

Annual General Meeting
Saturday 15 April 2023 11:45-12:15 BST
Hall 1A, ECTS 2023, Liverpool, UK

MEETING MINUTES

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1. Welcome & President's Report – Bo Abrahamsen

The ECTS President, Bo Abrahamsen, welcomed all attendees.

He informed all participants, that meeting is held live and online. Voting is possible for ECTS members only

- for onsite attendees by voting cards collected by staff
- for online attendees by voting cards that can be sent after the meeting to membership@ectsoc.org

Then Bo Abrahamsen presented agenda of the Annual general Meeting.

Declaration of quorum

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, Bo Abrahamsen declared the meeting duly constituted.

Motion to approve the minutes of ECTS AGM of 7 May 2022

ECTS members were invited to vote to approve the Minutes of the ECTS AGM held as virtual meeting on 7 May 2022. 83 members responded to the vote, 81 in favor and 2 abstained.

The resolution was therefore carried as a simple majority.

Retirement of ECTS Board members and presentation of incoming Board members

ECTS President Bo Abrahamsen presented the ECTS Board composition and informed that Ciro Menale will retire from the Board, as ECTS Academy representative.

The ECTS Academy has appointed Jeroen Geurts as new Academy chair into the ECTS Board of Directors.

Bo Abrahamsen asked ECTS members to vote for Resolution 2: appoint Jeroen Geurts into the ECTS Board. 83 members responded to the vote: 82 in favor and 1 abstained. The resolution was carried out unanimously.

Bo Abrahamsen congratulated Jeroen and thanked Ciro for his continued support to the ECTS Board.

Bo Abrahamsen presented composition of new Board:
ECTS Board 2023-2024 composition
Peter Pietschmann (President 2023-2026)
Bo Abrahamsen (Past-President 2023-2025)
Geert Carmeliet (Secretary and committee coordinator)
Christian Meier (Treasurer)
Björn Busse (Education committee Chair)
Claudine Blin (Basic Science committee chair)
Willem Lems (Clinical Science committee chair)
Salvatore Minisola (Research committee chair)
Heide Siggelkow (Communication committee chair)
Alex Ireland (ECTS Academy representative)
Jeroen Geurts (ECTS Academy representative)

2. Treasurer's Report-Christian Meier

The 2022 end of year accounts, 2023 and 2024 strategic budgets were presented by ECTS Treasurer, Christian Meier and are available to members in the [AGM lounge](#).

Accordingly, to the ECTS bylaws, these need to be approved by the ECTS members, together with the discharge of the directors.

Remarks concerning the 2022 Accounts:

- The financial income of the year was 121 224,40 € compared to the estimated profit of 2,250€ which was approved during the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
- We were able to increase our revenues and we considerably lowered the operating expenses.

Christian Meier also showed the ECTS liabilities and the cash at bank of over 1,150,000€.

The 2022 accounts were unanimously approved by 83 members who voted in favor.

Remarks concerning the 2023 budget.

- ECTS Congress 2023, main source of income was held as live event.
- In 2022 the members approved the 2023 budget with an estimated loss of 62,350€
- After new forecasts, the final loss is predicted for -34,210€

Full details on the 2023 ECTS budget are available in the members' only [AGM lounge](#).

Remarks concerning the 2024 budget.

- Budget expectations are based on physical events.
- Operational expenses will be kept stable but a loss of -71,250€ is predicted.

ECTS Treasurer Christian Meier asked ECTS members to vote for Resolution 4: Motion to adopt 2024 Budget. 83 members responded to the vote: 81 in favor, 2 abstained.

ECTS Treasurer Christian Meier asked ECTS members to vote for Resolution 5: Motion Discharge of the Board of Directors from liability for the financial year ending 31 December 2022. 82 members responded to the vote: 82 in favor.

ICCBH has registered in 2023 independent association ISCBH (International Society for Childrens Bone Health) ECTS Treasurer Christian Meier presenter schedule for transfer of ICCBH Funds from ECTS to ISCBH.

3. Secretary Report-Geert Carmeliet

ECTS Secretary, Geert Carmeliet, presented report on ECTS 2023 Membership with following numbers:

2023 MEMBERSHIP

Full membership Regular €115 – 303

Full membership Student €55 – 119

Full members Reach the World €75 – 9

Supporter membership regular €95– 24

Supporter membership student €45 – 26

Supporter membership Reach he World €45 – 5

AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP

24 European national societies – 8,000 members

10 international societies – 10,500 members

IFMRS was reorganized and consists now of a Board of Directors and Council. Claus Glüer, representing ECTS, was elected as Board member. Other ECTS members are part of different working groups (big data, future global leaders, education)

Geert Carmeliet presented and explained ECTS structure and governance as below:

- ECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Elected by members.
- ECTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Finance and strategy
President, President-elect or Past-president, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Director
- ECTS COMMITTEES & ACTION GROUPS - composed of ECTS members
19 action groups with over 90 members.
- ECTS STAFF – Roberta Mugnai, Dorota Doszko-Nowak, Aimée Parducho
- ECTS CONGRESS Secretariat – 2023: Interplan

4. Committee Reports-Peter Pietschmann

ECTS President -Elect Peter Pietschmann Presented report on Committees activities. At the beginning Peter declared his conflict of interest.

Peter informed briefly about composition and activities of below committees:

Clinical Science Committee – Chaired by Willem Lems

Peter presented Action Group composition:

- Clinical Practice Action group: Athanasios Anastasilakis (Co-chair), John Carey, Stella D’Oronzo (Academy), Julien Paccou, Tim Rolvien
- Rare Bone Diseases Action group: Martine Cohen-Solal (Co-chair), Corinna Grasemann, Heide Siggelkow, Gavin Clunie, Adalbert Raimann, Luca Sangiorgi

Basic Science Committee – Chaired by Claudine Blin

Composition: Michaela Tencerova (Co-chair), Sylvain Provot, Katherine Staines, Kent Soe, Jan Tuckermann

Education Committee – Chaired by Björn Busse

Action Groups composition as below:

- PhD training Action Group: Cristina Sobacchi (Co-chair), Denise Van der Laarsch, Donata Iandolo (Academy)
- Clinical Training Action Group: Richard Eastell (Co-chair), Luigi Gennari, Morten Frost (Academy)
- E-learning Action Group: Lars Folkestad (Co-chair), Jessica Pepe, Maria-Bernadette Madel, Katharina Jähn-Rickert (Academy), Carolina Medina-Gomez, Michaël Laurent

Communication Committee – Chaired by Heide Siggelkow

Composition of action groups:

- Social Media Action group: Sonja Gamsjäger (Co-Chair), Michaël Laurent, Natalie Butterfield, Steven Stegen, Carmen Huesa, Marco Ponzetti, Ursula Heilmeier, Gonzalo Sanchez-Duffhues
- Newsletter action group: Petar Milovanovic (Co-chair) Allana Green, Barbara Hauser, Antonio Maurizi, Antonia Sophocleous

Community Engagement Committee – Chaired by Christian Meier

Peter Pietschmann presented Composition of the Action Groups that is as below:

- Finance and Corporate Engagement Action Group: Martine Cohen-Solal (Co-chair), Juliet Compston, Bram van der Eerden, Serge Ferrari, Alex Ireland (Academy), Barbara Obermayer-Pietsch, Andrea Palermo, Annegreet Veldhuis
- Membership Engagement Action Group: Nuria Guañabens (co-chair), Yuuki Imai, Michael Kriegbaum Skjødt, Margaret Paggiosi, Richard Pikner, Mustafa Unal, Amina Valjevac

Global Links Committee – Chaired by Geert Carmeliet

ECTS President-Elect Peter Pietschmann presented composition of the action groups.

-Central and Eastern Europe Action Group chaired by Geert Carmeliet: Radmila Matijevic, Petar Milovanovic (Co-chair), Barbara Obermayer-Pietsch, Richar Pikner, Janana Belaya, Michaela Tencerova, Barbara Ostanek, Amina Valjevac, Gudrun Stenbeck, Judit Donath, Martin Kuzma

-IFMRS Action Group: Gudrun Stenbeck, Katharina Jaehn, Jon Tobias, Nuria Guañabens, Elizabeth Winter, Carolina Medina-Gomez

-East-meets-West Action Group: Salvatore Minisola- Chair, Claus Glueer, Oei Ling, Wang Ling, Wang Ning, Joon-Soon Kang, Yuuki Imai

Research Committee – Chaired by Salvatore Minisola

Composition of action groups:

- Grants and Awards Action Group: Anna Teti (Co-chair), Amina Valjevac, Pawel Szulc, Roger Gomis, Melanie Haffner-Luntzer, Christina Moeller Andreasen
- Academy Selection Action Group: Martina Rauner (Co-Chair), Eric Hay, Ciro Menale, Jerone Geurts, Outi Mäkitie

Peter Pietschmann presented winners of the 2023 Named Awards:

Maria Luisa Bianchi Award: Martine Cohen-Solal

Steven Boonen Award: Piet Geusens

Philippe Bordier Award: Carola Zillikens

Iain T Boyle Award: Petar Milovanovic

Mike Horton award: Claire Edwards

Then Peter presented Excellence in Research Award winner- Angela Cheung

Next Peter informed about winners of 2023 Fellowships:

Basic Fellowship: Eva Maria Wölfel

Clinical Fellowship: Heike Weidner

Peter presented selected committee activities such as:

- New GIOP Guideline (earlier guideline 2013!)
- Clinical guidelines e.g. DXA/BMD best practice
- Position papers: Why we still need animal models in bone research.
- Rare bone diseases data collection
 - 5000 webinar participants
- Newsletter 1/month
- Posting of material received from ECTS and Newsletter on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook
- Fundraising activities to increase the financial resources of ECTS
- Visibility of ECTS within CEE and Asian countries

- Advocacy for musculoskeletal research

ECTS Committees & Action Groups are dedicated to promoting and improving research, education, and patient care.

Peter invited for the presentations of committees' work:

- Recently published and upcoming papers: Sunday 16 April, 16:00 – 16:30, Exhibition Area, ECTS Networking Lounge
- ECTS Committees on Air: Monday 17 April, 16:00 – 16:30, Exhibition Area, ECTS Networking Lounge

As a last, Peter Pietschmann presented new ECTS Academy members, that are:

Anne Sophie Sølling

Giovanni Adami

Jakob Starup Linde

Verena Fisher

Drenka Trivanovic

Giulia Battafarano

Franziska Lademann

Peter asked about comments or questions. Emma Duncan commented on the composition of the Clinical Practice action group and proposed herself as a candidate for this group.

Q&A and closing - Bo Abrahamsen

Bo Abrahamsen, ECTS President thanked everyone for participation in the meeting and closed the meeting.