2013. We don’t do this for ourselves, for our own glory, and I’m not going to do it alone, I have a fantastic team. In the board friendship can be really touched with our hands, it’s an important part of the board. We have a lot of friends. I’m very committed and will do my very best. It’s our association, I will do it with the help of the members, the staff and the complete board.”</td>
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| **13. Open forum** | Chair: We are open for your suggestions, proposals on how to continue our work, and we will start immediately after we return home. 
Tone Hestad Storebø: At the National Societies Meeting we talked about promoting the EAUN and noted that the banner outside shows the EAU Congress only. We would like to have a roll up banner at the entrance, because now the doctors don’t see us, they don’t know about the meeting and they too can promote our meeting. 
Chair: I agree, we talk about collaboration but we also have to make ourselves visible. This is an important suggestion, thank you! |
| **14. Closure** | Thank you for attending the AGM! |