



Executive Committee Meeting European Society of Aerospace Medicine - 2018

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 13:30 - 15:00hs - National house of Vinohrady, Prague

Attendees:	Anthony Wagstaff	President
	Olga Verba	2 nd Vice-President (newly elected)
	Elena Cataman	Director (re-elected)
	Goran Bogdanovski	Director Communication (newly elected)
	Felice Strollo	Secretary (re-elected)
	Jochen Hinkelbein	Treasurer (re-elected)
	Roland Vermeiren	Co-opted member, President of AsMA
	Cristian Panait	Observer (newly appointed)
	Susan Schulien	Assistant

Apologies: Francisco Rios Tejada 1st Vice-President (newly elected)

Overview:

This was a brief meeting organised after the General Assembly, in which the election of new members of the Executive Committee (EC) took place. The main aim was to introduce the newly elected members of the Executive Committee, discuss and define ESAM activities for 2019.

1. Welcome by the President

Anthony greeted the attendees, thanking all the ESAM team and specially the organisation committee for their invaluable contribution and efforts in preparing and carrying out the ECAM6 that ended successfully the previous day, 22nd September. He also welcomed the new and the re-elected members of the EC (please refer to the list of attendees above). All of them accepted their appointment. Francisco accepted it via phone since due to travel arrangements he was not able to attend the EC meeting.

2. Topics discussed:

2.1 Members of EC and AB – changes

Anthony thanked again the EC members that did not stand for re-election according to the Statutes but their continuing commitment to ESAM is unbroken. Therefore the following proposals were put on the table:

- Cristian Panait (former Director of Communication): proposed to continue in the position of Observer;
- Declan Maher (former First Vice-President): proposed to continue as Co-opted member;
- Vincent Feuillie (former Second Vice-President): proposed to continue as Co-opted member.

All proposals were approved unanimously.

Anthony also commented and regretted the resignation of Lars Tjensvoll as Co-opted member. Unfortunately Lars is no longer able to dedicate himself to ESAM due to other professional and personal commitments. Anthony thanked Lars for his outstanding contribution to ESAM.

In addition, it was also mentioned that Ries Simons is resigning as Chair of the Advisory Board, which is now occupied by the Co-Chair, Trond-Eirik Strand. Fortunately Ries will continue as Co-Chair to be an active member of the ESAM AB as his contribution to the scientific community of ESAM is exceptional. It is worth mentioning that Ries received the “Chevalier of the Order of ESAM” medal at the open ceremony of ECAM6.

Summary: Current Co-opted member: Roland, Declan and Vincent.
Observer: Cristian
Resignation Co-opted member: Lars
AB Chair: Trond-Eirik, taking over from Ries.

2.2 Finances

Jochen raised the question on how ESAM would like to proceed in future concerning travel expenses for EC members to participate in meetings and congresses. It would help if a clear guideline could be drafted in order to better forecast future budget needs.

After some deliberations it was agreed to maintain for the moment the current approach: whenever possible the EC and Co-opted members should travel in the position of representatives of their organisation/association, with mission expenses covered accordingly. However, should a financial impediment arise for any of the members, the EC may take decision considering case-by-case and respective priority.

Due to time constraints the budget for 2019 shall be discussed during the next EC meeting (dates and location not yet available).

Jochen also noted the need to register the changes of the new EC members at the registry office in Cologne. This task will be concluded as soon as possible.

2.3 Next Meetings and Conferences

EC needs to plan the meetings for 2019. Following issues were addressed:

- Preference should be given to weekly days adjoining a weekend (e.g. Friday and Saturday) as not to impinge so much on normal working schedules
- Next EC Meeting at the AMDA, Moscow, in October. Someone need to take the notes
- Following EC meeting proposal: mid-January (Germany, Cologne?)
- Good opportunities to schedule further meetings:
 - AsMA in Las Vegas – 5 to 9 May 2019
 - ICASM in Hungary – 8 to 12 September 2019 – would also be a good occasion to schedule the General Assembly, as the election of the new President is due.

Cristian was assigned the task to establish a “Doodle” in order to better determine the most appropriate dates for the EC meetings 2019.

The EC Meeting closed at 14:45hs

MoM prepared by: Susan (Assistant)

MoM approved by: EC Meeting, Moscow, October 20, 2018