



Minutes General Assembly Stockholm Wednesday 25 June 2016

1) Welcome from the Congress President

2) The Minutes of the General Assembly of Amsterdam, are accepted.

3) Report of President

Cecilia Ahlstrom Emanuelsson announces that there are over 1600 participants on the congress from 73 countries.

The president especially thanks the sponsors and exhibitors.

4) Report of General Secretary

The Secretary General, Prof. Valerie Lund, is happy to announce that the membership of ERS keeps growing. The ERS now has 2600 members from 87 countries. There has been an increase in membership and Junior Members (who can have free membership up to 35 years old) last years.

There are 1166 junior members, the question is if they will continue an individual membership after they have reach the age of 35 years. It is difficult to trace them because some of them will have a block membership. We can try to check this by birthday. We have to try to keep them as ERS member maybe with a reduced fee.

It's hard to find countries with more then 10 ERS members. The general secretary promotes block memberships for national rhinologic societies: a way for rhinologic societies to obtain the advantages of membership and online access to Rhinology at a significantly reduced price. ERS membership gives a profit of 10% on ERS courses.

4a) Honorary memberships

For their special merit to Rhinology in general and contributions to the ERS Honorary memberships were upon

Ron Eccles from UK,

Mats Holmström from Sweden and

Aldo Stamm from Brazil.

4b) Research prize 2016

The clinical en basic research prize of 1500 euro each were awarded to:

Brecht Steelant, Leuven, Belgium for his paper:

'Impaired barrier function in patients with house dust mite-induced allergic rhinitis is accompanied by decreased occludin and zonula occludens-1 expression' (basic prize)

Els de Schrijver from Gent, Belgium for her paper:

'Effect of doxycycline, methylprednisolone, mepolizumab and omalizumab on nasal and systemic periostin expression in CRSwNP' (clinical prize)

4c) Delegates and Regional representatives

A number of national delegates and regional representatives have demitted office;



Austria; representative Gerry Wolf is replaced by Peter Valentin Tomazic
Czech Republic; representative Jan Betka is replaced by Jan Plazk
Greece; delegate Pavlos Maragkoudakis is replaced by Jannis Constantinidis
Hungary; representative Andor Hirschberg is replaced by Zsolt Bella
Italy; Representative Ignazio Tasca is replaced by Giacomo Ceroni Compadretti
The Netherlands; Delegate Christos Georgalas is replaced by Marleen Vleming
Norway; representative Arild Danielsen is not yet known
Serbia; Representative Dusanka Milosevic is replaced by Ljiljana Jovancevic, delegate
Turkey; Representative Oguz Ogretmenoglu is replaced by Rasit Midilli
Russia; Representative Vladimir Kozloz is replaced by Sergei Karpischenko, delegate
United Kingdom; Delegate Andrew Swift is replaced by Sean Carrie

There are 2 new Regional Representatives from 2016

Lithuania; Justinas Ivaska

Slovenia; Jure Urbancic

Ignazio Tasca let us know that he demits office as delegate. Dr. Compadretti will replace him.

5) Report of the Treasurer

The treasurer, Claire Hopkins announced that ERS has a stable and healthy bank account.

6) Appointments general Secretary

Valerie Lund demits office as General Secretary after a period of 10 years. Wytske Fokkens will be the new General Secretary of ERS after the ERS2016 Stockholm meeting.

7) Report of Editor in Chief

Wytske Fokkens gave an editorial report for Rhinology Journal over the last two years. Number of issues is very stable, the number of released hardcopies is 4 times a year. The numbers of pages is between 384-448 and number of articles between 50-70. The acceptance rate of manuscripts is currently around 11%, that has decreased as more and more articles have been submitted.

The last supplement was the abstract book of the Amsterdam meeting in 2014. We expect to release a new supplement in 2017.

The impact factor in 2014 reached an all-time high at 3.6 but decreased to 1,6 in 2015. This is too low, as less authors are expected to submit papers, due to rules set by universities to submit papers in the top 30% of the field. EPOS was cited many times and contributed heavily to the IF in 2013 and 2014, but fell out of calculations in 2015. As result, Rhinology is now the 16th journal in the ENT field at this moment, which is just above the 50% level.

7a) Top cited original papers in Rhinology

2014; ***Comparison between unilateral PNIF and rhinomanometry in healthy and obstructed noses***



By: Ottaviano, Giancarlo; Lund, Valerie J.; Nardello, Ennio; et al.
RHINOLOGY Volume: 52; Issue: 1; Pages: 25-30; Published: MAR 2014

2015; Does time to endoscopic sinus surgery impact outcomes in Chronic Rhinosinusitis? Prospective findings from the National Comparative Audit of Surgery for Nasal Polyposis and Chronic Rhinosinusitis

By: Hopkins, C.; Rimmer, J.; Lund, V. J.
RHINOLOGY Volume: 53 Issue: 1 Pages: 10-17 Published: MAR 2015

7b) Top reviewers in 2014-2015

Top reviewer of 2014: Artur Gevoryan.

Top reviewer of 2015: Mark Jorissen.

Wyske Fokkens thanks the top reviewers (most papers and fastest turn around in 2014-2015) for their excellent contribution. They received a plaque.

7c) Editorial board members

New editorial board members:

- Richard Douglas
- Gregor Bachmann-Harilstad
- Carl Philpott
- Valentin Tomazic

8) Change statutes/bylaw:

Some minor changes have been made to the bylaws:

We agreed the ERS junior member board is represented by their chairperson in the Executive Board and in the advisory board meetings. The junior member chairperson has one vote at advisory board meetings.

9) Congress 2018 London:

ERS congress 2018 will be held in London in April 2018. Due to various reasons the meeting will be in April and not in June/July.

10)Future congress

There are bids for ERS Congress in 2020 from Barcelona, St. Petersburg, Thessaloniki and Brussels.

The advisory board voted the 2020 congress to be in Thessaloniki.

11)Any other business

none

