



EUROPEAN ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY
General Assembly – Bristol, 4 Sept. 2015

Minutes of the General Assembly of the EORS

Date: 4 September 2015

Begin: 13:32

Closure: 13:58

Location: Will's Memorial Building, Great Hall, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol/UK.

Members of the Executive Committee

President:	Bernd Grimm
1 st Vice President:	Edward Valstar
2 nd Vice President:	Ashley Blom
Secretary General:	Holger Jahr
Treasurer:	Gianluca Vadala
Past President:	Enrique Gomez Barrena
Member-at-large:	Nicola Baldini (excused)
Member-at-large:	Denitsa Docheva (excused)
Member-at-large:	Richie Gill (excused)
Member-at-large:	Geoff Richards (excused)

Ordinary EORS members

Presence of 17 members is registered by signed attendance lists. Attendance lists of the EORS Board and members is photo-documented and archived.

1. Opening



EORS President Bernd Grimm opens the general assembly by presenting the agenda of this year: 1) Presidential welcome, 2) Approval of the minutes of the GA in Nantes, 3) Report of the

President, 4) Report of the Secretary, 5) Report of the Treasurer, 6) Discharge of Treasurer and Board, 7) Welcome of new members, 8) Next EORS meetings and 9) Other items.

First, he asks the auditorium if further points should be added to the agenda (9). Nobody wants to add points to the agenda.

2. Approval of last GA minutes

The minutes of the last General Assembly, held on July 4th, 2014 in Nantes (F), are presented for approval and are accepted unanimously (n=13) without abstention.

3. Report of the President

Bernd Grimm presents major activities of the EORS since the last general assembly.

22nd Annual meeting of EORS 2014, Nantes

The 2014 annual meeting of the society was a huge success. The president expresses his gratitude to especially Pierre Layrolle and Florelle Gindraux, as local organizers, who attracted approximately 300 attendees. The scientific program included four plenary lectures, five symposia and about 200 oral presentations in 21 sessions in addition to over 100 poster presentations. This rich and varied 3-day-program provided many opportunities to share, exchange and discuss the latest innovations in orthopaedic research. Nantes was further characterized by excellent catering and a fantastic social program. The president honors several award winners of this past conference: The Best Poster – Biomechanics: Laurent Willemot, the Best Poster – Biology: Fiona Le Pape, the Best Poster – Clinical: Gemma Green and the Best Poster – Overall: Mark Pearson. Next to these, four prestigious awards for the best oral presentations in Nantes went to: Stijn Bolink (Biomechanics), Frank Schulze (Biology), Maria Stefanou (Clinical) and Claudia Loebel (Overall). Details can be found on the EORS website.

International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (ICORS)

During the Annual Meeting of the ORS in Las Vegas, in March 2015, Bernd Grimm, Holger Jahr and Geoff Richards represented Europe on the ICORS Board meeting. The next ICORS meeting will be held in Xi'an, China, from Sept. 21st – 25th, 2016. The president encourages EORS members to contribute workshops and mentions that EORS annually awards the ICORS TRAVEL GRANT to Europe. The winner receives financial support to visit a participating Institution for study purposes. The 2014 winner of this EORS-endorsed ICORS Exchange Grant, Ajay Vijay Suryavanshi, from the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay, will visit the University of Groningen (NL) and the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (CH) to study the in vitro biocompatibility of novel biocomposite materials.

EORS Exchange Travel Grant

The President explains details of the EORS exchange travel grant and indicates that more information and application forms can be found at the EORS homepage. As there was no application, the application deadline has been extended to end of the month.

European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics & Traumatology (EFORT)

On the 16th EFORT Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, in May 2015, there was an EORS EC meeting. The president thanks Jaime Esteban from Madrid University Hospital for having organized the session “Research In Bacterial Adherence And Biofilm Development: Implications In Clinical Practice” there, which attracted a lot of attention and was good publicity for the society. EORS also had a booth at EFFORT, in the exhibition area near ESSKA, SICOT and European Hip Society, to meet EORS board members and to benefit from special offers. This booth further enhanced EORS visibility. In addition to the EORS sessions, Bernd Grimm reports that EORS is also active in other parts of EFORT, like the Basic Research Task Force, H2020 Task Force, Education Committee, EBOT exam and the European Orthopaedic Curriculum. The president addresses the next, 17th, EFORT Congress will be in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 1st till 3rd, 2016 and invites the audience to contribute.

German Congress of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (DKOU) guest session

The president further refers to EORS supporting the DKOU English language track during this year’s conference in Berlin. In close collaboration with local organizer and president, Prof. Michael Nerlich, two EORS-endorsed guest sessions will run during this big German Annual Congress for Orthopaedics and Traumatology (DKOU) from October 20 – 23rd: On Oct. 23rd, Geoff Richards will chair session IN25 “knee arthroscopy” GR19 (starting 9:00 a.m.) in room Berlin 2. The other EORS special topic satellite session, chaired by Bernd Grimm and Geoff Richards, will be held later that day in room Weimar 1: New Technologies for Clinical Outcome Assessment (VE77 EORS).

Official EORS Journals

The president Bernd Grimm acknowledges and promotes submission to the two official journal of EORS, eCM and Bone & Joint Research as represented by the Executive Committee members Geoff Richards and Richie Gill.

4. Report of the Secretary General



New Annual Meeting Standard Operating Procedures

Since the meeting in Nantes last year, the Secretary explains, EORS developed and approved new Annual Meeting SOPs in order to standardize the application procedure around hosting these meetings. These changes were necessary to reduce costs involved with registration and administration of organizing meetings and to increase the transparency of incomes derived from the meetings.

Important changes with respect to the former SOPs are: the local organizers can expect getting even more support from EORS Board with respect to e.g. abstract submission, congress registration and promotion of the event. New is further that the EORS membership fee can now be collected together with the registration fee of future meetings. The Secretary stresses that all EORS members are welcome to apply to host a future meeting and that the application form and guidelines (SOPs) can be found on the EORS website as well as the submission deadlines. Holger Jahr further explains that this is expected to result in more competition. This is expected to increase the quality of the annual meetings. Furthermore, this likely ensures a longer-term planning of future annual meetings. EORS aims at securing meeting locations for three years in advance. The next application deadline, to host the 2017 meeting, is October 12, 2015.

EORS digital archive

The Secretary explains that, since Nantes, EORS established and maintains a digital archive of society-related information as a valuable source of information and in order to document its history. Promotional material dating back to the flyer announcing even the first ever EORS congress held in Paris, can be retrieved, now.

EORS website: www.eors.info

The EORS website is editable by the Secretary General and the President, who will provide updates such as Announcements & Links to Annual Meeting and respective deadlines, EORS sessions, EORS Travel Grant application forms, Membership details, past Meeting Proceedings, EORS Follower scheme & sign-up forms or Links to EORS streams on Facebook & Twitter. The Newsletter is also accessible through this site.

EORS on Facebook and Twitter

Holger Jahr mentions that EORS has got more than 1,000 new followers on Facebook, by far exceeding the number of active members. This stresses the importance of such social media for the society. Through Facebook and Twitter, EORS can dynamically inform its members in an informal way and allows members to give feedback and easily interact with the EORS Board and among each other. In addition, news/updates, photos, videos, tips, links etc. can be distributed through these channels. This present meeting in Bristol is already living through postings on Facebook. He encourages especially new young members to contribute in order to make EORS a living society.

EORS Newsletter

The Secretary further encourages, especially new and young, members to actively contribute to EORS as this still rather small society lives from, and through, its members. To this end, he appeals to the audience to actively contribute news to the society by contributing to the EORS Newsletter, which is regularly distributed among all members by email.

5. The Report of the Treasurer

EXPENSES		TOTAL	
Travel grants	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00
DISCUI, EORS symposia	4.000,00	4.000,00	4.000,00
Administration	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00
Tax declaration	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00
EC Meeting	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00
Total	8.000,00	8.000,00	8.000,00

Balance sheets

EORS treasurer Gianluca Vadala presents the transactions and the balance sheet of the EORS finances of the past year. The current balance of the account (as of 31.07.2015) is: € 65,497.27. Based on projected income and expenses, the predicted balance for the end of the accounting year 2015 is expected to be around: € 78,997.27.

Auditors report

Both cash auditors, Chris Arts and Florelle Gindraux, who have been elected last year in Nantes, reviewed and approved the correctness of the balance sheet and completeness of receipts. Both proposed to accept the accounting of the year 2015 and to discharge the treasurer.

6. Discharge of the Board

Discharge of the treasurer

After the financial report and its approval by the cash auditors, the President asks the general assembly to discharge the Treasurer. The treasurer, Gianluca Vadala, is discharged by unanimous vote (n=13 ordinary members excl. EC, no vote against, no abstention).

Discharge of the EORS Board

After the discharge of the Treasurer, the President asks the GA to discharge the Board. Also the Board is unanimously discharged (n=13 ordinary members excl. EC, no vote against, no abstention).

7. New members

Secretary Holger Jahr welcomes new EORS members. Since the Nantes 2014 Annual Meeting, EORS gained n=51 new members. These new members have been approved as such formally by the Executive Committee. The Secretary emphasizes that EORS as a society is eager to actively involve young members to foster their careers. He stresses the benefits of being an EORS member and addresses that volunteers who want to be more actively involved in EORS activities are welcome to approach the Board at any time.

8. Next EORS meetings

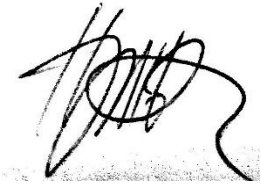
The President announces that the next, 24th, Annual Meeting of the EORS in 2016 will be held, from Sept. 14-16, in Bologna, Italy. Nicola Baldini will kindly host this meeting. The flyer is shown and the preliminary website (www.eors2016.org) is mentioned.

9. Other issues

None raised.

Closure of the General Assembly

EORS president Bernd Grimm once again inquires if any present EORS members wish to discuss additional issues in this general assembly. As no further points are raised, the assembly is officially closed at 1:58 p.m. local time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Jahr', written over a light gray textured background.

Holger Jahr, EORS Secretary General