



European Society of Aerospace Medicine

12th GENERAL ASSEMBLY of ESAM European Society of Aerospace Medicine - 2018

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 11:00 – 13:00hs - National house of Vinohrady, Prague



1. Welcome by the President, Dr Anthony Wagstaff

The President of ESAM opened the General Assembly meeting greeting the members, associated members and observers, noting to be pleased by the presence of so many attendees at a Sunday morning and after an extensive 3-days conference ECAM6.

2. Self-introduction of the attending Associations, including notification of proxy nominations

The following Associations were represented at the General Assembly and presented themselves. The voting rights are also displayed below:

	Voting rights
Aeromedical Association of Belgium	Yes
Croatian Society of Aviation Medicine	Proxy
French Society of Aviation and Space Medicine	Yes
Georgian Group of Aviation Medical Experts	Yes
German Association of Aeromedical Examiners	Yes
German Society of Aviation and Space Medicine	Yes
Irish Society of Aviation Medicine	Yes
Italian Aerospace Medical Association	Yes
Italian Society of Aerospace Psychiatry and Psychology	Yes
Macedonian Society of Aerospace Medicine	Yes
Moldavian Association of Aviation Medicine	Yes
Netherlands Association for Aviation Medicine	Yes
Norwegian Association of Aviation Medicine	Yes
Portuguese Aerospace Medicine Society – SMAPor	Yes
Romanian Civilian Aeromedical Examiners Association	Yes
Romanian Society of Aerospace Medicine	Yes
AMDA Aviation Medicine Doctors Association	Yes
Spanish Society of Aerospace Medicine	Yes
Turkish Aerospace Medical Association	Yes
UK Association of Aviation Medical Examiners	Yes
Group of Aeromedical Examiner of Ukraine	Proxy
Eurocontrol	-
AsMA	-

Two representatives of the Civil Aviation Administration of China were present and expressed their honour to take part of the General Assembly as Observers.

3. Reports from:

3.1 President - Dr Anthony Wagstaff

The President made a review of the objectives, plans, strategy and specific working items of the European Society of Aerospace Medicine, mentioning the importance of ESAM in participating and contributing to international meetings and congresses. ESAM is currently formed by 46 members associations from 34 countries in the field of aerospace medicine, and includes professionals from AMEs, government, AMCs, military, research and others groups and associations.

In addition, Anthony introduced the Executive Committee 2016-2018 and the Advisory Board Committee, emphasising the workings of the AB on scientific matters, positioning papers, disseminating information, participating in working groups, scientific committees etc. The new head of ABC is Dr Trond-Eirik Strand.

The President reported on some specific issues that has distinguished the work and contribution of ESAM during the past office term of the Executive Committee:

- ESAM was one of 5 organisations in Aerospace medicine joining a response letter to article on aerotoxic syndrome.
- Leaflet on Pilot and AME relationship that was adopted by the Austro-Asian society.
- Contribution to two EASA leaflets on AME working relationships and use of medication in the aviation environment.
- Input to EASA working groups as well as ICAO, which are also using ESAM as source of information.

Meetings and conferences with participation and/or cooperation of ESAM:

- EPPSI Peer Support Workshop in Frankfurt, Germany, June 2018, organised by the European Pilot Peer Support Initiative
- Several panels held by ESAM at AsMA in Dallas, USA, May 2018, which is most important platform to promote and disseminate scientific discussions
- ESAM panel at ICASM 2017 in Rome, Italy, with good feedback
- ECAM6 in Prague, Czech Republic, 20-22 September 2018, with 351 registrations from 52 nations, and presentation of 16 papers from military, 16 civil associations and 11 universities
- ESAM will be present at the AMDA conference in Moscow, Russia, October 2018
- Collaboration with several societies for the organisation of the 1st International Conference of Aerospace Medicine – ICAM – taking place in Paris, September 2020. This event aims to be the major aerospace medicine conference in EU so far.

Anthony also stressed that ESAM is seeking to expand and welcomes active professionals willing to contribute voluntarily and liaise with other associations in order to disseminate aerospace medical knowledge and scientific research. It was also highlighted that for the first time ECAM6 sponsored de participation of medical students in the congress. ESAM sees this as an important strategy to be expanded in coming years, in order to encourage and incentive young professionals to follow the aerospace medical path.

3.2 Secretary General - Dr Felice Strollo

The Secretary General Dr Felice Strollo reported on the new members and welcomed the associations:

- AMDA Russia
- Estonian-Latvian-Lithuanian Society of Aviation Medicine
- Macedonian Society of Aerospace Medicine
- Montenegro Association of Aerospace Medicine

ESAM is seeking future members from diverse countries, as well as associations of professionals linked to aerospace medicine.

In addition, Felice gave a detailed report of the past tasks and activities of the Secretary General, mentioning:

- ESAM historical records are now scanned and archived
- Continued updating of the members associations contact list
- ESAM external representatives at AsMA and EASA
- ESSI representatives
- EC meetings that took place from September 2016 to July 2018.

In continuation, it was also highlighted that ESAM EC works in strong support and cooperation, which helps to attenuate the busy schedule of each member. In order to record and focus on the allocated tasks, an action list was introduced in 2017 and is updated after each EC meeting. However, the most important aspect binding all members of the EC is the friendly atmosphere in which the discussions and decisions are taken.

Finally, Felice also introduced to the GA the new ESAM administrative assistant, Ms Susan Schulien, who will support the EC in organising activities, updating members contact lists, keeping records, checking actions list, and other administrative tasks as required.

3.3 Treasurer - Dr Jochen Hinkelbein

Jochen gave a very detailed report on the financial situation, starting with 1st January 2017 by accounting earnings and expenses, and finalising the year 2017 with a deficit difference earnings/spending of -13,740.04 EUR due to unforeseen costs for ECAM5 in 2016.

Therefore, on 1st January 2018 ESAM had:

On the savings account:	39,347.73 EUR
On the checking account:	<u>8,629.19 EUR</u>
Altogether:	47,976.92 EUR

Balance 2018:

Expenses EC/AB meetings	-3,593.39 EUR
AsMA ExCom	-3,988.34 EUR
Bank account fees	-75.50 EUR
Other expenses	-119.00 EUR
Conference material	-4,579.00 EUR
Expenses tax consultant	<u>-1,264.38 EUR</u>
Expenses altogether:	-13,619.61 EUR

Earnings membership fees	14,073.50 EUR
Plus for organisations	400.00 EUR

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In summary, to-date (23.09.2018) ESAM has:

On the savings account:	39,347.73 EUR
On the checking account:	<u>9,483.08 EUR</u>
Altogether:	48,830.81 EUR

Jochen concluded that ESAM will finish the year 2018 in a good and stable financial situation. It was remarked that the expenses for the sponsorship of the students to participate in the ECAM6 were already accounted for in the figures presented above.

Summing up, Anthony commented that the finances of ESAM are in healthy shape and the savings account is an assurance for difficult times if needed.

The auditor Dr Carla Ledderhos confirmed that she had the opportunity to previously scrutinise the financial report and has no further remarks. She is pleased by such a detailed account that leaves no doubt on the sound financial situation of ESAM. The treasurer did a good job.

3.4 Director – ESAM liaison with CIS countries – Dr Elena Cataman

ESAM Director Dr Elena Cataman gave a comprehensive presentation on the on-going activities as liaison representative for CIS countries, which encompasses Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

As to-date, there are no binding aerospace medicine legislation for these countries. Rules and documents are implemented upon decision of each state or are used as recommended practices only. The EU has well-known regulations and guidelines but there is poor information what is happening in the eastern associations.

Therefore the collaboration between associations and specialists from states that use different systems is of utmost importance to promote flight safety, and ESAM is keen to provide valuable support in this regard.

Elena reported on the following aviation medicine issues in CIS countries:

- Regulation on medical examination and dynamic medical supervision of certified aviation personnel;
- Regulation on medical examination of ground aviation personnel who works in harmful conditions in aviation;
- Mental health and psychological assessment;
- Aviation medicine training;
- Standards for medical services of airport;
- Unification of First and Emergency medical kits on-board the aircraft;

- Sanitary and epidemiological issues including:
 - Spread of communicable diseases and involvement in ICAO CAPSCA project;
 - Hygiene standards of catering services and food on-board the aircraft.

4. Nomination Committee Report and presentation of candidates for Executive Committee – Dr Lilla Ungvary

Due to time constraints this item was brought forward in the Agenda in order to ensure the election of the Executive Committee be carried out in proper manner.

With exception of the post of President, all other post of the EC members were open for election.

Of the 29 members associations entitled to vote, 19 associations were presented at the GA and represented by a member. Two associations provided proxy votes. This numbers allowed the election to take place according to the Statutes.

The head of the Nomination Committee Dr Lilla Ungvary presented the candidates who were invited to introduce themselves and give a brief background information of their activity and how they intend to contribute to the future of ESAM. The post of Vice-President was contested by two candidates, the remainder had only one candidate.

The election process was guided by Lilla, assisted by members of the Nomination Committee. The members associations present at the GA and entitled to vote were provided with the ballot paper for each open position.

4.1 Presentation of the final election results of the EC election

1st Vice President	Dr Francisco Rios Tejada
2nd Vice President	Dr Olga Verba
General Secretary	Dr Felice Strollo
Communication Director	Dr Goran Bogdanowski
Treasurer	Dr Jochen Hinkelbein
Director without portfolio	Dr Elena Cataman

Moreover, the positions for auditors and members of the nomination committee were also open for new occupancy. The following candidates were proposed and accepted their nomination:

Auditors:	Dr Carla Ledderhos Dr Marc-André Polet
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Nomination Committee:	Dr Roland Vermeiren Dr Cristian Panait Dr Lilla Ungváry
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5. Advisory Board Committee Report - Dr Trond-Eirik Strand

Members of the Advisory Board:

- Dr Trond-Eirik Strand, Chair (taking over from Dr Ries Simons)
- Dr Ries Simons, Member
- Dr Stefan Drechsel, Secretary
- Dr. René Maire. Member
- Dr. Olivier Manen, Member
- Dr Olga Verba, Co-opted member
- Dr Claudia Stern, Co-opted member
- Dr Martin Hudson, Co-opted member

Dr Trond-Eirik Strand informed again about the change of chairman of the Advisory Board Committee, highlighting that the task to fill-in the shoes of Dr Ries Simon as Chair will be difficult due to his outstanding contribution to the scientific community in general. However, Ries will continue to be involved at the AB as member, therefore assuring the continuity of the high quality work of the ESAM AB

Some of the past and current activities of the Advisory Board:

- ECAM6 in Prague, including a very successful Aeromedical Examiners Workshop
- ESAM lunch time meeting at AsMA on 9th May 2018
- ESAM Panel at ICASM 2017
- EPPSI Peer Support Workshop, June 2018
- Contribution to ICAO Working group on color vision, alcohol, human factors, mental health
- ESAM as part of the space medicine group
- Involved in safety promotion as contributor to the EASA leaflets:
 - AME working relations
 - Use of medication in the aviation environment.

Trond-Eirik took also the opportunity to stress the importance of ESAM to establish itself as basis for scientific knowledge in aerospace medicine in Europe. Having this in mind the AB intends to strengthen the ties with the members associations, associated organisations and observers in order to create an open channel to better exchange information, disseminate and promote the activities of ESAM.

6. ICAM 2020 in Paris – Dr Vincent Feuille

Dr Vincent Feuille, representing the organisation committee, gave a presentation to update the attendees on the on-going preparations for the next congress in aerospace medicine to take place in Paris, in 2020. This congress aims to introduce a new format, involving not only European but also American, Asian and African organisations, therefore the change of name from “European” to “International Congress in Aerospace Medicine – ICAM”.

The congress will be organised with the help of the MCI-Group specialised in events management. Several venues are currently under selection and being evaluated, in order to best accommodate the needs of the participants. The selection encompasses not only the venue for the congress but also for side events such as the scientific dinner, the gala dinner and several workshops.

The organisations committee hopes to attract up to 1000 participants, therefore opening the door for new challenging dimensions for ESAM.

7. Final remarks and closure

Prior to the closing remarks, Dr Husnu Onus representing the Turkish Aerospace Medical Association, invited the EC and asked the support of the members associations to consider Istanbul, Turkey, as location for the ECAM in 2022. Anthony thanked the proposal assuring that ESAM will gladly take it into consideration, however any decision in this regard will be made later towards the end of 2019.

Finally, the ESAM President closed the General Assembly by thanking all the participants, members and associations for the good cooperation. The representatives of the associations also took the opportunity to express their thanks for the reported activities, emphasising the good work performed by the EC.

The General Assembly closed at 13:00hs.

MoM prepared by: Susan (Assistant)

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