ESCPE AGM MINUTES VIENNA

Wednesday 26 September 2019

1 **PRESENT**
Please refer to appendix 1 and 2.

2 **President’s Welcome and Report**
Per Nilsson welcomed everyone to the AGM.

3 **Minutes of the AGM in Nice on 27 September 2018**
The minutes from the AGM in Nice on 27 September 2018 were approved unanimously.

4 **Secretary’s Report**

**Constitution and rules:** Gabriela Mösllein advised that the societies rules are out of date and require revision. Prof Evangelos Xynos will chair a working group and coordinate a consented timeline to ensure, that the new version will involve all parties including members and be put forward for ratification at the next AGM in Vilnius. The working group will consist of Carolyne Vaizey, Filippo La Torre, Gabriela Mösllein and Roland Scherer to review the rules. Topics of specific interest to this group are: geographic balance, gender balance, global outreach and the formation of a new committee. Additionally the constitution will be subjected to a review.

**Membership update:** was delighted to report that the membership figure continues to increase steadily year on year. Final numbers are projected to increase this year and may reach near 2000.

**Honorary Member update:** Gabriela advised that ESCP Honorary Membership would be awarded this year to Heidi Nelson (USA) in absence, Zoran Krivokapic (Serbia), Yury Shelygin (Russia) and Ronan O’Connell (Ireland).

**Lars Påhlman Medal:** The Lars Påhlman medal will be awarded to Dr. Mudassar Majeed (Ireland) who was the best EBSQ examinee in 2018.

**Committees reports:** The Committee reports are appended to these minutes.

4 **ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND ORDINARY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**Executive Officers:** including new appointments
- President: Willem Bemelman
- President Elect: Evangelos Xynos
- President in Waiting: Klaus Matzel
- Past President: Per Nilsson
- Treasurer: Miguel Pera
- Assistant Secretary: Antonino Spinelli
- Communications Committee Chair: Richard Brady
- Assistant Guidelines Chair: Stéphanie Breukink
- Membership Committee Chair: Roland Scherer
- Research Committee Chair: Charles Knowles

These appointments were proposed by Gabriela and agreed unanimously by a show of hands. Gabriela gave thanks and presented gifts to Filippo La Torre, Peter Christensen, Mikael Machado and Dion Morton for their many years serving the society. Gabriela advised that Ethem Gecim was unable to attend.
New Appointments
Gabriela advised the new members on the Research Committee: Antonio Sampaio-Soares (Portugal), Audrius Dulskas (Lithuania), Erman Aytac (Turkey), Muhammad Imran Aslam (UK), Nikolaos Gouvas (Greece) and Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy).
The Communications Committee new members are: Antonio Sampaio-Soares (Portugal), Baljit Singh (UK), Erman Aytac (Turkey), Gianluca Pellino (Italy) and Goran Barasic (Serbia).
The Education Committee new member is Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy).

Council Officers:
The outgoing and incoming list of Regional Representatives: Gabriela headlined the Regional Representatives change of office as below:

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The outgoing and incoming list of National Representatives: Gabriela headlined the National Representatives change of office as below:

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The new committee members and council officers were unanimously approved.

5 Treasurer’s Report
Filippo la Torre delivered his presentation as ESCP Treasurer. It was reported that after a difficult 3 years, the end of 2018 showed an overall margin of €238,144. This was shown broken down by committee expenditure. The main items of project investments were:

- Research / Trials initiatives
- Education initiatives
- ESCP Fellowships
- Society App and social media
- Committee face-to-face meetings

He explained the total membership expenditure was €70,383 which is made up of:

- Journal block membership €35,000
- Integrity Fees membership fees/expenses €16,788
- Other (legal, admin) €18,596

The provisional projected Vienna conference figures is + €99,082, based on 1880 registrations. As of today, registration numbers are 1732. The reserves balance at the start of 2019 was €997,017 and the projected net capital consumption at the end of 2019 will be minus €231,952.

To Save Money:
- A revised speaker (and fee) policy for ESCP meetings
- 2020 and next non-conference budget finalization and accountability

To increase income:
- Membership growth
- More profitable conferences
- Generation of financial partnerships with key sponsors

6 Trustee’s Report
Giovanni Romano explained the Trustees are meeting tomorrow but the key areas of concern are the financial situation of the society and secondly Brexit. The Trustees have received a Brexit report from Lindsey at Integrity. In short, the situation is quite good as far as the short-term consequences are concerned. In terms of reserves and investments, funds from ING have to be moved to a bank until an alternative investment fund is found but there is time to reflect and consider the position. Per Nilsson reassured that the agenda for the Trustees and Executive committees are identical and together moving in the right direction.

On Giovanni Romano’s behalf, Gabriela proposed the reappointment of Trustees and Whitelaw Wells as ESCP Auditors. There was no objection and this was agreed by all members by a show of hands.

**7. Inauguration of new President**
Per Nilsson welcomed the new incoming President, Willem Bemelman and invited him to address the members.

Willem Bemelman said it was a great honour and pleasure to follow in Per’s footsteps by this appointment. He is very impressed with the work all the ESCP committees are doing and ESCP will make a huge difference to colorectal surgery all over the globe. Although ESCP is becoming more of a global society, Willem emphasized the importance of focusing on member European countries who are under-represented to have a larger contribution to the society. As well as strengthening affiliation with other societies including the Far East and Latin America.

He thanked Per Nilsson for his energy and elegant contribution over previous years and hope he will continue to support ESCP.

**8. Memorandum of Understanding**
Gabriela Mösllein welcomed Professor Hongwei Yao from the Chinese Society of Colorectal Society (CNSCRS) to sign a memorandum of understanding.

**9. Close and date of next meeting**
The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 23 September 2020 in Vilnius.
### APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF ATTENDEES (MEMBERS)

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AGM Voting Procedure

A vote at a general meeting shall be decided on a show of hands 🧠 only

Please feel free to speak up at any time, we are happy to answer your questions and have an interactive meeting.
President’s Welcome & Report

ESCP President: Per Nilsson

Minutes of the last meeting

Nice: Thursday 27 September 2018
ESCP Secretary: Gabriela Möslein

Minutes, Questions and Ratification

Please vote now for the Nice Minutes by a show of hands 🙋

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ESCP Secretary: Gabriela Möslein

- **Society Constitution and Rules Revision**
  - **Working Group Chaired by:** Evangelos Xynos
  - **Members:** Carolymme Vaizey, Filippo La Torre, Gabriela Möslein, Roland Scherer
  - **Topics of specific interest are:** Geographic Balance, Gender Balance, Global Outreach and the formation of a new Committee

- **Gender Balance Working Group**
  - Stay here for the kick-off of our Gender Awareness Campaign
Membership Update

Year to Year Membership View

Secretary's Report: Honorary Members

• Heidi Nelson (USA)
• Zoran Krivokapic (Serbia)
• Yury Shelygin (Russia)
• Ronan O'Connell (Ireland)
Secretary’s Report

• ESCP Lars Påhlman Medal

(awarded to the highest score of the EBSQ Exam)

Will be awarded on Wednesday 25 in Vienna to
Dr. Mudassar Majeed (Ireland)

Time: 16:55 – 17:00 in Plenary Hall A

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Secretary’s Report

Committee reports are available on the website and as a handout, if you have not received one please ask at registration

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Election of New Executive Officers

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Executive Officer AGM Ratification

Please vote now for the New Executive Officers by a show of hands 👯

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Executive Officers Stepping Down

- Past President: Ethem Gecim
- Treasurer: Filippo La Torre
- Communications Committee Chair: Peter Christensen
- Membership Committee Chair: Mikael Machado
- Research Committee Chair: Dion Morton

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Research Committee New Members

- Antonio Sampaio-Soares (Portugal) Y-ESCP
- Audrius Dulskas (Lithuania)
- Erman Aytac (Turkey)
- Muhammad Imran Aslam (UK) Education Representative
- Nikolaos Gouvas (Greece)
- Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy)

Communications Committee New Members

- Antonio Sampaio-Soares (Portugal) Y-ESCP Research Representative
- Baljit Singh (UK) Journal Representative
- Erman Aytac (Turkey) Research Representative
- Gianluca Pellino (Italy) Y-ESCP
- Goran Barasic (Serbia) Membership Representative
Education Committee New Members

- Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy) Research Representative

Membership Committee Changes

Chair: Roland Scherer

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### Committee Member AGM Ratification

Please vote now for the New Committee Members by a show of hands 👯‍♀️

ESCP Treasurer: Filippo La Torre

ESCP Treasurer’s Report

Filippo La Torre

Vienna 25-27 September 2019
Treasurer’s Priorities

- 2019 non-conference budget finalization & accountability
- Closer scrutiny and a balanced approach to major project investment
- Membership growth
- Maintenance of more profitable conferences
- Generation of financial partnerships with key sponsors

Year End 2018

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MAIN ITEMS OF INVESTMENT (PROJECTS)

1: Research/Trials Initiatives
2: Education Initiatives
3: ESCP Fellowships
4: Society App & Social Media
5: Committee Face-to-Face Meetings
Membership Related Expenditure

Total Membership Expenditure € 70,383

- Journal Block Subscription € 35,000
- Integrity Fees membership fees/expenses € 16,788
- Other (legal, admin) € 18,596

Provisional Projected Funds at 31 December 2019

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### Vienna Budget, Nice, Berlin, Milan, Dublin & Barcelona

#### Actuals

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### Budget based on 1880 registrations

**Total Registrations today: 1732**
Reserves Balance (Estimated for 2019)

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<td><strong>Funds at Start of Year</strong></td>
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<td>€ 238,144</td>
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PROJECTS and PRIORITIES

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To increase the income:
1. Membership growth
2. More profitable conference
3. Generation of financial partnerships with key sponsors
Trustees Report

Chair: Giovanni Romano

Re-Appointment of Trustee’s

• Chair: Giovanni Romano (Italy)
• Tom Scheinin (Finland)
• Thomas Schiedeck (Germany)
• Julio Leite (Portugal)
• Adam Dziki (Poland)
• Evgeny Rybakov (Russia)
• Sebastiano Biondo (Spain)
• Torbjörn Holm (Sweden)
• Mike Parker (UK)
Re-Election of Trustees for AGM Ratification

Please vote now for the Re-Election of Trustees by a show of hands 👋

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Re-Appointment of Auditors

Re-Appointment of

Whitelaw Wells

As ESCP Auditors

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Re-Election of Trustees for AGM Ratification

Please vote now for the Re-Election of Whitelaw Wells by a show of hands 🧡

Inauguration of ESCP’s New President

Willem Bemelman
Introduced by outgoing President Per Nilsson
Special Celebration Ceremony

Special celebration of our new affiliation of global societies

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A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Korea at the AGM in Nice 2018

Today, we sign an Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese Society of Colorectal Surgery (CNSCRS); please welcome Prof. Hongwei Yao (Secretary) to the stage.

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Thank you for attending!

Date of next AGM:
Wednesday 23 September 2020
in Vilnius, Lithuania

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