



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY & ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

On: Wednesday, 14 October 2015, Moscow, Russia

Minutes

General Assembly

1. Welcome (Frank Bosch)

F. Bosch welcomed the participants to Moscow and expressed his gratitude to Anatoly Martynov, Valentin Kokorin and the Russian Scientific Society of Internal Medicine for such a warm welcome and great organisation.

2. Report of the Treasurer (Antonio Martins Baptista)

A. Baptista presented the expenses of 2014, focusing mainly on the EFIM transition and the opening of the EFIM office. There was a slight increase during this transition but EFIM managed to end the year with a minor loss of 8.370,81€. In order for EFIM accounts to be cleaned from previous years doubtful customers originating back to 2009 and 2010, EFIM accountant advised EFIM to declare the loss in 2014.

This loss on doubtful customers amounts to 87.759,97€ .

Furthermore, A. Baptista presented the membership situation in 2014 resulting in an income of 83,832.50€. The Albanian Society of Internal Medicine was the only member who did not pay their membership dues and was exempt from EFIM.

The General Assembly approved the accounts for 2014 unanimously.

A. Baptista presented the current situation of 2015 accounts ending 30th September informing the members that considering the planned forecast, EFIM Accounts will result in a minor loss at the end of 2015.

Before presenting the draft budget for 2016, A. Baptista introduced the new membership structure for 2016. The idea behind the new membership is to grow the membership income in order to support the daily activities of EFIM office and decrease the proportional contribution of countries with more internists. Gross national product per capita was introduced presenting 3 different membership base categories and a minimum member fee. Furthermore decreased fee of 1.8€ per society member was projected.

GDP per capita	Base fee
1 - 15	1500€
15 - 20	2000€

➤ 20	2500€
Less than 100 members	500€ minimum fee

A. Baptista gave detailed projection on the final result of each member country and compared the differences from the previous years. Countries where the membership fee calculated with the new membership structure is higher than the double of the previous year, won't increase further. These societies will be allowed to pay 2015 double fee.

The new membership structure will transform the current voting per member, whereas the national society members will be divided in large, medium and small. According to the number of members, EFIM membership will be divided in the following categories:

- Large Members - more than 2000 members
- Medium Members - more than 800 members
- Small Members - as of 50 members
- Associate Members - Societies of Internal medicine outside of EU.

The General Assembly then voted on the new membership structure that was approve by the required majority.

EFIM new membership structure will be launched in January 2016.

Following the positive results of the voting on the new membership structure A. Baptista presented EFIM budget for 2016 incorporating the income from the new membership structure. The 2016 accounts were presented with a small loss depending on the income to be received from EFIM's congress in Amsterdam.

Members of the General Assembly officially approved EFIM Budget for 2016 by the required majority.

3. Secretary General Re-Election, Candidate: Pedro Conthe (F Bosch)

F. Bosch informed the members of EFIM General Assembly that there were no additional candidates who applied for the position of EFIM Secretary General.

Pedro Conthe was re-elected by the members of the EFIM General Assembly with unanimous vote. P. Conthe will serve on the EFIM Executive board in the position of Secretary General for the next 2 years.

P. Conthe thanked the members of the General Assembly on the trust they put in him and said that he will dedicate his time and will put a lot of effort in the development of EFIM further.

4. Granting Discharge from liability of EC members for the accounting ended at 31 December 2014

EFIM Executive Committee members were granted discharge by the members of the General Assembly for the accounting which ended 31 December 2014 with unanimously vote.

Administrative Council

1. Apologies and Welcome (Frank Bosch)

F. Bosch informed the AC members that the following members of the Administrative Council sent their apologies and were not able to attend AC meeting in Moscow.

- Watzke Herbert- Austrian Society of Internal Medicine
- Risto Kaaja - Finnish Society of Internal Medicine
- Phillipe Morlat - French Society of Internal Medicine
- Raptis Sotirios - Hellenic Society of Internal Medicine
- Lejnieks Aivars - Latvian Society of internal Medicine
- Monica Bivol - Norwegian Society of internal Medicine
- Serhat Unal - Turkish Society of Internal Medicine
- Lazurova Ivica - Slovakian Society of Internal Medicine
- EmilioCasariego - Spanish Society of Internal Medicine
- Jean - Paul Gaspoz - Swiss Society of General Internal Medicine
- Alistair Douglas - Society of Acute Medicine UK
- Roger Duckitt - Society of Acute Medicine UK

Present: Please find list of the present attendees attached.

1. Minutes of the Administrative Council Meeting, Cyprus 13 March (Frank Bosch)

Minutes from EFIM Administrative council meeting held in Cyprus on 13 March 2015 were approved by the members of the Administrative Council.

F. Bosch specified that once the new EFIM statutes are in place, the approval of the minutes will be done automatically within the two weeks from publishing them.

2. EFIM Day 2015 & 2016 - reflection & topics & ideas (Frank Bosch)

- **EFIM Day 2015:** F. Bosch reported that EFIM day in Brussels was very productive and involved the participants in a lively discussion. F. Bosch asked for a feedback from the AC members regarding their impression and ideas for the 2nd EFIM Day in 2016. Luis Campos gave very good feedback and proposed group discussions, to get some clear conclusions and clear recommendation.
- Dror Dicker congratulated Frank on the successful EFIM Day, and suggested 2 roundtables on Hypertension as well as inviting CEOs from pharmaceutical companies.
- Mine Durusu recommended discussing issues from wider point of view, like the new projects discussed between the members of the Professional WG. M. Durusu suggested initiating contacts with possible partners to collaborate in building bridges between scientific societies. Another point mentioned was inviting speaker from the WHO to discuss the current refugees' crisis.
- Nica Cappellini proposed to focus on the relationship with the EU community by approving the EU Curriculum project and having it approved by the EU. Another suggestion was to find someone from the European research community like Horizon 2020 to attend the 2nd EFIM Day meeting.
- Nicola Montano pointed out that the methodology is highly important topic regarding Overtreatment, Overdiagnosis and Choosing Wisely. EFIM duty could be to produce the documents criticizing the guidelines.

3. EFIM Statutes (Frank Bosch)

F. Bosch presented the draft Statutes and opened the discussion among the representatives of the AC. F. Bosch listed the reasons behind the modification of the Statutes:

- To reflect the current needs and manage the Federation more easily
- To comply with the good Belgian corporate governance
- To deal more effectively with new issues that might arise
- To introduce fair voting balance between member countries

No objections were received by the members present. F. Bosch asked all the members to carefully read the reviewed statutes and send all the comments to EFIM Secretariat. EFIM modified statutes will be put up for voting during the 2nd EFIM Day and Extraordinary General Assembly to take place on Friday, 11 March 2016 at EFIM Headquarters.

4. EFIM New Membership Structure (Antonio Martins Baptista)

This point was discussed during the General Assembly and presentation of EFIM Accounts. No further comments were received.

5. EFIM Fellowship (Frank Bosch)

F. Bosch presented an updated Fellowship proposal following the discussions during the past AC meeting in Cyprus. In general the benefits for the future Fellows will be increased and the Junior Fellowship will involve young doctors more actively in EFIM activities. Patrick Lacor raised the question on the contribution from the Fellows to EFIM on which Frank replied that EFIM will try to have the Fellows actively involved in EFIM events and EFIM future congresses. Current EFIM Fellows will enjoy the new benefits and keep their credentials. There are few criteria that EFIM Fellows should fill in among which Membership in EFIM member's country. The new Fellowship structure was approved among the members of the Administrative Council with 1 person abstaining. The new Fellowship will be launched during EFIM congress in Amsterdam.

6. EU Curriculum Project (Werner Bauer & Rijk Gans)

R. Gans presented the progress of the European Curriculum project reflecting on the 6 meetings that took place in various locations over the past year. R. Gans informed the participants that Werner Bauer is currently presenting the project to the UEMS Council in Warsaw, Poland. Feedback from this meeting will be discussed during the next EU Curriculum meeting to be held in Utrecht at the end of November.

The philosophy behind the idea of the European Curriculum is to reflect the increasing need for general care of the acutely ill patient in the hospital setting and the chronic patient in the outpatient setting and portray the internist as a team player who is coordinating care in close collaboration with subspecialties and primary care physicians. The main objectives are:

- Define Role and Scope of Internal Medicine in Europe.
- Define Core competencies
- Define Procedures
- Define Assessment during Training
- Define Milestones years 1-2 and end-of-training

- Define EPA's
- Define Schedule and minimum Duration of training

One of the main objectives is to define European Exam in the future. UEMS asked whether or not the training should be extended or renewed or come up with new specialty. This was discussed further with EBIM and EFIM President and the decision reached was the training for the internists should be 7 Years. All the national societies of internal medicine were informed and draft of the European Curriculum was sent in August for further discussion. The deadline for receiving the comments from the draft of the EU Curriculum has been extended to 31st of October. R. Gans informed the participants that the comments received will be reviewed during the meeting in November and updated draft of the curriculum will be sent to all the societies prior to the meeting in Brussels. R. Gans informed the AC members that the EU Curriculum meeting will take place on Friday, 11 December at EFIM Headquarters in Brussels. R. Gans presented the agenda for the meeting where the final version of the curriculum will be established. Further information about the EU Curriculum meeting will be sent to each society after the Moscow congress.
DONE

7. EJIM Progress report (Pier Mannucci)

P. Mannucci presented the progress report on the European Journal of Internal Medicine EJIM specifying the importance of this scientific journal for the European internist. P. Mannucci stated that Case reports were not accepted in EJIM and invited the representatives to submit all the case report in EJCRI. P. Mannucci pointed out the steady increase in the submission between 2011 and 2015 but the rejection rate increased due to sustaining the quality of the manuscripts on high level as extremely important. Italy, Spain and Turkey are leading countries with the highest manuscript submission resulting from strong internists' population. Many articles from China were submitted but not of a high quality. EJIM currently ranks 26 out of 153 journal in the category of Medicine, General and Internal with an impact factor which is steadily increasing and is currently at 2.891. There are few articles that are quite frequently cited. P. Mannucci mentioned EJIM's special issue on Multimorbidity published in March. European Journal of Internal Medicine is the flagship of EFIM and the journal for the National Societies.

8. Case Report Journal (Silvia Malosio)

S. Malosio presented the progress on EJCRI acknowledging the 1 year and 9 months since the launch. S. Malosio informed the representatives that in 2014, Editors decided to revise the editorial strategy in progress. There were 6 issues published in 2016, 2 Case Reports from ESIM Winter School, 1 Case Report from ESIM Summer School and 3 Case Reports from EJIM. Leading countries in submitting manuscripts are: Portugal, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. EJCRI acceptance rate is very high. S. Malosio mentioned reconsidering the peer-review process and the Editors role by including more Associate Editors with a decision making role. EJCRI has been currently indexed in: Google Scholar, PubMed Central, EMBASE, SCOPUS, EBSCO (under review). Best referrals are coming from Google Scholar and link exchanges with EFIM, Russian Congress, some National Societies and Facebook. In order to improve visibility, journal branding and to encourage sharing, EJCRI designed new homepage and new layout. Besides the usual promotion, EJCRI from now on will target University Hospitals. Facebook stays as one of the major access ways to EJCRI, however the active

sharing and collaboration with other social network communities will continue further.

9. Candidates ESIM Summer School 2017 / 2018

F. Bosch informed the AC representatives that EFIM received 3 proposals for hosting ESIM Summer 2017 - 2019 from the following member countries: Slovakia, Portugal and the Netherlands.

Slovakia

Prof. Mária Belovičová presented the proposal from the Slovakian society to host the summer school in Kosice, Slovakia. Hotel Jasmin and Double Tree by Hilton were proposed as potential venues of ESIM. Prof. Ivica Lazurova, the President of the Slovakian Society, was proposed to lead the school. The Slovakian Society decided to engage Progress Agency, a PCO who has very rich experience in organization of congresses in the management of ESIM.

The Slovakian Society presented 2nd proposal to host ESIM winter.

However due to certain EFIM regulations that were not fully fulfilled, the Slovakian society was encouraged to update their proposal and send their candidacy for the following ESIM Winter opening in 2017 - 2019.

Portugal

A. Batista presented the proposal sent by the Portuguese Society. A. Batista took over ESIM in 2006 and organized very successful schools in Sintra together with Stefan Lindgren. He dedicated the school to Prof. Jaime Merino.

Alvor was proposed as the destination for the ESIM Summer and Antonio Martins Baptista has been proposed to be the director of ESIM. The school will keep the same budget with a registration fee of 995€ per resident. A. Batista pointed out the importance of promoting the participation in ESIM and the exchange of experiences between residents.

The Netherlands

Jan Willem Elte presented the proposal received from the Dutch Society of Internal Medicine. J. W. Elte gave a bit of history on the Netherlands and the Dutch Society of internal medicine. J. W. Elte introduced Prof. Mark Kramer as the Director of ESIM and presented the members of the organizing committee. Proposed venue for the school is Akoesticum Ede which used to be former army barracks, now national training center for stage performers. The administrative support will be provided by the Dutch society and the budget will remain within the pre-decided margins at € 995 delegate costs. The proposed school programme will include mix of seminars, workshops, lectures, CPC's and interactive case presentations (as usual) but will also carry a theme: "Harmony". J. W. Elte sincerely thanked the AC members for the attention with a hope that they will select the Dutch proposal.

Members of the Administrative Council were asked to give their votes, 1 vote per country.

13 votes were received for the proposal received from the Netherlands.

8 votes were received for the proposal received from Portugal

2 abstention were received

The Dutch Society of Internal Medicine won the bid to host ESIM Summer 2017 - 2018.

F. Bosch and A. Baptista congratulated the Dutch Society and invited the AC members to the ESIM summer school in the Netherlands in 2017.

10. ESIM Report Summer School 2014 (Nicola Montano)

Another excellent European Summer School of Internal Medicine has taken place in Costa Rei, Sardinia under the lead of Prof. Nicola Montano and the Italian Society of Internal Medicine. The organizing team was intensively preparing the scientific program. EFIM was represented by F. Bosch (EFIM president), who also co-coordinated the event, and Ewelina Biskup (EFIM Young Internists).

39 residents from 20 different countries followed the summer school. The program was carefully prepared and offered the participants a variety of topics.

The reception day set off the standards for further days with an Opening lecture of "Malaria" by the most diligent experts: Prof. Ugo Carcassi. Excellent lectures were held by leading specialists. E. Biscop prepared excellent report that can be downloaded from EFIM website on:

http://www.efim.org/sites/default/files/esim_report_eb.pdf

N. Montano announced the following ESIM Summer School to take place in Sardinia from 12 - 18 June 2016. Further details will be communicated shortly.

11. ESIM Report Winter School 2015 & 2016 (Ieva Ruza)

I. Ruza presented the feedback from the ESIM winter held for the 1st time in Riga from 25 - 31 January 2016. The school has been very successful gathering 44 participants from 20 countries and 19 lecturers. As always FDIME supported 2 residents from Romania and Lithuania to follow ESIM winter. ESIM Winter supported 1 resident from Moldova to participate in the school. ESIM Winter ended up with positive outcome without any involvement of pharmaceutical company. 43 participants out of 44 were very satisfied with the course. I. Ruza pointed out few comments for the future selection of residents by explaining better the format of ESIM to possible applicants and avoid sending over experienced doctors.

The free submission and publishing window of case reports in **EJCRIM** was offered for alumni of ESIM Winter 2015 in Riga. The first ESIM organised by a member of the Young Internists group left EFIM with optimism for internal medicine, for the European spirit and for the Young Internists movement.

Furthermore I. Ruza announced the 6th Winter Course of the European School of Internal Medicine to take place in Riga, Latvia from 7 - 13 February 2016. The school will keep on the same format and the same registration fee. I. Ruza welcomed the AC members to share the information with their societies and join EFIM for **25th ESIM Winter School in Riga, Latvia - 7-13 February**.

12. Exchange Programme (Frank Bosch)

P. Conthe expressed his gratitude to Carla Araujo for managing the Exchange programme successfully since the start of the project. Since June 2015, EFIM Executive Committee agreed to transition this task to EFIM Secretariat.

F. Bosch informed the AC members on the progress of EFIM Exchange programme since the transition to the EFIM Secretariat.

Professional flyer has been produced and communicated to all the national societies. Online registration is implemented via EFIM website. Improved communication with tutors and applicants assisted by EFIM office is in place. EFIM managed to secure financial support by EFIM, FDIME and AMGEN to encourage the societies to send residents to the Exchange programme.

Currently there are 35 hospital centres participating in the Exchange programme from 11 different countries around Europe. Registrations are coming gradually at this stage with 8 applications currently. The Worthing Hospital centre in Brighton,

UK is the most popular. F. Bosch asked the societies to spread the word and encourage their residents to apply for the Exchange programme.

13. Adult Vaccination Project (Mine Durusu)

M. Durusu gave presentation on the progress of ADVICE WG informing the participants on the participation of Dr. Lale Ozisik in the 'Workshop on the joint procurement of medical countermeasures/High-level hearing on the implementation of the Council Recommendation on seasonal influenza vaccination' 2015, in Luxembourg from 29 to 30 April. Detailed reports are available for download on EFIM website:

<http://www.efim.org/working-groups/advice-adult-vaccination-campaign-europe>.

Mine Durusu, Serhat Unal and Javier Garau were invited to the Adult Immunization Advocacy Summit, IFA, June 2015, Rome. An online self-completed questionnaire about adult vaccination has been opened to be answered by the members of Turkish Society of Internal Medicine. M. Durusu informed the participants that Dr. Lale Ozisik is currently attending The Role of Adult Vaccination as Part of Healthy Ageing, in Milan. Report from the meeting will follow.

M. Durusu pointed out that Internal medicine must focus on better care for individuals, better health care for populations and lower costs. ADVICE is a very timely and very valuable initiative to draw a roadmap to improve adult vaccination rates in Europe and EFIM should take the lead in this initiative.

14. Congress:

- Moscow 2015 (Valentin Kokorin)

V. Kokorin thanked everyone for attending the congress in Moscow and welcomed the participants to Moscow. He gave update on the congress focusing on the practical information and overview of the programme. V. Kokorin introduced the two Honorary lectures, Prof. Dr. Eugeny Chazov, famous Soviet and Russian physician, specializing in cardiology, and Prof. Dr. Oleg Atkov, who flew as Doctor Cosmonaut on Soyuz T-10 and is currently working as a specialist for telemedicine with the European Commission and is Vice President on healthcare and work with public organizations of "Russian Railways". 1515 registrations were received, 1235 abstracts were submitted from 48 countries, 201 lectures (presentations) were scheduled with 104 speakers from 18 countries. Portugal, Spain, Russia and Turkey are among the top 4 countries with the highest number of abstracts submitted. V. Kokorin invited EFIM members to take part in the Opening ceremony, enjoy Moscow and participate actively in the high level scientific sessions organized at the congress.

Upcoming Congresses

- Amsterdam 2016 (Mark Kramer)

M. Kramer presented the progress on the Amsterdam congress introducing the congress design and the 1st Announcement flyer. M. Kramer presented draft programme consisting of lectures, workshops and 2 parallel sessions. The theme of the congress is: "Connecting with the Patient". The focus will be on topics relevant for Internal Medicine in the 21st century like: Patient Participation and Advocacy, Education in 21st Century, Watson, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics etc. M. Kramer gave brief information about city of Amsterdam and the centrally located congress

venue Beurs van Berlage which used to be Amsterdam stock and commodities exchange quarters and is now used as a public hall.
Shirley Rigby suggested to celebrate ESIM 25th anniversary inviting all the participants to Amsterdam.
M. Kramer invited all EFIM AC representatives to be actively involved in EFIM congress, send proposals for speakers and spread the word among their societies' members.

- **Milan 2017 (Nica Cappellini)**

N. Cappellini gave presentation on ECIM 2017 confirming Milan as the destination for the 2017 congress. The University of Milan will host the congress under the leadership of Nica Cappellini. The format will follow Amsterdam congress involving 2 days active programme. The Scientific Committee will be responsible for the Congress Theme and the Congress programme. The selected PCO, AIM International will continue the collaboration with EFIM and will be involved in the organisation of EFIM congress in Milan. N. Cappellini invited all EFIM members to be actively involved and share the information about the European Congress of Internal Medicine in Milan.

15. FDIME Report & Clinical Research Course 2015 (Daniel Sereni)

Due to lack of time and very tight agenda it was decided to circulate FDIME Report & Clinical Research Course 2015 to the members of the Administrative Council after the meeting in Moscow and include it in the Annual Report of 2015.
DONE

16. Young internists (Frauke Weidanz)

Due to lack of time and very tight agenda it was decided to circulate the Young Internists report to the members of the Administrative Council after the meeting in Moscow and publish it in the Annual Report of 2015.
DONE

17. Next EFIM General Assembly & EFIM Day - 11 March 2016 - Brussels

F. Bosch invited the members of EFIM Administrative Council to mark their calendars to the 2nd EFIM Day to be held on Friday 11 March 2016 at EFIM Headquarters in Brussels.
The meeting will be joint with EFIM Extraordinary General Assembly to vote on the modification of EFIM Statutes.

18. Any other business:

- **EFIM Clinical Practice documents** - Due to lack of time it was decided to discuss this topic during the EFIM Day meeting
- **McMaster International Review Course in Internal Medicine**
E. Kucharz from Poland informed the AC members that Krakow will host for the 2nd time the McMaster International Review Course in Internal Medicine from 6 - 7 May 2016. The two-day course will be filled with a number of information-packed lectures delivered by outstanding speakers, who are world-renowned experts in their fields. E. Kucharz invited the participants to attend and share the information with the members of their societies.

- No further points were raised
F. Bosch thanked EFIM Administrative Council members on their attention and participation concluding EFIM General Assembly and Administrative Council.