**Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 16 May 2020 12:30-13:30 CET**

**Virtual meeting - GotoWebinar**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**To access supporting documents, slides and meeting recording, please visit** [**MyECTS**](https://my.ectsoc.org/agm-lounge/2020-agm/)**.**

1. **Welcome & President’s Report – Anna Teti**

The ECTS President, Anna Teti, welcomed all attendees.

She informed attendees how to communicate, ask questions during the virtual AGM link and how members can cast eballot votes in the members’ area MyECTS.

**Declaration of quorum**

ECTS President, Anna Teti informed attendees that The General Assembly is held as virtual meeting due to Covid-19, but the procedure is allowed by ECTS Bylaws and by special provisions of the Belgian companies’ law.

The General Assembly may deliberate validly if the quorum of 15 full members are present or represented is achieved. As the necessary quorum was present, ECTS President, Anna Teti declared the meeting duly constituted.

Attendees were informed that meeting is recorded.

**Motion to approve the minutes of ECTS AGM of 11 May 2019**

ECTS members were invited to vote to approve the Minutes of the ECTS AGM held in Budapest on 11 May 2019. 65 members responded to the vote: 61 in favor and 4 abstain. The resolution was therefore carried as a simple majority.

**Retirement of ECTS Board members and approval of incoming ECTS Academy co-chair**

ECTS President Anna Teti presented the ECTS Board composition an informed that Hanna Taipaleenmäki will retire from the Board, as ECTS Academy representative.

The ECTS Academy has appointed Annegreet Veldhuis-Vlug as new Academy chair into the ECTS Board of Directors.

ECTS President Anna Teti asked ECTS members to vote for Resolution 2: appoint Annegreet Veldhuis-Vlug into the ECTS Board. 67 members responded to the vote: 66 in favor, 1 abstain. The resolution was carried as a simple majority.

The ECTS President, Anna Teti congratulated Annegreet and thanked Hanna for her continued support to the ECTS Board.

**Hand-Over Presidency**

The ECTS President, Anna Teti confirmed the rotation in the ECTS President’s role. President-elect Bo Abrahamsen will act as ECTS President from May 2020, while Anna Teti will take the role of Past-President, until May 2022.

1. **ECTS Future Strategy – Bo Abrahamsen**

ECTS President, Bo Abrahamsen presented ECTS future strategy prepared and approved by the ECTS Board of Directors, following a members’ survey.

He talked about vision, mission, and values of ECTS. He presented detailed strategic goals for the future that includes:

**Science**- from research to practice, provide equal opportunities and remove barriers

**Collaboration**- create new research and educational opportunities through scientific Exchanges

**Leadership**- empower all our members by providing value at all stages of career development

**Society**- strengthen the representation of our society, be more inclusive and visibly transparent

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Christian Meier**

The 2019 end of year accounts, 2020 and 2021 strategic budgets are available to members from the members-only section of the ECTS website.

The ECTS Treasurer, Christian Meier gave an outline of the current financial situation:

**2019 annual report and financial statements summary:**

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|  | 2019 BE | 2019 UK | 2018 |
| Total incoming resources: | € 477,893 | £325,301 | £834,523 |
| Total resources expended: | € 331,480 | £240,828 | £861,864 |
| **Net incoming resources:** | **€ 146,413** | **£84,473** | **£-27,341** |
| Adjustment for gains/losses on investments | -€ 1,260 | £12,410 | £-8,437 |
| Net movement in funds: | € 145,153 | £96,883 | £-35,778 |
| Funds brought forward from 2018 |  | £924,842 |  |
| **Total funds carried forward:** | **€ 145,153** | **£1,021,725** | **£924,842** |

**Cash at bank as of 31 Dec 2019:**

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|  | YE 2019 |
| UK | € 251,226 |
| Belgium | € 937,718 |
| Total | €1,188,944 |

**2019 Annual report and financial statements – restricted activities:**

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|  | Brought forward from 2018 | Income 2019 | Expenses 2019 | Gain(loss) 2019 | Balance YE 2019 |
| ICCBH | € 137,030 | € 74,520 | € 98,030 | -€ 23,510 | € 113,520 |
| ECTS Academy | € 37,630 | € 202,340 | € 61,970 | € 140,370 | € 178,000 |
| Patient Group Leaders |  | € 14,000 | € 7,350 | € 6,650 | € 6,650 |

After presentation ECTS Past-President Anna Teti invited members to vote on Resolution 3: approval of the 2019 Accounts by voting for Resolution 3: adopt Annual Accounts for the financial year ending 31 December 2019 (UK & Belgium). 67 members responded to the vote: 65 in favor and 2 abstain. The resolution was approved by general majority.

ECTS Treasurer, Christian Meier presents updated, due to Covid-19 situation 2020 ECTS and ICCBH budget. He informed about decrease of income due to smaller number of membership renewals and sponsorships.

**Status ECTS 2020 Budget – Income**

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|  | **BUDGET 2020 EUR** | **YTE BUDGET 2020 EUR** |
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| INCOME: | 974,000 € | 884,500 € |
| Membership Revenue | 35,000 € | 25,000 € |
| Grants & Sponsors Revenue |  |  |
| Rare Bone Diseases | 50,000 € | 50,000 € |
| Academy | 115,000 € | 83,000 € |
| Grants & Awards | 18,500 € | 11,000 € |
| Webinars | 50,000 € | 30,000 € |
| Corporate Advisory | 30,000 € | 30,000 € |
| Events Revenue |  |  |
| Annual Congress | 650,000 € | 630,000 € |
| PhD Training | 22,500 € | 22,500 € |
| Mellanby Training | 3,000 € | 3,000 € |

**Status ECTS 2020 Budget – Expenses**

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|  | **BUDGET 2020 EUR** | **YTE BUDGET 2020 EUR** |
| CHARGES | 991,550 € | 955,350 € |
| Events Charges |  |  |
| Annual Congress | 530,000 € | 580,000 € |
| PhD Training | 30,000 € | 17,000 € |
| Mellanby Training |  |  |
| Grants & Awards Charges | 56,050 € | 56,050 € |
| Initiatives Charges |  |  |
| ECTS Academy | 88,200 € | 30,000 € |
| Rare Bone Diseases | 23,500 € | 40,000 € |
| Webinars | 15,000 € | 7,000 € |
| Operational Charges |  |  |
| Staff | 173,000 € | 173,000 € |
| Board & Committees Expenses | 8,000 € | 8,000 € |
| Marketing & Communications | 15,000 € | 5,000 € |
| Membership Handling | 10,000 € | 10,000 € |
| Legal, Insurance & Professional Fees | 20,800 € | 17,300 € |
| Membership & Subscription | 15,000 € | 5,000 € |
| Bank charges, Taxes & Foreign Exchange | 7,000 € | 7,000 € |

Christian Meier presented also updated ICCBH report and informed that there is predicted income from OI 2020 event:

**Status 2020 Budget – ICCBH**

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| **INCOME:** | **€ 250,380** |
| OI2020 |  |
| Delegate Accommodation | 22,080 € |
| Registrations | 112,815 € |
| Sponsorship | 115,485 € |

**Status of 2020 ICCBH budget- expenses:**

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| **EXPENSES:** | **231,703 €** |
| OI2020 |  |
| Venue | 36,500 € |
| Delegate Accomodation | 17,802 € |
| Social Events | 33,350 € |
| Speakers & Other guests | 41,170 € |
| Print & Design | 7,383 € |
| Conference Organiser | 35,018 € |
| Other | 27,561 € |
| Continency | 9,939 € |
| Grants & Awards Charges | 3,000 € |
| Operational Charges |  |
| Staff | 5,980 € |
| Steering Group Costs | 2,000 € |
| External Professional Support - | 8,000 € |
| ECTS fees & expenses |  |
| Promotion at other meetings | 2,000 € |
| Allowance for other meetings | 2,000 € |

**Approval of 2021 Budget**

ECTS Treasurer presented 2021 ECTS and ICCBH budgets for approval.

**ECTS Budget 2021 results:**

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|  | BUDGET 2021 EUR |
| Income | € 998,500 |
| Charges | € 987,250 |
| Final Result | € 12,250 |

**ICCBH Budget 2022 results:**

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|  | BUDGET 2021 EUR |
| Income | € 632,790 |
| Charges | € 522,279 |
| Final Result | € 110,511 |

Details provided are as follow:

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| **2021 ECTS INCOME:** | **€ 998,500** |
| Membership Revenue | € 40,000 |
| Grants & Sponsors Revenue |  |
| Rare Bone Diseases | € 50,000 |
| Academy | € 92,000 |
| Grants & Awards | € 18,500 |
| Webinars | € 50,000 |
| Corporate Advisory | € 30,000 |
| Events Revenue |  |
| Annual Congress | € 650,000 |
| PhD Training | € 22,500 |
| Clinical Training | € 42,500 |
| Mellanby Training | € 3,000 |

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| **2021 ECTS EXPENSES:** | **€ 987,250** |
| Events Charges |  |
| Annual Congress | € 530,000 |
| PhD Training | € 22,500 |
| Clinical Training | € 38,400 |
| Mellanby Training |  |
| Grants & Awards Charges | € 56,050 |
| Initiatives Charges |  |
| ECTS Academy | € 49,500 |
| Rare Bone Diseases | € 40,000 |
| Webinars | € 15,000 |
| Operational Charges |  |
| Staff | € 173,000 |
| Board & Committees Expenses | € 8,000 |
| Marketing & Communications | € 15,000 |
| Membership Handling | € 8,000 |
| Legal & Professional Fees, Insurance | € 20,800 |
| Membership & Subscription | € 15,000 |
| Bank charges, Taxes & Foreign Exchange | € 7,000 |
| ICCBH Contribution into Expenses | -€ 12,000 |

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| **2021 ICCBH INCOME:** | **€ 632,790** |
| ICCBH Meeting Dublin 2021 |  |
| Registrations | € 286,77 |
| Sponsorship | € 251,00 |
| Bone School |  |
| Registrations | € 25,03 |
| Sponsorship | € 70,00 |

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| **2021 ICCBH EXPENSES:** | **€ 522,279** |
| ICCBH Meeting Dublin 2021 |  |
| Venue & Exhibition | € 97,937 |
| Social Events | € 32,193 |
| Marketing, Website, Communications | € 24,250 |
| Scientific Programme Expenses | € 47,667 |
| Finance & Insurance | € 14,679 |
| Staff and Administration | € 83,936 |
| Contingency & Variable Costs | € 117,782 |
| Bone School |  |
| Venue | € 14,565 |
| Social Events | € 7,242 |
| Design & Print | € 5,496 |
| Faculty Travel & Accomodation | € 11,171 |
| Staff and Administrative CostsAgency Management Fee | € 20,040 |
| Other | € 2,746 |
| Contingency | € 4,595 |
| Grants & Awards Charges | € 4,000 |
| Operational Charges | € 5,000 |
| External Professional Support - ECTS fees & expenses | € 8,000 |
| Promotion at other meetings | € 10,000 |
| Allowance for other activities | € 5,000 |

After presentation, ECTS president Anna Teti carried motion for 2021 budget approval. She invited members to vote on Resolution 4: Approval of 2021 budget. 66 members unanimously approved the 2021 budget.

Members were then invited to vote on Resolution number 5: Discharge of the Board of Directors from liability for the financial year ending 31 December 2019. With 60 members voting in favor and 3 abstained, the ECTS Directors were discharged in respect of their duties performed during the financial year 2019.

1. **Secretary’s Report – Gudrun Stenbeck**

ECTS Secretary, Gudrun Stenbeck reported on the following:

**2020 Membership:**

Full membership €95 – 228

Student membership €45 – 108

Corporate membership – 3 companies

**Affiliated Membership:**

24 European national societies – 8,000 members

10 international societies – 10,500 members

**International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS)** - ECTS, as a founding member, is represented by Bente Langdahl (co-chair) and Gudrun Stenbeck (board member). Other ECTS members are part of different working groups (big data, future global leaders, education)

**Structure & Governance:**

* ECTS Board of Directors - Elected by members​
* ECTS Executive Committee – responsible for finance and strategy​, is composed of:  
  President, President-elect or Past-president, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Director​
* ECTS Committees & Action Groups - composed of ECTS members​, 18 Action groups with 94 Members
* ECTS Staff – Roberta Mugnai, Dorota Doszko-Nowak, Julien Delaye and Thomas Pierre (Internship)
* ECTS Congress Secretariat – 2020: Interplan supported by Roberta Mugnai​

Gudrun informed about plans to change rule for ECTS President elections. All Directors except President are elected for the period of 3 years, once renewable. President is elected by the Board.

Planned change in bylaws: The President shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of six years where he/she will serve the first year as President Elect, the following three years as President and the last two years as Past-President.

Changes in the current ECTS Bylaws will be voted by the members in 2021 allowing a direct President election in 2022.

1. **Report on ECTS Activities**

**Education Committee report – Nuria Guañabens**

Education Committee Chair, Nuria Guañabens, presented report on the carried out and future courses and webinars:

Clinical Mellanby training that took place on 12 September 2019 in Basel, Switzerland. Local organizer was Christian Meier. Next is planned on 19 October 2020 in Marseille, France. Local organizer is Pawel Szulc.

A new Clinical Training Course will be organized in 2021. The purpose is to provide a training opportunity to clinical members of the society and to promote the outreach of the society to clinicians in training. Organizers are Richard Eastell, Bo Abrahamsen and Núria Guañabens. Frist Course will be held in 2021.

Nuria described PhD Training, that was held in Bologna, Italy, 7-10 September 2019. It was organized by Nadia Rucci, Luca Sangiorgi, Gudrun Stenbeck and Núria Guañabens.

In 2020, due to Covid-19 outbreak, PhD course was replaced by ECTS / GEMSTONE Digital Masterclass for PhD Students and Trainees, online event on 23-25 June 2020, organized by Claudine Blin, Anna Teti and Fernando Rivadeneira.

Next one is planned in Edinburgh UK, in 2021.

Nuria Reported on the Webinars that were organized by Bram van der Eerden and the action group. 10 webinars/year and webinar TC every 2 months.

She informed about new webinar organized as The ECTS Congress Avant Première, ECTS2020@Home, 19 May 2020.

**Research Committee Report – Barbara Obermayer-Pietsch**

Barbara then reported on 2019 grants and awards committee work, she informed about new procedure of the review, with no-conflict of interest.

Then she informed about number of applications for the Fellowship and Academy membership. She also mentioned that there were 2 calls for the Academy applications, clinical and basic due to lack of clinical applications in the first call. Second call was success with 9 clinical applications.

Then Barbara Presented winners of the 2020 Named awards and Fellowship as follows:

* Iain T Boyle Award: Andrea Palermo
* Mike Horton Award: Jane Lian
* Philippe Bordier Award: Rajesh Thakker
* Steven Boonen Award – supported by Amben: Outi Makitie

ECTS Fellowship:

* Clinical Fellowship: Andreas Fontalis
* Basic Fellowship: Antonio Maurizi

**Clinical Science Committee Report – Carola Zillikens**

The Clinical Science Committee is made of 2 action groups: Clinical Practice Action group, Rare Diseases Action group.

Clinical Action Group activities are as follow

2 published manuscripts:

* Bone disease following solid organ transplantation: a narrative review and recommendations for management from The ECTS by Anastasilakis AD, Tsourdi E, Makras P, Polyzos SA, Meier C, McCloskey EV, Pepe J, Zillikens MC. Bone. 2019 Oct;127:401-418
* Medical Management of Patients After Atypical Femur Fractures: a Systematic Review and Recommendations From the European Calcified Tissue Society by van de Laarschot DM, McKenna MJ, Abrahamsen B, Langdahl B, Cohen-Solal M, Guañabens N, Eastell R, Ralston SH, Zillikens MC. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2020 May 1;105(5)

Manuscript submitted:

* Osteoporosis in premenopausal women: a clinical narrative review by the ECTS and the IOF by Jessica Pepe, Jean-Jacques Body , Peyman Hadji, Eugene McCloskey, Christian Meier, Barbara Obermayer-Pietsch, Andrea Palermo, Elena Tsourdi, M. Carola Zillikens, Bente Langdahl &, Serge Ferrari (rebuttal JCEM)

Carola mentioned also there are several manuscripts in preparation:

* Second position paper on Denosumab discontinuation by Elena Tsourdi et al (circulated among co-authors)
* Relevance of novel imaging techniques (e.g., HR-pQCT) for clinical practice: joint venture with IOF/ASBMR. (Klaus Engelke). Technical paper accepted By OI, clinical paper in progress.
* Population-based screening for fracture risk: IOF/ECTS (Eugene McCloskey)
* Biochemical markers of bone fragility in diabetes, ECTS/IOF (Chris Meier)
* Case-finding strategies for osteoporosis in Eastern and Western countries (Andrea Burden /Claus Glüer)
* Tumor-induced osteomalacia (A. Palermo, JJ Body)

For the Rare Diseases Action Group, one manuscript was finished:

* Hypophosphatasia in adolescents and adults: overview of diagnosis and treatment. Bianchi ML, Bishop NJ, Guañabens N, Hofmann C, Jakob F, Roux C, Zillikens MC; Rare Bone Disease Action Group of the European Calcified Tissue Society. Osteoporosis Int. 2020.

Other activities include:

* ECTS/ICCBH Workshop on Rare Bone Diseases in Marseille 2020
* Expanding collaborations with ERN-BOND (workshop in Marseille 2020)
* Osteopetrosis (M Cohen-Solal, L. Sangiorgi)
* Melorheostosis and Maffucci Syndrome(L. Sangiorgi). Collaborations to be discussed in Marseille
* Support the creation of a European Rare Bone Forum with representatives of patient organisations

**Basic Science Committee Report – Geert Carmeliet**

Basic Science Committee Chair Geert Carmeliet presented committee composition: Björn Busse (Co-chair), Moustapha Kassem, Wim Van Hul, Reinhold Erben, Eleni Douni. Then she described committee activities as follows:

* setting up sponsorship by industry dealing with basic science in close interaction with finance and engagement committee
* attracting basic scientists to ECTS meeting by interacting with other societies
* reevaluating young investigator awards in collaboration with Grants & Awards action group

She also informed about published manuscript:

* ECTS position paper on HR-pQCT Technical Recommendations, published in Osteoporosis International

Geert mentioned there are two manuscripts in preparation:

* Review on osteocyte imaging using 2D and 3D
* Manuscript: from sequencing to clinical practice in collaboration with GEMSTONE

And one suggested:

* technical paper on nomenclature of Stem Cells, together with ASBMR

**Communications Committee Report – André van Wijnen**

Andre van Wijnen reported on the committee activities, including:

Website: Andre explained what information can be found on the ECTS website. He mentioned that there are many additional options if you log in to the members area

Newsletter: a monthly newsletter is sent to the ECTS community to inform about ECTS achievements and future activities, developments in the field.

Social Media: regular news are also shared via the ECTS Social media accounts, especially on twitter. Current ECTS Twitter accounts are as follow:

• @ECTS\_soc official business, policy, endorsement, membership, organisation (managed by staff)

• @ECTS\_science scientific interaction, links, highlights and discussion (RT is not endorsement) (managed by researchers)

• @AcademyEcts: the ECTS Academy (managed by academy members)

Future communications activities will include:

• Website development including integration with ECTS App, e-learning platform integration and social media integration

• Content creation to social media

• Social media engagement with other societies, overlapping science areas, membership and conference attendance building.

**ECTS Academy Report – Elena Tsourdi**

Chair of the ECTS Academy – Elena Tsourdi reported on the ECTS Academy activities.

She informed that there are 40 members, from all the Europe, MDs and PhDs. There are following criteria to become Academy member:

* Within 10 years after first degree​
* Research excellence​
* Commitment to society​
* Recommendation from two supporting mentors​

The ECTS Academy continues to organize specific activities for New Investigators during the ECTS Annual Congress, including New investigators’ Seminar, NI Mentoring Session, Academy Session, NI Lounge & Poster tours.

ECTS Academy members also participated in the charity Pétanque tournament to raise funds for the Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP)

Elena reported Academy activity during the year included social media activity as ID cards, mentor stories, favorite science pic, mobility in science.

The Academy also organized additional educational activities such webinar series with ERC grant winners, mentoring program and outreaching to other societies, networking with young investigators around the globe (exchange programme, joint webinars and educational videos, Newsletter coverage)

In 2020, 6 new members were selected into the ECTS Academy:

* Dr. Katharina Jähn-Rickert
* Dr. Donata Iandolo
* Dr. Steve Stegen
* Dr. Barbara Hauser
* Dr. Konstantin Horas
* Dr. Morten Frost

**ICCBH Report – Frank Rauch**

ICCBH Steering Committee Chair Frank Rauch reported on ICCBH activities.

As a reminder the International Congress on Children’s Bone Health is organized by an independent body, but administered by ECTS.

ICCBH organizes a bi-ennial meeting and the last one took place in 2019 in Salzburg, June 22 to 25, 2019. The Congress attracted over 600 attendees and was great success.

The ICCBH Steering Group has agreed to organize additional activities including:

* ICCBH Bone School: 3-day educational course, 60 registrants, planned for Salzburg June 29 to July 1, 2020 Postponed to Dublin June 30 to July 2, 2021
* 14th International Conference on Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI2020) Meeting Chair: Nick Bishop, planned for Sheffield September 5 to 8, 2020 , due to Covid-19 outbreak, to be decided if will take place as virtual meeting.
* 10th International Conference on Children's Bone Health, planned for Dublin July 3 to 6, 2021
* Partners with ECTS for webinars Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva April 23, 2020  
  Genetics of rare bone diseases September 17, 2020
* Partners with ECTS for workshops including Rare Bone Diseases Workshop ECTS 2020
* ICCBH New Investigator Awards for work submitted to ECTS 2020 on pediatric bone health and rare bone diseases

Frank informed also that ICCBH issues regular ICCBH eBulletins and is present in social media.

Then Frank updated attendees about ICCBH membership of European Rare Bone Forum and Grant support for Workshop on Pediatric Bone Disease, Bone Research Society 2020 (postponed to 2021).

He also informed about plans of a strategic review by the ICCBH Steering Committee in Salzburg, that has been postponed.

1. **Closing – Anna Teti & Bo Abrahamsen**

ECTS Past-President, Anna Teti thanked all ECTS members, the Board of Directors and staff for cooperation during her Presidency.

Bo Abrahamsen thanked everybody for participation and closed meeting.