

**European Lupus Society
General Assembly
Thursday, 22nd March 2018
Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf – Germany
Room 3A – h. 18:30-19:30**

AGENDA

Welcome and formal opening of AGM (M. Schneider)

- a) Summary of Executive Committee actions (M. Schneider)
- b) Minutes approval of the previous Annual General Meeting, held in Dusseldorf, 11th July 2017 (E. Svenungsson)
- c) Report of the Treasurer (A. Doria)
- d) Receiving the accounts of the Society for the previous financial year (A. Doria)
- e) Budget approval for the current year (A. Doria)
- f) Report of the Secretary General (E. Svenungsson)
- g) Approval of the amendments to the by-laws (E. Svenungsson)
- h) Election of ten Executive Committee members (M. Schneider)
- i) Other business (M. Schneider)
- j) Adjournment (M. Schneider)

a) Summary of Executive Committee actions

Prof. Schneider opens the General Assembly summing up the work of the Executive Committee.

Even though the major aim is the organization of the meeting, SLEuro wants to become one of the main societies focused on SLE and related syndromes. The goal of the society with this conference is to become a great family for Lupus in Europe, our idea of collaboration.

In order to do so, fellows and universities should be integrated in the society (proposal for SLEuro training program where young fellows can exchange and study and work in different hospitals and research different areas). SLEuro wants to create a Junior Committee so they can interact also with the social networks.

b) Minutes approval of the previous Annual General Meeting

Prof. Svenungsson sums up the main points of the previous Annual General Meeting (document distributed at the entrance to everyone) which are:

1. 2016 financial statement
2. budget for the current year
3. approval of the 2 new members of the executive committee (Prof. Anisur Rahman, Prof. Laszlo Czirjak)
4. free annual membership fee for 2017+2018

No comments arise and minutes are approved.

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c,d,e) Report of the Treasurer

Prof. Doria explains the revenues and the expenses of the Society in 2017 (slides projected in the room). He first analyzes the revenues (Astrazeneca contribution, Congress income advance and a financial correction from the previous year) then the expenses (creation and maintenance of the website, printing of the SLEuro flyers, AIM costs, bank charge for opening of the bank account, fiscal and legal service and taxes).

Prof. Doria then analyzes 2018 provisional budget, the Congress will give a 30.000,00 € estimated revenue to the Society. Whereas the society expenses will include website maintenance, printing of new SLEuro flyers, the presence of the Organizing Secretariat at EULAR and the costs for organizing the executive committee meeting, fiscal and legal expenses and out of the pocket expenses. The AIM management fee will be free of charge as AIM organized the 11th European Lupus Meeting.

The total of expenses is estimated to be around 9.800,00 euro excluding taxes.

Therefore the profit of the Society will be 20.200 euro that should be used for covering the expenses for 2019 there won't be the Congress.

The provisional budget is approved by all the members.

f) Report of the Secretary General

Prof. Svenungsson analyzes the distribution of SLEuro members: 71% come from Europe, 12% from Asia, 1% from Australia, 8% from North America and 4% from Africa and South America. In total SLEuro has 488 members, Italy is the top leading country with 61 members.

Institutions can now affiliate and we have 4 institutions.

Prof. Schneider adds that more promotion on the society should be done as its membership is free and it will be free until 2020.

g) Approval of the amendments to the by-laws

Prof. Svenungsson sums up the changes that have been made showing them to the attending members (**by-laws changes attached**).

Prof. Schneider stresses the fact that board members can be re-elected just once in order to have a continuous change. With regards to the Treasurer and the General Secretary, the new proposal is that they are directly elected by the General Assembly and not by the Executive Committee even though they will be still members of the EC.

Prof. Schneider underlines that an Italian treasurer is needed since the bank account is based in Italy.

The Treasurer and the General Secretary are still members of the Executive Committee, they are just elected differently.

The changes in the by-laws will become relevant starting from next year, 2019.

The amendments are approved by all the attending members.

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h) Election of ten Executive Committee members

The new board will be in charge for two years starting from January 2019. Prof. Schneider explains that in the form he and Prof. Houssiau are not present because they will be Past President and President of the next board.

The next elected president will be elected by the Executive Committee as written in the by-laws. Prof. Schneider explains that in the voting form there are 15 people (10 from the actual board and 5 additional people) to be chosen among, but members have to vote up to 10 people.

The results are the following:

- 1) A. DORIA - 43 votes
- 2) E. SVENUNGSSON - 41 votes
- 3) R. CERVERA - 39 votes
- 4) N. COSTEDOAT-CHALUMEAU - 34 votes
- 5) D. BOUMPAS - 32 votes
- 6) L. INES-SOUSA - 31 votes
- 7) A. RAHMAN - 31 votes
- 8) R. VAN VOLLENHOVEN - 28 votes
- 9) M. TEKTONIDOU - 26 votes
- 10) C. CHIZZOLINI - 24 votes

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- 11) A. VOSKUYL - 19 votes
 - 12) L. ARNAUD - 21 votes
 - 13) L. CZIRJAK - 21 votes
 - 14) A. VOSS - 16 votes
 - 15) K. TULLUS - 6 votes

i) Other business

M. Schneider confirms all items have been discussed

j) Adjournment

Prof. Houssiau recall the next congress will be in Bruges (25-28 March 2020).

March 15, 2019
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