

European Airway Management Society

EAMS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2009 MINUTES

The 2009 EAMS General Assembly was held between 17:30 and 19:00 on Sunday, 7 June in Room Pink1 at Milano Convention Centre, via G.Gattamelata 5, Milan with the following **Agenda**:

- 1. Minutes of the previous General Assembly, Copenhagen 2008**
- 2. President's report**
- 3. Secretary's report**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. EAMS Strasburg relocation and Bylaws amendments**
- 6. Council Members and Country new adhesions: 2010 re-election**
- 7. EAMS activities with ESA "19SC Airway management" (members start and finish date)**
- 8. EAMS provided activities 2008/2009 and new projects planned**
- 9. Any other business**

The meeting was attended by John Henderson (UK), Pierre Diemunsch (France), Peter Biro (Switzerland), Flavia Petrini (Italy), Marcus Weiss (Switzerland), Georges Salvoldelli (France), Dominique Boisson Bertrand (France), Michael Seltz Kristensen (Denmark), Janjevic Dusanka (Serbia), Massimiliano Sorbello (Italy), Pablo Ingelmo (Italy), Ankie Hamaekers (The Netherlands), Pejakov Lubica (Montenegro), Biloana Shirgoska (Mk), Arndt Tiemmermann (Germany), Brian Harte, Tekin Murat, Aurika Karbonskiene.

Some others attended, but did not sign the paper passed round for this purpose.

1. Minutes of the previous General Assembly, Copenhagen 2008

The President Pierre Diemunsch welcomes all and remember that all active Members had received by E-mail the Minutes from EAMS GA in Copenhagen2008, the Newsletter and the President's Report. The President asks for the Minutes of the Copenhagen GA: approved.

2. President's report

Pierre Diemunsch has taken on the responsibility of transferring the official location to Strasbourg. There have been some problems to solve. French law about tax-free organisations requires a larger committee structure than does German law. Over many years Ulrich Braun has made annual reports for the German tax authorities and PD thanks him for continuing this work to cover the bureaucraties.

The President lists the summary of the main events that took place in our European Airway Management Society since the last meeting in Copenhagen. The continuity of our activities as initiated by the precedent Boards has been followed very respectfully; nevertheless, some changes occurred in perfect harmony with the EAMS spirit.

At the last ESA meeting in Copenhagen, the EAMS scientific activities were conducted in the frame of the ESA 19 Subcommittee (Airway Management). Thanks to the exceptional skills of our Past President John Henderson, the relations between EAMS and ESA became even closer, not only for the Annual Meeting but also since EAMS is now as a full Subcommittee, the SC 19. Many functions which EAMS has performed for ESA are now performed by ESA SC19. However the people are largely the same and the two organisations share the same ethos. ESA SC19 depends on EAMS

personnel. However, SC19 is answerable to ESA. ESA may suggest members to the SC19 Chairperson, and new personnel must be ratified by ESA. No problems are anticipated with this structure. The special feature of this venture is that the EAMS still remains a specific and self conducting entity, but with all the prerogatives and fruitful connections offered by consisting of a subgroup of the ESA. EAMS maintains its own membership and council. It runs its own Council Meeting and General Assembly and Web site. It is involved independently in helping organise airway meetings in various countries in and outside Europe.

We are particularly proud and thankful to the ESA Board for this proof of consideration and trust.

As far as the Copenhagen meeting is concerned, EAMS – SC19 participated particularly actively in the SP under the Chair of John. The Society presented three refresher courses, two symposia and two workshops on Airway Management Guidelines across Europe. The comparison proved really interesting and was brightly presented by Giulio Frova. As usual, EAMS officers also acted as Chairpersons and moderators at different free paper sessions about our topic. A special thank to Elizabeth Beringher from LA who very kindly gave a hand in this matter.

During our Council Meeting, we welcomed new members and had the pleasure of the visit of two Chinese colleagues. No obstacle is seen for having them as associate members in the EAMS. During the General Assembly, after the treasurer's report clear and straightforward as usual when done by Peter Biro, Peter passed the flag to Markus Weiss as new Treasurer. Thanks a lot Peter for an outstanding job at the service of this Society.

Flavia Petrini gave the secretary's address and John Henderson gave his last report as President, ending his presentation by passing the flag to myself.

The EAMS supported many medical meetings and members of the Society gave lectures and conducted workshops devoted to airway management in many meetings and countries.

In this frame, John Henderson acted in Albania, Israel and Russia. Peter Biro was our ambassador in Israel and Serbia, Bulgaria, Russia, Montenegro and Romania. Other meetings where the EAMS was active include the SIVA Winter Meeting in Crans Montana and the STAAR Meeting in Hammamet, Tunisia. Ongoing contacts for participations of the EAMS at airway meetings are in progress with our Turkish friends, namely Kamil Toker.

One particular event was the organisation by the EAMS of the Airway Management Workshop of the ISICEM Meeting in March 2009 in Brussels. This meeting is the number one worldwide for intensive care and we could present a twelve stations workshop staffed by members and non members of the EAMS. This session was very successful and was supported by Ambu, Cook, KarlStorz and Covidien Companies.

The EAMS Board Meeting took place in Strasbourg on December 11 2008. The transfer of the legal location of the Society in Strasbourg became official a few days before. This transfer was a bit difficult and needed the rotation of a letter for signature by the founding members. Thanks to the swift cooperation of everyone, we finally got registered at the Strasbourg Court. The new address of the EAMS is at the Department of Anaesthesia, Hôpital Universitaire de Hautepierre, 67000 Strasbourg, France. Conversely, the location of the bank account does not change. It stays in Zurich and this is really convenient since the past and present treasurers live in that very city.

During this Board Meeting, many aspects of our activities were addressed. The 2010 Subcommittee 19 - EAMS Euroanaesthesia program was briefly introduced. New directions for actions were presented as the participation in the ESA Guidelines, the

introduction of research programs coordinated by the EAMS, and the "exportation" of the knowhow of the Society in teaching as for instance at the ISICEM meeting. The "Covidien Airway Course" has been presented. This project is currently dormant.

Adrian Pearce kindly accepted to act as the Webmaster for EAMS again, until another good will becomes ready to take over this important task.

The annual EAMS dinner was sponsored yesterday by the Ambu Company and was the occasion to meet the Board members. We were honoured by the presence of Jennie Hunter and we have to thank the Ambu Company for the kind support.

The Board discussed a lot about the improvement of EAMS activities. EAMS is proud to include such a big number of Countries. One of the expected result is the improvement of communication between the Board and the Council through the members community: the Board suggests to the Council Members to adopt a rotation to cover this role.

Within the frame of the ESA, the EAMS Board members were again in charge of reviewing the Airway related abstracts, this time for the Milan ESA Annual Meeting. This work is very interesting but somewhat time consuming and the deadlines are quite short. The effort was done in due time and at the satisfaction of the ESA Officers. The support program, for the formation of National and local airway management interest groups or societies has been continued.

Thanks to Flavia and John this year, we have had our first independent from Industries conflicts ESA SC19 Hands-on Airway Workshop at the Euroanaesthesia here in Milan. This organization has been a huge amount of work in order to define the topics, find the experts, and convince the Industries to participate. We were all very excited to see the achievement of the "Hands On" experts invited and to actively participate to this new EAMS project. presented 6 difficult scenarios has been organized by the 19SC ESA, which is the formal recognition of the EAMS contribution and role, with great participation: 72 participants were expected (pre-paying 48 Euro, meaning the topic is "felt"), and a total of **94 participants** were recorded, with **26 experts acting as teachers** and tutors, **plus 20 people from exhibitors as further support**.

Indeed, after this first issue in Milan, voluntarily limited in the number of attendees, we expect to run Hands-on airway Workshops on a larger scale from the Helsinki 2010 meeting on.

PD refers further about the great appreciation for the WS by Jennie Hunter, as a responsible for SPC (Scientific Programme Committee), and for the ESA decision to involve the 19SC into the development of future ESA "Guidelines on preoperative evaluation of the patient", with reference to airway risk and management of the planned difficulties. PD asks for support from anybody: a survey has been proposed by Tibi Ezri to discover which differences are lying between Countries in practice patterns and organization.

3. Secretary's report

FP reports on the Hands-on Workshop. Preparing for it was hard, but for the first time it was organized by ESA 19SC, free from industrial conflicts of interest. About the role covered by the Industries and commercial exhibitors, something can be improved for the future. This point was discussed during the EAMS Council, yesterday. Despite their precious help, it was underlined the EAMS independency. R.Greif aroused a provocative question: "Which is the aim for the workshop? Showing devices?" FP does not think so: it was a test for the teachers, and a model for improvement. So she enforces the need for feedback from instructors. E In any case it was an opportunity for people to meet the experts and for experts to meet themselves, on a topic which is really

felt. PB underlined that despite their presence, the workshop, thanks to EAMS delegates skill and competencies, was very high levelled and “scientifically independent”, though being very “companies supported”, which is very important as EAMS is not economically independent. *In any case the result has been judged by ESA SPC very good and encouraging for next year, probably with a wider number of members and with CME credits.* FP (as President of the Euroanaesthesia NOC, National Organizing Committee) tried to get it but the National system for CME activities needs a payment from a national economical entity (and ESA was not yet); Italian VAT amount paid on registration fees was considered too high during the Milan Congress.

FP thanks J Henderson for great work with Industries connection for the workshop and all the Tutors, first of all Massimiliano Sorbello for precious help in last minute problems solving. She underlines the nature of the Workshop as an “experiment” with *room for future improvements: possibility to subscribe on site, to consider travel delays for opening hour, possible participants splitting on experience basis, need to organize last minute acceptance/refusals and need for email feedback from participants accordingly to the ASA model described by E Behringer* (she appreciated the ESA Hands-on WS and asked for future cooperation to obtain reciprocal improvements) *and future options to come out with a dedicated workshop booklet on behalf of EAMS into ESA (an idea from M. Weiss).*

PB suggest to ask for a “feedback form” from teachers for next year workshop.

For the next year will change the role of ESA itself. FP refers of future decisions of ESA (the second Congresses, for the 2009 in Budapest, more “teaching oriented” and with lower costs and fees to help the “developing countries” of the eastern block; the new Research Committee; the Guidelines production; the ESAACS new economic entity, etc.). FP further refers of the recent UEMS decision to make Emergency Medicine as an independent specialty, suggesting EAMS to express an official position on this. FP underline that the Italian group is working about this topic; Danish Guidelines has been published in 2008 and Germanic efforts are in the same direction.

4. Treasurer’s report

Markus Weiss summarizes economic situation, a san heritage of great work by PB. Only two Members escaped and we have more than 35 new applications, with a total amount of 225 members, 26 of which from 13 non-European Countries.

MW recalls the different ways to pay annual fees:

- IBAN code and international bank transfer
- Paypal (email required) with an extra of 3 euros
- Cash during assemblies.

The treasurer underlines the problem of members which are not regularly paying annual fees. *As a possible strategy to surround the problem, MW suggest to abolish any past payment for years previous to 2009 if the debt is more than five years, with the only 2009 fee being due; he further suggests to send an email with a kind of application form to be filled to renew membership, but in any case an email to which, in case of non response, will produce immediate erasure from EAMS.*

As a secondary point, MW reports some complaints by EAMS members which were not elected for official charges or in the Board, complaining they would deserve/need “to be more powerful”; starting on this MW and the Board arise the provocative question of “what advantages being an EAMS member and paying an annual fee?”

Membership number and attractive were discussed during the Council meeting; the general feeling is that the number should go up in the future when some more services will be offered.

As a starting point, and not mentioning benefits included in assemblies and Workshops participation, MW advices to produce a kind of Newsletter.

5. EAMS Strasburg relocation and Bylaws amendments

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6. Council Members and Country new adhesions: 2010 re-election

The Council discussed how to involve all the EAMS members (including those not English speakers) in society activities, including the teaching and supporting Countries one.

A Council Member rotation and exchange was suggested and it was decided a dead line for December 2009: Council representative members to be confirmed or rotation.

7. EAMS activities with ESA “19SC Airway management”

The proposal is to include Marcus Weiss and Brian Harte in 19 SC; PD supported this idea with Jennie Hunter and she approved this line of conduct. The dead line for submitting will be around 1st October 2009.

FP refers about fees (500 Euro) asked by ESA to the affiliate Societies; JH underlines the different role of EAMS, since the constitution of 19SC.

PB attended the last 19SC in Brussels, since PD asked him.

One of the hot topic for ESA and UEMS, since the WHO report “Surgery save lifes” is Safety: Joint session cooperation were suggested between, and a joint activity between 19SC and 17SC (Safety) has been proposed by PD and welcomed by ESA for future sessions and RC.

New topics for Euroanaesthesia Sessions were submitted to the ESA SPC (Benedict Pannen is the new Chair) and the September Board meeting will list other suggestions for the ESA SPC.

The past year suggestions have been discussed and agreed by the SPC in the spring ESA meeting (Peter Biro was in Brussels in march) as follows.

The next year Euroanaesthesia will include:

Saturday 13:00-13:45 **19RC1 Refresher course**, introduced by: John Henderson

Sedation for FOB: How, pros and cons (Nicholas Woodall, Norwich, UK)

Saturday 15:00-15:45 **19RC2 Refresher course**, introduced by: Pierre A. Diemunsch

Airway Management and Morbid Obesity (Michael Seltz Kristensen. Copenhagen, Denmark)

Sunday 8:30-10:00 **19S1 Airway management: device procurement and actual practices in Europe** (Chair Peter Kranke, Würzburg, Germany)

- Which airway devices are available in our OR? (Peter Kranke, Würzburg, Germany)
- In intensive care and emergency units (Peter Anthony Berlac, Hillerod, Denmark)
- How to clean and maintain non-disposable airway devices (Allister Dow, Guildford Surrey, UK)

Monday 14:00-15:30 **19S2 Learning from cases** (Chair Markus Weiss, Zürich, Switzerland)

- Acute airway obstruction at extubation (Thomas Engelhardt, Aberdeen, UK)
- Difficult airway in the ICU (Flavia Petrini, Chieti, Italy)
- Difficulties with videolaryngoscopes (Richard M. Cooper, Toronto, Canada)

Monday 16:00-17:30 **19S3 A pharmacological approach to difficult airway control** (Chair Michael Seltz Kristensen Copenhagen, Denmark)

- In the difficult airway patient in the OR setting (Bernhard Zwissler, Munich Germany)
- In the difficult airway paediatric patient (Gilles Orliaguet, Paris, France)
- In the prehospital setting (Arnd Timmermann, Göttingen, Germany)

Monday 8:30-9:15 **19W3 Special techniques in Airway Management** (Chair Flavia Petrini Chieti, Italy)

- Bronchial blockers (indications, tips and tricks) (Bernhard Zwissler, Munich, Germany)
- Percu Twist and Blue Dolphin (Giulio Frova, Milano, Italy)

Monday 9:30-10:15 **19W4 New concepts in airway management** (Chair Pierre A. Diemunsch, Strasbourg, France)

- The 4 drawers cart concept (Peter Biro, Zürich, Switzerland)
- The single use optical devices (Ankie Hamaekers, Maastricht, NL)

SC 19 Airway Hands-on Workshop - Chair Pierre A. Diemunsch (Strasbourg, France)
- Flavia Petrini (Chieti, Italy) - Access limited to 72 delegates per session

Workshop 1 - Saturday 9:00-12:30 19W1

Workshop 2 - Saturday 14:00-17:30 19W2

8. EAMS provided activities 2008/2009 and new projects planned

It was decided to hold the next EAMS Board meeting in Strasbourg in September 2009 to discuss the quality improvements for the society activities: we trust the next EAMS year will again bring a lot of exciting new ventures and other Country supporting activities.

PB refers as his personal support to other Countries on behalf of EAMS: Israel (2008), Russia (2008, + J Henderson), Serbia, Romania, Montenegro (next June 2009), Macedonia, Hungary (2009). JH and PB supported the airway session for the Annual Congress of the Russian Federation of Anaesthesiologists St.Petersburg 23-26 October 2008 and at Heidelberger Atemwegsymposium on 21-22 November 2008.

JH underlines the great work done, with particular reference to big efforts in Russia, due to the great differences in hospitals realities; moreover he was involved at an airway meeting in Albania on 28th July 2008; with PD and PB at the EAMS Airway Session during the 21st International ISA Triennial Congress Tel Aviv 16 September 2008.

F.Petrini and PB went to the Bulgarian Meeting in Sofia, on 9-10 October 2008.

FP, M.Sorbello and G.Merli attended the annual Workshop in Vienna by Hernst Zadrobilek, on 13-14 March 2009.

How to access to the EAMS support in the future (not only economical but for expert support too)?

FP suggests to create a Form (on the website), to be more active in giving an answer from the Board: it will be published on the web page.

Web site: www.eams.eu.com

The webmaster Adrian Pearce has done an excellent job on the Web site and is still working to improve the EAMS webpage. The website is competent i.e. provides informations about the Society, even if the look is rather essential. We are aware that AP has spent some of his own money: thanks were given to Adrian for all his hard work and in the next future Ioannis Zogoiannis will assist him.

We will publish the GA Minutes on the web.

P Biro asks to include all Council members email into General Assembly Minutes to offer easier contacts.

9. Any other business

No work has been done on mandatory reporting of airway incidents.

The EAMS Board will come forward with new proposals for 2010 workshops after this year experience. The suggestions could form a template for future developments, but we are not yet ready to develop a new structure of airway management training, as suggested by Gilles d'Honneur.

At 19.00 the EAMS General Assembly ends.

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