



European Society of Aerospace Medicine

ESAM

Minutes for the meeting of the Executive Committee of ESAM ZOOM meeting 18th May 2021 18:00 CEST

(Advisory board members welcome)

Time: Tuesday 18th May 18:00 – 21:00 CEST

Venue: ZOOM meeting

Attendees EC:

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| • Declan Maher | President |
| • Olga Verba | 1 st Vice-President |
| • Steffen Kerkhoff | Treasurer |
| • Goran Bogdanovsko | Director of Communication |
| • Elena Cataman | Director |
| • Antonello Furia | Secretary |

Attendees AB:

- Claudia Stern
- Martin Hudson
- Cristian Panait
- Anthony Wagstaff
- Trond-Eirik Strand
- Roland Vermeiren
- Vincent Feuillie

Minutes

1. **Welcome by the President**

Declan welcomed all and opened the virtual meeting.

2. **Adoption of agenda**

The Agenda was accepted. The upcoming election for a new president elect is considered of upmost importance.

3. **Draft minutes from the EC meeting in ZOOM Meeting 10th November 2020**

There was general acceptance of the GA minutes and any further comments should be posted to Steffen for the notary.

4. **Overview / actions of previous EC meetings**

The German Embassy in Dublin agreed to act as notary in the matter of the change of the EC, the president, and the treasurer. Unfortunately, the next appointment for further clarification will only be on 2nd June which is interfering with the ICAM meeting. The president will update the EC on this matter later.

5. **AMDA activities**

The last conference of aviation medicine (in Russia) was held on April 15. The following topics were discussed:

- COVID response – aviation medicine during pandemic
- AMDA participation in the development of ICAO guidelines and CAPSCA working group
- new Russian regulations in aviation medicine
- Doctors onboard – new project launched by S7 Airline (One World Alliance)

The EC discusses the current situation in Russia regarding penalties and insurance issues of physicians conducting medical actions onboard and inside Russian airspace – according to Olga the circumstances have improved significantly. The regulations now allow physicians to take medical actions onboard and insurances are covering medical help onboard. Furthermore, the AMDA provides online courses and is developing movies preparing partaking physicians for medical actions onboard.

6. **ESAM Academy – update**

The IAASM sent a letter to the ESAM academy suggesting renaming ESAM academy. The proposal is considered by the academy board and will be responded when a decision could be reached. Anthony continues to work on opening a bank account for the academy.

7. **Use of ZOOM Webinar facility**

The president will keep paying for the Zoom license for webinars. The next Webinar is planned for September.

8. **Eurocontrol Invalidation Committee reminder**

ESAM recently signed up to help Eurocontrol finding candidates for an expert panel on Invalidation. This would occur in the rare circumstance that a patient does not exercise the right to choose one out three doctors of a respective expert panel representing him/her in the decision process of an Invalidation. ESAM could therefore find suitable candidates sitting in the expert panel on behalf of ESAM. Accordingly, Roland raises the question about composing a text to be signed by the patient to fulfill legal requirements. The issue is will be brought to Eurocontrols attention.

9. **EPPSI: brief report**

The president reads out the EPPSI brief report. It follows a discussion about the status in the notion of the standardization of accreditation of aviation psychologists (status is not legally protected yet). Accordingly, no progress could be reached, generally due to a lack of support on the side of the EAAP. Christian will update the EC later about an official position of the EAAP.

10. **EASA**

EAMR: Cristian updates the EC about the timeline of the implementation of the EAMR. EASA Safety committee directors approved to an official Go-live on 1th June, although some of the training sessions will be after this date. Training sessions (online via Webex) for the medical assessor of the NAA's on an earlier stage are currently targeted. Webex webinars could be recorded and possibly added into a video that could be used by the authorities for training of their AME's saving time for the respective qualification proceeding. Mandatory use of the EAMR is considered starting from 1th October, but could be postponed to a later starting date.

SIB for FCL and ATCO: Roland summarizes the current discussion between MIB and SAB and EASA about turning away from a sector-based structure of the SIB. A new concept was recently proposed by EASA which includes smaller steering groups pooling the expertise of about 6 experts per group and representing one field of interest. The steering group then could send experts to particular working groups. The new proceeding structure aims to cut costs and enhance efficiency. Concerns are raised by Roland that less people will be informed about the work in the different key subjects. Further, smaller fields of expertise could not be represented in certain working groups due to the small number of designated representatives. In terms of aviation medicine this would result in an exclusion from the working processes in e.g., GA, Commercial Aviation and ATM.

Cristian presents an EASA project to involve ESAM into the health certification process of aircrafts which includes e.g., medical investigation on new repellent surfaces or disinfection of airplane interior areas. Therefore, a full-time medical physician would be needed working for EASA. A respective job posting will be published at the beginning of June.

Additionally, two research projects were approved for EASA, on:

1. the search for an approved mental health assessment for pilots and ATCOS
2. the search for new treatments and diagnostic measures for the cardiovascular system and the search for new technologies, automated systems and their safety onboard regarding insulin treated diabetes of aviation staff

11. **ICAM 2022 - news or status**

The EC discusses the current confusion about a UK based conference in London around the same time in 2022 with similar name. The webmaster will be contacted to try directing online searches for ICAM Paris to the right website to avoid misunderstandings.

Vincent presents the ICAM budget. Roland and Vincent update the EC about the current status of inviting Guillaume Fauray and Thomas Pesquet to the ICAM 2022.

12. **AsMA meeting and collaboration.**

The majority of the EC cannot attend the AsMA meeting in Denver due to COVID-19 travel restrictions and/or schedule conflicts. For some members of the EC the possibility of attendance is still unclear.

An ESAM lunchtime meeting in Denver is considered unlikely due to too less people attending the conference from Europe. Alternatively, a hybrid meeting with people on site and via zoom simultaneously is proposed.

13. **Website status**

The ESAM Website is supposed to be updated including CV and pictures of the EC.

14. **Advisory board report**

Trond-Eirik is updating the EC about the activities of the AB. No news.

15. **Treasurer's status report (Steffen) Update of ESAM Officers and German Courts.**

The treasurer sent out the invoices to the national societies after the last ESAM EC meeting. In this process the contact database proved to be outdated. Consequently, the EC discusses to implement a special membership status (free or fee-based) for individual members of national associations. The ESAM Website could provide a secured area for information exchange. Members could benefit from information sent by ESAM directly. In return, ESAM could legally gather email addresses of individual members and therefore improve up-to-dateness of its database by improving exchange of information with the member states.

In this context the EC discusses Goran's proposal to hire a full-time professional secretary (business manager) supporting Declan as well as the other members of the EC. He refers to AsMA and Jeff

Sventek as paradigm example. The EC agrees to postpone the discussion until the next non-virtual meeting.

Goran will contact the webmaster clarifying if adding a secure push-email function to the ESAM Website would be possible.

16. **Assistant's Status.**

Felix is welcomed as new Administrative Assistant.

17. **Next meeting of the EC**

The next EC meeting is planned for early October, hopefully non-virtual. In the meantime, another Zoom meeting could be set up.

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