

Minutes of the General Assembly of the EORS

Date:

1st call: 12.45-13.15 July 4 2014

2nd call: 13.30-14.00 July 4 2014

Location:

Auditorium 450, La Cité Nantes Events Center, 5 Rue de Valmy, Nantes, France
Present

Members of the Executive Committee

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

Ordinary EORS members

21 members were counted and documented per list and signature.

General Assembly (GA):

Due to the overlap with lunch, no members were present at the intended start of the GA at 12.45. Therefore the president called for a second seat of the GA at 13.30 which was attended by above-mentioned 21 members.

Opening

The President Enrique Gomez Barrena opens the general assembly.

He presents the agenda of the general assembly and asks the auditorium if further points should be added. No further point is added to the agenda.

Approval of last GA minutes

The minutes of the last general assembly in held on September 28, 2012 in Amsterdam are presented for approval and are accepted unanimously without abstention.

Report of the President

Enrique Gomez Barrera documents some major activities of the EORS since the last general assembly.

21st Annual meeting of EORS, September 2012, Amsterdam

The 2012 meeting of the society was a huge success. With approximately 400 attendees this was one of the best-attended meetings. With 160 orals, 180 posters and several workshops we had both a high quality as well as a high quantity meeting. There were new initiatives such as “meet a mentor” and the “co-chairing” of sessions by young investigators.

We had several award winners:

ORAL:

Basic: Marjolein Caron and Jantine Posthuma de Boer

Translational: Florence de Groot

Young Investigator: Luigi Aurelio Nasto

POSTER:

Basic: Denis Dufrane

Young Investigator: Napur Kohli

CORS 2013 Venice

The Venice meeting was a large success with a strong EORS signature. It consisted of 4 days of presentations, discussions, networking with 33 symposia with more than 150 prominent speakers. There were 370 oral presentations in 45 sessions, 4 plenary lectures, 5 keynote lectures, and over 350 posters. Nine awards were given including the new ICORS award.

Awards

Best Oral Overall: NORIKO HARADA (Japan)

Novel application of mesenchymal stem cell-derived chondrocytes (MSC DCs) for bone regeneration

Best Poster Overall: YASUAKI YAMAKAWA (Japan)

Combined effect of zoledronic acid and telomerase specific oncolytic virotherapy for human osteosarcoma cells

ICORS AWARD for transcontinental collaboration

FILIPPO BORIANI

R. Urso, M. Fell, A. UI Haq, U. Khan

Combined orthoplastic approach to open tibial fractures: a prospective multicentric study

Young Investigators Awards

Best Oral - Biology JANICE LAI (USA)

Best Oral – Clinical METTE H. HJORTH (Denmark)

Best Oral - Engineering ANTONY B. FRANCIS (UK)

Best Poster - Clinical- RYO SUGAMA (Japan)

Best Poster - Biology HISASHI SUGAYA (Japan)

Best Poster Engineering - ENRICO SCHILEO (Italy)

We also had several young investigators activities such as Meet the Mentor luncheon, Elevator Pitch, Sport Tournament

ICORS: International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies

At the EORS meeting in Venice, ICORS was launched. ICORS is a global union to promote interdisciplinary orthopaedic and musculoskeletal research. EORS promoted and co-initiated with ORS the foundation of this global network and is a founding member. Nicola Baldini has been elected as the Steering Committee member to represent EORS in this organisation.

EORS awards the ICORS TRAVEL GRANT to Europe once a year. The winner will receive financial support to visit a participating Institution for study purposes.

EORS sessions during the EFORT meetings

We organized 3 well attended sessions:

“Scores and tools for clinical outcome assessment”, Berlin 2012

“Metal-on-metal”, Istanbul 2013

“Nanotechnology in orthopaedic surgery”, London 2014

Other EORS activities in EFORT

In addition to the EORS sessions, we are also active in other parts of EFORT:

- Basic Research Task Force
- H2020 Task Force
- Education Committee
- EBOT exam
- European Orthopaedic Curriculum

Official journals EORS

The board has agreed that eCM (e Cells and Materials) and Bone and Joint Research will be the two official journals of EORS.

Profs. Nicola Baldini and Enrique Gomez Barrena are members of the editorial board of the new European Orthopaedics and Traumatology journal that is published by the EFORT,

Report of the Secretary General

EORS EXCHANGE TRAVEL GRANT

The General Secretary explains the details of the EORS exchange travel grant, and he indicates that more information can be found at the homepage of the society. We have three winners:

- Thomas Aquilina
- Julia Blackburn
- Gemma di Pompo

Their reports will be published on the EORS website.

EORS website: www.eors.eu

The current site is editable by the general secretary, who will provide updates such as:

- Announcements & Links to Annual Meeting, EORS sessions
- EORS Travel grant application
- Group membership details & form
- Past Meeting proceedings for download
- EORS Follower scheme & sign-up form
- Links to EORS streams on Facebook & Twitter

EORS on Facebook and Twitter

Facebook and Twitter allows the EORS to dynamically inform its members in an informal way. News, photos, videos, tips, links, finds, etcetera, finds its way to the members who in turn can submit comments, feedback & interact with EORS & amongst its members.

EORS National Ambassadors

The national ambassadors form the link to individual countries. They can promote the society and its events and they support best pan-European networking.

As such, their support will increase the number of submissions to the Annual Meetings and its attendance. In addition they will be able to provide the EORS with knowledge about national orthopaedic events.

The ambassadorship is a honorary position (no EC status).

EORS has two ambassadors, and their number is expected to increase in the future:

Ambassador for France: Florelle Gindraux

Ambassador for Turkey: Volkan Oztuna

Election of cash auditors

As the two current cash auditors – Prof. Nico Verdonschot and Dr. Gabriëlle Tuijthof – have to step down according to the bylaws after 2 years of service, two new cash auditors have to be elected.

The proposed cash auditors are Chris Arts from The Netherlands and Florelle Gindraux from France.

Both proposed cash auditors are elected by unanimous vote.

The Report of the Treasurer

Balance sheets

As the treasurer is currently in hospital, secretary general Edward Valstar presents the balance sheets of the EORS finances during the last two years.

The current balance of the account (as of July 4 2014) is: € 86,447.08.

Based on projected income and expenses the predicted balance for the end of the accounting year 2014 is: € 88,947.

Auditors report

Both cash auditors, Chris Arts and Florelle Gindraux, have reviewed and approved the completeness and evident correctness of the balance sheet and the receipts. They proposed to accept the accounting of the year 2014 and to discharge the treasurer.

Discharge of the treasurer

After the report the President asks for discharge of the Treasurer. The treasurer is discharged by unanimous vote.

Election of the EORS executive committee

The president proposes the following members for the executive committee

President: Bernd Grimm, Heerlen, NL

Vice president: Edward Valstar, Leiden and Delft, NL

Vice president: Ashley Blom, Bristol, UK

Secretary General: Holger Jahr, Aachen, D

Treasurer: Gianluca Vadala, Rome, I

Members at large 2014-16:

Enrique Gomez Barrena, Madrid, E (Past President, EFORT Basic Sciences)

Nicola Baldini, Bologna, I (EORS representative in ICORS)

Geoff Richards, Davos, CH (Sponsoring initiatives, sister societies)

Richie Gill, Bath, UK (Liason for meetings)

Denitsa Docheva, Munich, D (Young investigator, travel awards)

The new executive committee is elected by unanimous vote. All officers individually accepted their nomination. In his physical absence, the new president Bernd Grimm followed the GA by Skype and his acceptance was announced to the members of the GA through the preceding president Enrique Gomez-Barrena, who also read Bernd Grimm's presidential statement.

Upcoming EORS meetings

EORS 2015, 23th annual meeting , Bristol, United Kingdom

Other issues

No other issues have been raised

Closure of the General Assembly

The president Enrique Gómez-Barrena ascertains once more if any present member wishes to discuss another issue in this general assembly. As no further point is raised. The general assembly is officially closed.

Edward Valstar, General Secretary EORS