

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

Young Internists Assembly Tartu 26th September 2014

Minutes

Present (National Representatives):

Carla Araujo, Portugal (Chair)
Frauke Weidanz, UK (Secretary)
Ieva Ruza, Latvia (Treasurer)
Ewelina Biskup, Switzerland (Subcommittee member, via skype)
Andreia Vilas-Boas, Portugal
Sandra Kasnauskiene, Lithuania
Alberto Marra, Italy (SIMI) (Subcommittee member)
Matthias Raspe, Germany

In attendance (visiting Young Internists):

Liucuja Vaitkeviciute (Lithuania)
Georgijs Moisejevs (Latvia)

Excused:

Lenka Bosanska, Germany/Czech Republic (Past Chair)
Xavier Roux, France (Subcommittee member)
Mikko Parry, Finland
Vikas Sarna, Norway
Pablo Demelo Rodriguez, Spain
Alexis Mueller-Marbach, Germany

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Chair Report
3. Secretary Report
4. Subcommittee Elections: candidate Pablo Demelo from Spain
5. Task Forces: the new YI project
6. Any other business: YI website, YI surveys, etc
7. Conclusions

Minutes	Action Points
1. Welcome Carla Araujo welcomed the assembly, followed by a brief introduction round.	

<p>2. Chair report</p> <p>Carla explained the structure of group. She summarized YI activities and promoted and explained CRS, ESIM, the exchange programme and EJCRIM to the new members. All were encouraged to promote these activities in their own countries and to contribute ideas – and to ask for help with projects and ideas.</p>	
<p>3. Secretary report</p> <p>The minutes of the last YI assembly were approved and Frauke summarised activities of the subcommittee since the last assembly. The next meetings were announced - date of next assembly TBC (during AC meeting in Cyprus 16 – 19 April 2015). Ways of communicating were discussed and assembly members encouraged to feed back ideas throughout the year and make use of the new website. The database is now outdated and we need to encourage YIs to sign up to website to form a current list of active members. Some representatives do not reply to invitations for assembly meetings etc. – Frauke stressed that it is important to reply and send apologies if unable to attend. If lack of financial support from the national society is the problem, we are always happy to try and help so please ask.</p>	<p>FW to discuss with Tim Aldiss regarding ways of identifying and contacting YI members amongst EFIM members registered on the website.</p> <p>FW to send emails to those representatives not present and who have not sent apologies to clarify whether they are still involved.</p>
<p>4. Subcommittee Elections: candidate Pablo Demelo from Spain</p> <p>Seven official representatives were present and an open vote was conducted. Pablo was unanimously elected and welcomed to the group.</p>	
<p>5. Task Forces</p> <p>Ewa Biskup and Carla introduced the concept of forming groups of interested YIs who wish to collaborate and on specific matters of relevance to us a group. This would open possibilities to involve more YIs beyond the group of the Assembly. Potential topics / task forces include education, emergency care, research and working conditions. These should not copy or duplicate the work of the EFIM SCs or WGs but concentrate on YI matters. These are envisaged as informal, short-term groups, which are project specific and goal orientated. We will seek support from the executive committee but do not necessarily need to follow formal approval processes for each project.</p>	

<p>5. continued: Suggested topics:</p> <p>1) Matthias suggested having a structured part on the website with information on training structures in all EFIM member countries, and information about opportunities / logistics of working there as a foreign graduate. This could include information on whether research is necessary / encouraged as part of the training programme.</p> <p>2) Sandra suggested publishing information for YIs on the website on how to access research funding / scholarships in Europe.</p> <p>3) Alberto suggested conducting a survey on whether or not doctors in different countries prescribe generic or branded drugs. This could be developed into a snapshot observational study.</p> <p>4) Emergency / Acute Medicine: Carla suggested a task force on emergency to develop protocols / guidelines and educational material including training courses for YIs in Europe.</p> <p>5) Matthias suggested a task force on ultrasound to collect data on its use and develop educational events</p> <p>6) Georgijs suggested a task force on end-of-life decisions – Frauke will develop this with this help from the current EOL project group</p>	<p>Matthias Raspe to start a group on collecting (and publishing on the website) information on training programmes in European countries and national YI groups</p> <p>Carla to start group on emergency care issues</p> <p>Frauke to start group on end-of-life decisions, involving current EOL project group and Georgijs</p> <p>Alberto to start group on generic prescribing project</p> <p>The lead contact persons for these task forces will send a brief paragraph and call for contributors to Frauke, for publication on the website and distribution via social media etc.</p>
<p>6. Any other business: YI website, YI surveys, etc</p> <p>Frauke asked for suggestions and feedback for the new website – areas for more content had already been identified as part of the task force discussion. Matthias suggested including ‘expiry/renewal dates’ to ensure regular updates.</p> <p>Matthias and Andreia suggested awarding a ‘best case report’ prize at the schools and publishing these cases on the website.</p>	<p>All YIs – including those not present - to send content for publication on website to Frauke</p>
<p>7. Conclusions</p> <p>Main aim is to start work on the new projects / task forces immediately and use this as a way to involve more YIs including from outside the assembly.</p> <p>Next Assembly meeting as part of AC meetings in Cyprus in April.</p>	<p>Frauke to circulate minutes. All to write reports and disseminate information to their national societies.</p>

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