

European Airway Management Society

EAMS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010 MINUTES

The 2010 EAMS General Assembly was held between 17:00 and 18:30 on Sunday, 13 June in Room 207 at Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre, with the following

AGENDA:

- 1. Minutes of the previous General Assembly, Milan 2009**
- 2. President's report**
- 3. Secretary's report**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. Nominations for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer**
- 6. EAMS Board and Council suggestions: new projects planned**
- 7. Any other business**

The meeting was attended by Pierre Diemunsch and Georges Salvoldelli (France), John Henderson, Tim Strang, Audrey Quinn and Nik Woodall (UK), Peter Biro (Switzerland), Flavia Petrini, Massimiliano Sorbello, Silvio Cassio, Ruggero Corso and Pablo Ingelmo (Italy), Marcus Weiss (Switzerland), Michael Seltz Kristensen (Denmark), Ioannis Zogoiannis (Greece), Janjevic Dusanka (Serbia), Biljana Shirgoska (Macedonia), Arndt Timmermann and Berard Zwissler (Germany), Brian Harte (Ireland), Kamil Toker, Hulya Bilgin, Tulay Sahin Yildiz and Emre Sahillioglu (Turkey), Pedro Charco Mora and Vicente Martinez Pons (Spain), Heikki Antila (Finland), Igli Zhilla (Albania), Ankie Hamaekers (Netherlands), Biljana Shirgoska (Macedonia), Judit Meray (Hungary), Aurika Karbonskiene (Lithuania).

Some Member was stopped out of the room by ESA persons, for a misunderstanding. Some others attended, but did not sign the paper passed round for this purpose.

1. Minutes of the previous General Assembly, Milan 2009

The President Pierre Diemunsch (PD) welcomed all and remember that everyone had received by E-mail the Minutes from EAMS GA in Milan 2009, the Newsletter and the President's Report. The President asked for the Minutes of the Milan GA: approved.

PD stressed that the members' accordance with their Council representative should be emphasized.

2. President's report

Pierre Diemunsch resumed the President's report, sent to all the members.

His mandate as President was investing on EAMS visibility, slowly but everywhere possible and not only for Anaesthesiology specialists. PD reported about the many activities organized with the EAMS endorsement. He personally was invited in many International Meetings (ASA; SAM; ISICEM; ESA – see the President's report) and he underlined the importance of participation to ISICEM for the second year with a good success and appreciated by Industries too.

The President thanked F. Petrini and J. Henderson for the great work in this year Euroanesthesia Airway Workshop. The format was improved and it was a peaty that it collected more delegates for the Advanced Stations (B) then for the basic ones (A).

The reasons of this delegates' choice are probably many, the main one is the different provenience of the delegates in Helsinki. We had less Eastern Countries with a lower technology level and asking for a basic strategy than in Milan for the 1st edition, 2009.

3. Secretary's report

FP underlined the improvement of EAMS activities for the Countries and refers that some of the questions raised by the 2009 Council have been solved, i.e.:

- it is now clear how to access to the EAMS support (not only economical but for expert support too) to the national scientific meetings and educational programmes: the request Form can be downloaded by the website and must be sent to the Treasurer and Secretary (with the Programme in attachment); the Board discuss about the contents, can suggest a speaker and cover for travel costs;
- the annual ESA 19SC/EAMS "Airway Management Hands-on Workshop" in the frame of Euroanaesthesia, the 2nd WS "independent from Industries" was recognized by EACCME (6 CME Credits for every session) and can be also a mean for "teaching teachers": any Council Member could take inspirations for his own Country's activities. The EAMS Members are invited to attend (the next one in Amsterdam, 2011);
- FP received already almost all the Handout forms that will be sent in a pdf Booklet to the delegates by the ESA Secretariat;
- the international involvement in tutoring during the AM WS is a mean to try to involve all the not English speakers members. It was an opportunity for people to meet the experts and for experts to meet themselves, on a topic which is really felt.

FP thanks John Henderson and all the tutors for having worked so hard for this year ESA 19SC/EAMS Hands-on.

Moreover FP remembered to the all the EAMS delegates that the Safety Patient Helsinki Declaration is going to be signed during Euroanaesthesia and airway management is one of the topics, as for the WHO Guidelines for Safety Surgery (2009). The delegates are asked to share this EU fundamental document in their own countries (Reference: *Mellin-Olsen J, Staender S, Whitaker DK, Smith AF. The Helsinki Declaration on Patient Safety in Anaesthesiology. Eur J Anaesthesiol. 2010;27(7):592-7*)

4. Treasurer's report

Markus Weiss summarized economic situation. He stressed that EAMS has more than 250 members but most of them (70%) do not pay their annual fees. If they had paid, the Society would have 17000 Euros more.

The total Members since now are 220. The Annual EAMS Membership Fees are respectively:

<input type="checkbox"/> Active	50 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Active FEE	30 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Trainee	0 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate	50 €

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 President thanked Marcus for the big work done with the treasurer; a special thank by FP for having supported the Secretary during this year Council and dinner organization.

5 . Nominations for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer

The President Pierre Diemunsch emphasized that he is finishing his term in the Board and it is time to assign the new board of EAMS. PD is in charge only since June 2008; during 2010 the candidature for the Board elections and the incoming President have been presented and discussed by the Board. He thanked to all members of the Board for their great cooperation and works for EAMS. During Council meeting which was held the day before, nominations for the board was discussed, and Council approved the Board suggestions. The New Board elections 2010-2012 are discussed; accordingly to continuity rules and the request from MW to stop his active rule in the Board, the suggested delegates are **Flavia Petrini (President); Peter Biro (Treasurer and President elected), Kamil Toker (Secretary).**

PD also thanked to the nominates for accepting his suggestion and asked for other nominates if there are and for comments about nominates.

There was no new candidate and the election was approved with unanimity.

6. EAMS Board and Council suggestions: new projects planned.

PD remembered to all that the term of some Council members is going to finish, but, it will be difficult to change the Council members of some Country with few delegates. (The list of the Council Members is attached above).

During the Council it was emphasized that the aim of EAMS is not to increase the number of members but to improve the quality of airway management as one of the most important topics, not only for daily practice in OR. We would like to improve communication between the member's community and contribute to the homogenize standards and behaviour in airway management. The improvement in the quality and implementation of adapted educational, teaching and training programmes among all European Countries is our final aim.

A good communication strategy is crucial: the webmaster matter was discussed with delegates. PD for the Council fully appreciated Adrian Pearce help, he was spontaneously the only one to work for this important activity. The last year suggestion to accept a project by Ioannis Iogoiannis (achaeusz@hotmail.com - agathan@sch.gr) to assist him failed.

A decision is needed for the future: the Council Member from Greece (Dimitiou Vassilios) and Iogoiannis himself asked to discuss the aim of EAMS webpage.

SAM & DAS could be a model: they asked EAMS to link the web sites of the societies and this means presence of respective links into each website, for free. But the problem is what a member could wait for the web. PD voted to link the web site to the mentioned societies; this proposal was accepted by the General Assembly.

It was suggested too (by E.Behringer) to ask to SAM webmaster for an external support to develop and improve EAMS website. The next EAMS President will decide.

Suggestions from members will be welcome.

PD suggested to build up some committee within the Society: it could be useful to have reference person for Continuous Medical Education, person(s) for the annual workshop, referents for clinical research trials and referents for the website. PD suggested Arndt Timmerman to take the responsibility of the relations with industry on. Arndt accepted with pleasure.

PD also stated his willingness to involve the research projects: many Members could be more active on this.

7. EAMS activities with ESA 19 SC Airway Management

PD refers as the Subcommittee ESA 19, chaired by himself, had a great work for this year Euroanaesthesia. PD remembered that in September 2009 the new 19SC ESA composition have been approved within the frame of ESA relationships; he underlined importance of the two new EAMS Members into SC 19, Marcus Weiss and Brian Harte (the above scheme resumes the 19SC composition in these years).

As usual the Scientific Programme was discussed with the ESA Scientific Programme Committee, chaired by Benedict Pannen, and the Board of Directors. EAMS officers acted as chairpersons and moderated symposia, refresher course and abstract presentation sessions, since as usual a big amount of abstract related to airway management were selected this year by FP, MW and PD himself.

This hard work was done in due time and transparency, despite a central computer problem that create a matter for the ESA system.

ESA 19 Subcommittee "Airway Management" composition

Chair	Diemunsch	Pierre	France	101239	01-07-2008	30-06-2011	30-06-2011
Member	Ezri	Tiberiu	Israel	129086	01-01-2008	31-12-2010	31-12-2013
Member	Harte	Brian	Ireland	168167	01-01-2010	31-12-2012	31-12-2015
Member	Kristensen	Michael	Denmark	155686	01-07-2008	30-06-2011	30-06-2014
Member	Petrini	Flavin	Italy	104326	01-01-2006	31-12-2008	31-12-2011
Member	Weiss	Marcus	Switz.	138513	01-01-2010	31-12-2012	31-12-2015
Member	Zwissler	Bernhard	Germany	120047	01-07-2008	30-06-2011	30-06-2014
no vacancy							
						Updated on	29/01/2010:

The Airway Workshop gained recognition for CME Credits and the organization was improved and very successful. Nevertheless the great work of SC19 seems to be actually underappreciated and the WS certification of attendance were signed only by ESA President and SPC Chair, despite the request by PD for signature by EAMS President and WS team (Flavia and John). This points was discussed during the Council but there was no clarity at all by the ESA Board of Directors.

FP referred that other Societies are actually "paying a fee" to ESA, as this year was done with:

- EACTA
- EuroSIVA
- ESPCOP (Perioperative Care Obese Patient)
- WSACS (World Society Abdominal Compartment Syndrome).

Nevertheless, as Jennie Hunter underlined during the Council "ESA needs EAMS as you need ESA" and the Board and Council discussed regarding this.

FP remembered that a big support was offered by the ESA Secretariat (Mirka and Majsan), we pay for other services i.e. this GA Room (165 Euro/hour) and she is convinced that we should consider the "value" of the attraction of airway topic for the ESA Scientific Programme.

Further decisions will follow the expected meeting between PD and ESA President (Paolo Pelosi) and from the EAMS Board autumn meeting.

8. Any other business

The 2010 Council Meeting provided a good occasion to share the different airway tasks accomplished in the different countries and to plan for future involvements of the EAMS in educational projects.

The Scientific Programme Template for Euroanaesthesia 2011 was closed by PD and accepted by the ESA SCP.

The Minutes from the Council will be published on the website and the President Pierre Diemunsch closed the 2010 GA with the aim that the website will be offering soon reports from the countries and new benefits for the EAMS Members.

At 18.30 the EAMS General Assembly ended and Pierre Diemunsch and Marcus Weiss were thanked by all the participants for the great amount of job and the quality of their work within the society.

Pierre Diemunsch
President

Flavia Petrini
Secretary

Markus Weiss
Treasurer





COUNTRY	2010 EAMS COUNCIL MEMBERS	Email
ALBANIA	ZHILLA Igli	iglizh@hotmail.com
DENMARK	SELTZ.KRISTENSEN Michael	michael.seltz.kristensen@rh.hosp.dk
FINLAND	ANTILA Heikki	heikki.antila@tyks.fi
FRANCE	D'HONNEUR Gilles	gilles.dhonneur@jvr.aphp.fr
GERMANY	DORGES Volker	doerges@anaesthesie.uni-kiel.de Volker.Doerges@gmx.de
GREECE	DIMITRIOU Vasilios	vaskdimi@otenet.gr
HUNGARY	MERAY Judit	juditmeray@yahoo.com
IRELAND	O'SULLIVAN Ellen	eosullivan2000@eircom.net
ITALY	SORBELLO Massimiliano	maxsorbello@gmail.com
LITHUANIA	KARBONSKIENE Aurika	aurika.karbonskiene@kmuk.lt
MACEDONIA	SHIRGOSKA Biljana	b_shirgoska@yahoo.com
MONTENEGRO	PEJAKOV Lubica	ljpejakov@gmail.com
NETHERLANDS	KLAVER Noline	noline.klaver@inter.nl.net
SERBIA	JANJEVIC Dusanka	djanjevic@sbb.co.yu
ROMANIA	CALIN Mitre	cmitre2001@yahoo.com
SPAIN	MARTINEZ-PONS Vicente	vicente@intubacion.org
TURKEY	TOKER Kamil	tokerkamil@yahoo.com
AUSTRIA	ZADROBILEK Ernst	ernst.zadrobilek@adair.at
BULGARIA	GEORGIEV Silvi	ernst.zadrobilek@adair.at
ISRAEL	EZRI Tibi	tezri@netvision.net.il
MOLDAVIA	SANDRU Serghei	shandru@mail.md
NETHERLANDS	KLAVER Noline	noline.klaver@inter.nl.net
NORWAY	BJERKELUND Carl Eivind	caje@uus.no
PORTUGAL	AMORIM Paulo	pamorim@tvtp.pt
POLAND	GASZYNSKI Tomasz	tomgaszyn@hotmail.com
SVEDEN	FRYKHOLM Peter	peter.frykholm@akademiska.se
SVITZERLAND	GREIF Robert	robert.greif@insel.ch robert.greif@freesurf.ch
UK	PATEL Anil	anil.patel@royalfree.nhs.uk
RUSSIA	MIZIKOV Victor	vmmzkv@gmail.com