

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

Young Internists Assembly Ayia Napa, Cyprus 13th March 2015

Minutes

Present (National Representatives):

Carla Araujo, Portugal (Chair, via skype)
Frauke Weidanz, UK (Secretary)
Ieva Ruza, Latvia (Treasurer)
Ewelina Biskup, Switzerland (Subcommittee member, via skype)
Andreia Vilas-Boas, Portugal
Alberto Marra, Italy (SIMI) (Subcommittee member)
Matthias Raspe, Germany
Georgijs Moisejevs (Latvia)
Mikko Parry, Finland
Pablo Demelo Rodriguez, Spain (Subcommittee member)
Javier Moreno Diaz, Spain
Alexis Mueller-Marbach, Germany
Charlotte De Bree, Netherlands

Excused:

Lenka Bosanska, Germany/Czech Republic (Past Chair – last meeting)
Xavier Roux, France (Subcommittee member – last meeting)

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Chair and Secretary Report
3. Subcommittee Elections
4. Task Forces
5. News from the National Societies
6. Any other business: YI website, YI surveys, etc
7. Conclusions

Minutes	Action Points
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Carla Araujo welcomed the Young Internists Assembly members and apologised for not being present in person due to clinical work commitments. Charlotte de Bree was introduced as the new Dutch YI Assembly representative.</p>	

2. Chair and Secretary Reports

Carla Araujo as outgoing Chair and Frauke Weidanz as outgoing Secretary summarised recent and current YI activities. New developments at EFIM executive level of particular interest to the Assembly were discussed, in particular the planned introduction of a new junior EFIM fellowship programme. This was received favourably and a small group of Assembly members will prepare a proposal of specific criteria and benefits to pass on to the Executive committee for consideration.

Future meeting dates were confirmed and YI representation at ESIM Sardinia discussed. Carla Araujo will confirm her availability soon, alternatively a different assembly member will represent the group and contribute to the faculty at ESIM.

Future events:

- ESIM Summer Sardinia – June 7 – 13th 2015
- EFIM Presidents' Day Brussels – 19th June 2015
- FDIME Clinical Research Seminar Paris – 6 – 8th July 2015
- Autumn EC, AC and Assembly meetings Moscow – October 2015
- Moscow Congress – October 14-16th 2015
- ESIM Winter 2016 Latvia – January 2016
- Spring EC, AC and Assembly meetings ?Brussels - Spring 2016
- ECIM 2016 Amsterdam – 1-2nd September 2016

Communication:

In order to improve communication within the assembly, a decision was made to hold 3 monthly skype calls with all available assembly members in addition to the 6 monthly assembly meetings and to the subcommittee skype calls.

Pablo, Javier, Andreia and Georgijs will prepare a draft proposal and circulate to the subcommittee and then assembly for comments prior to passing on to the Executive.

time frame – 2 weeks

Carla Araujo to confirm her availability.

time frame: 2 to 3 weeks

Attendance at the Presidents' day on 19th June for YIs is encouraged but not essential.

3. Subcommittee Elections

Elections for three positions were held following the defined Assembly rules of voting rights for official representatives only, with one vote per country and abstention for the candidates' countries. Results were as follows:

Frauke Weidanz was elected as new Chair (9 votes for / 0 against / 0 abstentions)

Ieva Ruza was elected as new Secretary (4 votes for Ieva Ruza, 3 votes for Alberto Marra, 2 abstentions)

Mikko Parry was elected as new YI Subcommittee officer (9 votes for / 0 against / 0 abstentions)

4. Task Forces

Matthias Raspe gave an update of the survey collecting information on national Young Internists groups and on practicalities of working in EFIM members countries as a foreign graduate, to be added to the website. This will allow doctors to access information on how to work and gain experience in other European countries via the new YI and EFIM website.

All assembly members to complete the survey. Matthias and Frauke will upload the information on the website.

time frame: end of March

5. News from the National Societies

All assembly members were given the opportunity to share and discuss developments and projects from their national groups.

Germany:

Alexis Mueller-Marbach reported on the growth of the German YI group. They now hold a full YI Day at the DGIM congress. In addition they collaborate with the trainee organisations of other German specialty societies in the newly formed Buendnis Junger Aerzte, working on working conditions, education and rights of young doctors. They conducted a survey showing e.g. that increasing workloads has impacted on young doctors' ability to complete academic work and are collaborating with trade unions in order to influence policy makers and improve conditions.

Latvia:

Ieva Ruza reported on the very successful EFIM winter school held in Riga this January, organised by her with the help of the Latvian YI group.

Italy:

Alberto Marra reported on successful educational activities organised by the trainee group of SIMI, such as practical workshops, the ECG blog and multi-centre studies.

Spain:

Pablo Demelo reported on a very successful YI Day at the SEMI congress. The Spanish summer schools are now involving residents from Portugal and South America as well, creating new links. The group is also contributing to the work on the new website of the Spanish society.

Portugal:

Andreia Vilas-Boas reported that the Portuguese young internists are organising courses on several subjects (statistics, HIV infection, fast assessment diagnostic echography, advanced life support, palliative care etc). They have a national meeting with abstracts from YI that is growing every year. The established network of "contact persons" in every hospital is being used for small multi-centre studies. Two articles with the results of the survey about Portuguese residents working conditions and their tutors have been published.

<p>Finland: Mikko Parry reported on a collaboration with the Finnish young doctors organisation, working on shift lengths and working conditions. Finland is also introducing the new specialty of Acute Medicine similar to the UK, Ireland and the Netherlands.</p> <p>The Netherlands: Charlotte de Bree reported that due to funding cuts, training time for specialisation is being shortened by 7 months. Curricula, competencies and assessments are being revised and there is increasing time pressure on residents to complete all requirements within the shorter training programme. This has also made it more challenging for Dutch YIs to participate in the EFIM exchange programme, as the wait for a placement is currently quite long – up to 18 months. Hopefully if the administration process of the exchange programme can be streamlined, this problem could be overcome.</p>	
<p>6. Any other business</p> <p>Frauke reported on the progress of the End-of-Life decisions project. Charlotte shared the Dutch experience of organising a national flash-mob research project on the value of capillary refill time. It was felt that such a format would lend itself very well to new YI projects.</p>	<p>All assembly members to share ideas for projects and events with the rest of the group.</p>
<p>7. Conclusions</p> <p>The assembly congratulated the newly elected office bearers and thanked Carla for her work as outgoing chair. A skype call will be scheduled in approximately 3 months time.</p>	<p>All members to send reports to their national groups and societies and share with the assembly for publication on the EFIM website.</p>

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