

# European Airway Management Society

## EAMS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The General Assembly of EAMS was held in EAMS Session Room during the ESA annual Meeting in Munich, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at h.17.30,. with the following Agenda:

- 1. Minutes of the previous General Assembly, Madrid 2006**
- 2. President's report**
- 3. Secretary's report**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. Web Master's report**
- 6. Bylaw reform and EAMS official location**
- 7. Newsletter**
- 8. Meetings other than Scientific and General Assembly 2007-2008.**
- 9. Proposal for scientific programmes and mandatory reporting of airway incidents in Europe**
- 10. EAMS statement of intent**
- 11. Any other business**

The meeting was attended by Ulrich Braun (Germany), John Henderson (UK), Peter Biro (Switzerland), Massimiliano Sorbello (Italy), Flavia Petrini (Italy), Dominique Boisson Bertrand (France), Pierre Diemunsch (France), Adrian Pearce (UK), Sebastian Russo (Germany), Giovanni Pittoni (Italy), Massimo Micaglio (Italy), Carin Hagberg (USA), Johann Motsch, Harald Genzwuerker (Germany), Silvio Cassio (Italy), Giulio Frova (Italy), Volker Döriges (Germany), Pervin Bozkurt (Turkey), Vicente Martinez-Pons (Spain).

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

Peter Biro collected outstanding subscriptions before the start of the General Assembly.

The President welcomes to all and begin with the sad announcement of the death of and commemoration of Valentín Madrid (29/11/1954 – 3/6/2007).

Valentín was a superb clinical doctor and a friend. There was no limit to his enthusiastic work to make anaesthesia safer by improving airway management. He worked in three continents and countless colleagues have benefited from his teaching. The Board and the Assembly wish to record our appreciation of the life and work of this great fun, wonderful friend, whose premature death is a loss for so many.

### **1. Minutes of the previous General Assembly, Madrid 2006**

The President asks for acceptance of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly and if everybody received by Email minutes from EAMS assembly in Madrid. The Assembly confirms. Voting cards were issued to paid-up members.

### **2. 3. President's and Secretary's report**

John Henderson gave the President's report, explaining the documents, letters and mail, collected from ESA President. Sir Peter Simpson attended the Council Dinner, yesterday, and it was a successful event, as was the Scientific Symposia.

EAMS is growing with both an important role in abstract evaluation and symposia organisation for ESA Congress (as Subcommittee 19) and as an independent Scientific Society. A possible source of complaint by other Subcommittees is that we have done better than other subcommittees by having all our symposia in one room on the Sunday of Euroanaesthesia.

EAMS sessions in Copenhagen are yet to be defined and may depend on future ESA-EAMS relationships. EAMS does not want to be only an ESA sub-committee.

Ulrich Braun confirmed JH reports and underlines the relative independence of EAMS in its relationship to ESA.

JH gives some information about Macewen Award granted to Archie Brain during the ESA opening Ceremony.

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

Peter Biro gave the treasurer's report for 2006. Mean annual members number had increased about 30/year. To date 156 members from 21 Countries are active and 19 members from extra EU Countries.

262 missing fees for a total amount of € 18.500,000.

Actual financial state is very good, about +35.155,55 €.

Questions has been discussed by the Board: use of Paypal for online fees payment (this would mean

a 2,70€ commission for each 50,00€ payment – acceptable); decision for fee reduction or full payment for residents (1<sup>st</sup> year free, then regular payment was the Council proposal, with reduced fees only for Eastern block countries) and fees for 65 and over (free subscription, no right to vote).

Assembly votes on these decision with unanimity.

The President thanked all Board members.

#### **5. Web Master's report**

Adrian Pierce reported about website and official passage to Massimiliano Sorbello. It follows a discussion about future growing and development of the website, including the possibility of an annual budget for website maintenance and update.

Thanking for his support, the President prepared and give to Adrian Pearce an Award.

#### **6. Bylaw reform and EAMS lofficial location**

The President discussed the possibility of using Strasbourg as the official site for EAMS address to substitute for the founding official address (that was Ulrich Braun private address). There were two proposals form the Assembly concerning a definitive site. Ulrich Braun proposed hiring a room and a secretary from ESA in Bruxelles. Pierre Diemunsch suggested that Strasbourg University Hospital could be the definitive official EAMS address. The Board will consider these proposals.

#### **7. Newsletter**

Flavia Petrini wrote the EAMS newsletter with President support and mailed it to all the Members.

Invitation to general assembly to provide suggestions for EAMS state of intents on which the

Board is currently working.

#### **8. Meetings other than the Scientific and General Assembly 2007-2008.**

From the Assembly: an invitation was received to propose workshops and lectures for Anaesthesia World Congress in South Africa 2008. This proposal will be discussed by the board. EAMS could pay 50% of approved expenses for lecturers.

**9. Proposal for scientific programmes and mandatory reporting of airway incidents in Europe**

Mandatory reporting and external investigation of perioperative airway deaths in EU is proposed as an idea. The possibility of raising this with the European Commission was discussed.

**10. EAMS statement of intent**

Adrian Pearce proposed a statement of intent for EAMS. In the discussion it was proposed that a version was prepared for each National Society.

**11. Any other business**

A member from South Africa proposed that we hold a session during the next WFA Congress.

18:30 End of assembly

