



## **Minutes from GENERAL ASSEMBLY of EWAS**

Friday June 20, 2014 at 12:30-13:00 in Amphi Bleu.

### **1- Introductory remarks from the Secretary General**

Paco Piñal welcomed everybody to the GA.

### **2- Presidential Report**

David Slutsky was absent from the GA, however his report was given the following day, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, between the sessions of the EWAS symposium. The report was on the status of the official journal of EWAS; the JWS (Journal of Wrist Surgery). (Please find the report published at the EWAS' website.)

### **3- Financial Report and new members**

The treasurer was absent, however the financial report was given by Christophe Rizzo. The income has been lower the last year compared to previous years; EWAS will need to ask the members who have not yet paid their fees to do so. The assets of EWAS is approximately € 40,000.00. (Please find the financial report published at the EWAS' website.)

### **4- Internet Report**

Jane Messina gave an orientation of the current status and

informed that work is being performed to update the website with the goal of making it easier to access.

#### **5- Presentation of the Whipple Prize and EWAS junior grant**

Paco Piñal informed that the Whipple Prize was awarded to Christophe Mathoulin at the last EWAS course/meeting in Strasbourg (November 2013). The EWAS junior grant was awarded to Marteen van Nuffel from Belgium. He will be asked to give a presentation at the EWAS symposium 2015 and will receive the grant at the same time.

#### **6- Update on meetings and courses and future directions**

Christophe Mathoulin informed about the constantly growing number of EWAS and EWAS endorsed courses around the world. The first course in the US will be held in 2014. There are plans for new courses in Australia, South America and hopefully India. (Please see the website for an updated list of upcoming courses.)

#### **7- Election of new Executive committee members**

Paco Piñal brought forward the names suggested for the new Executive committee:

President: Andrea Atzei; Italy

Secretary General: Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt; Norway

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: PC Ho, Hong Kong

Past President: David Slutsky, USA

Vice Secretary General: Henk Coert, The Netherlands

Treasurer: Nicole Schmelzer-Schmied, Switzerland

Chairman of IT committee: Jane Messina, Italy

Chairman of Scientific committee: Jean Goubau, Belgium

Chairman of Teaching committee: Christophe Mathoulin, France

Chairman of FD committee: Philippe Liverneaux, France

The advisory board:

Paco Piñal (chairman), Christophe Mathoulin, Max Haerle, Riccardo Luchetti

All the suggested members were voted by unanimity.

### **8- Creation of Advisory Board**

Max Haerle gave a brief orientation regarding an Advisory Board to be created. The purpose of this is to serve the Executive Committee with advices in discussions regarding new ideas and future perspectives. (For further details, please see the new, approved By-laws.)

The creation of an Advisory Board was voted by unanimity.

### **9- Presentation of the Journal of Wrist Surgery, conditions of agreement and results of the pool**

Paco Piñal gave a brief orientation about the agreement with the publishers of JWS. EWAS will have to pay an increasing amount of Euros for each active member; in return the EWAS members should receive the journal. (This agreement had already been discussed at the last year's GA in Turkey.)

### **10- Future location of EWAS**

Max Haerle informed about the need for a relocation of EWAS. After a brief orientation there was a vote where the board of EWAS was given the authority to work on this issue and then to decide where to locate our organization. As is the case for IFSSH and FESSH, EWAS is also looking into the possibility to be based in Switzerland.

### **11- Need for a secretary-function within EWAS**

Max Haerle and Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt gave an orientation/background for hiring a professional part-time secretary for EWAS. There is a need for updating the list of members, keeping track of payment of the fees, reminding those who do not pay to pay, "warning" those who do not pay that they might be excluded after two years without

payment (according to the By-laws), providing JWS with a list of the members who have paid and that should receive the journal, etc. A brief meeting has been held between Studio Progress (Brescia, Italy) and council members of EWAS; Studio Progress is interested in the task and will also be willing to take care of our web-site.

After the orientation the GA gave the board of EWAS the authority to carry on with the negotiations with Studio Progress and finalize an agreement.

## **12- Decision of membership fee (including subscription of JWS)**

Paco Piñal informed that the membership fee will increase to € 50 a year (according to last year's discussions at the GA in Turkey).

## **13- By-laws**

The proposed changes of our By-laws have been posted on our web-site to allow for the EWAS members to review the changes. There were minor comments (change "he" or "she" to "he/she", etc); except from that the new By-laws were passed.

**The next GA will be held at the FESSH congress in Milan, June, 2015.**

Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt

Secretary General of EWAS