

Minutes of the General Assembly of the EORS 29th Annual Meeting

Date: 16 September 2021, 17:25-18:30 CEST

Location: Auditorium Antonianum, Rome, Italy

Members of the Executive Committee

President: Gianluca Vadalà
1st Vice President: Holger Jahr
2nd Vice President: Boyko Gueorguiev
Secretary General: Eduardo García-Rey
Treasurer: Jeanette Østergaard Penny

1. Opening of the General Assembly

EORS President Gianluca Vadalà opens the General Assembly (GA) by presenting the agenda of this year: 1) Welcome from the President, 2) Approval of minutes of the previous General Assembly, 3) Report of the President, 4) Report of the Secretary-General, 5) Report of the Treasurer, 6) Report of Cash Auditors, 7) Discharge of Executive Committee, 8) Membership, 9) Next EORS meetings, 10) ICORS, 11) Other topics, 12) Closure of the General Assembly.

2. Approval of last GA minutes

The minutes of the last GA, held virtually Friday, 18 September 2020, Start: 11:30 (Local Time Izmir, GMT+3, CET+1), End: 12:00 are presented and accepted without objection or abstention. The President asks the audience if any additional points should be added to the agenda, without response.

3. Report by the President

Gianluca Vadalà introduces the current Executive Committee 2020-2022 and thanks all for their support during this difficult year (COVID 19 pandemic).

Ex-Officios members.

He also specially thanks our current Ex-Officio members: Young Investigator (Jeroen Geurts, Gabriela Graziani and Stijn Bolink), Social Media (Girish Pattappa and Luca Ambrosio) and Women Leadership & Representation (Elizabeth Balmayor, Federica Masieri).

He encourages to follow our **social media channels** for EORS activities throughout the year and during the congress and appreciates everyone for using @EORS_society or @eors_society on Twitter/Instagram to help spreading the news about EORS.

EORS Session @ EFORT 2021 Meeting

Gianluca Vadalà and Jeannette Penny co-chaired the very-well attended symposium "Bionic surgery: novel solutions for amputees".

EORS Symposium @ ORS 2021 (virtual)

Former EORS president Nicola Baldini, EORS Young Investigator Ex-Officio Gabriela Graziani, EORS President Gianluca Vadalà and EORS Past-President Denitsa Docheva organized a very successful Special Societies Symposium on "3D models for regenerative medicine in orthopedics"

EORS Virtual Congress in 2020

The EORS President emphasizes the success of this special virtual Annual Meeting, with over 250 attendees with excellent clinical & translational research topics and a very attractive scientific program, under Congress President Feza Korkusuz.

ICORS representatives

Our EORS representatives at ICORS, Denitsa Docheva, Holger Jahr and Boyko Gueorguiev, participated regularly in the ICORS video conference meetings and actively contribute to, among others, the preparations for ICORS 2022.

EORS Current FIORs @ ICORS

He also thanks our FIORs Bernd Grimm, Catherine van der Straten, Enrique Gomez-Barrena, Geoff Richard, Klemens Trieb, Nico Verdonshot, Nicola Baldini, Richie Gill and Thomas Grupp for their support to our society.

ON Foundation and EORS

The President reports on EORS participation in, among others, Educational Scholarships, the ON Orthoregeneration Research Award (€ 1,000 best "Orthoregeneration paper" presented at the EORS Congress), the EORS & ON Symposium at the EORS' Annual Meeting and the Kick-Starter Grant (joint session and CHF 10,000 for the winning question in the survey).

Gianluca Vadalà further reports on the ON Foundation Initiative and collaboration between EORS and ON to provide five Awards ON Education Scholarships (€ 1,000). The winners are: Andrea Schwab (Davos-Switzerland), Morena Francesca Fiordalisi (Porto-Portugal), Josephine Luk (Columbia-USA), Isabel Amado (Dublin, Ireland), Fatma Nur Depoylu (Ankara, Turkey)

EORS webinar series

EORS new webinars are well received by the membership, reflected by a surprisingly high attendance rate. Next series of monthly webinars will be announced soon. Propose your ideas! webinar@eors.info

Young Investigator session and event in Rome

EORS President thanks for their active and numerous participation.

4. Report by the General Secretary

EORS Board regular activities

Eduardo García-Rey reports that monthly video conferences were held during this year, and updated the audience on EORS Newsletter & social media, EORS digital archive and checked Electronic banking

Two large Telcos were organized on January last 7 and 14, 2021, bringing together EORS' Ex-officios and Ambassadors with excellent feedback and participation.

EORS Administration 2021

The General Secretary thanks our secretariat, run by Beatriz Sais, for her support with the Website services & newsletters, Membership system management, Events promotion, Financial transactions and Archive organization.

EORS Society Collaborations

Also the EORS Symposium at TERMIS Global 2021, entitled "Tackling tendon disease", was a very successful activity. He further reports the Institutional Sponsorships to EORS by AO Research Institute, Davos.

Educational Activities

He emphasizes the importance of collaborations like the ON Foundation awards and grants.

Last Spring, EORS Webinar series started with educational topics on 20th April, 20th May, 18th June, 20th July; to be continued due to a great success.

He specifically thanks all Ex-Officio's Social Media, Female Leadership, and Young Investigators, as well as our Ambassadors, for their help and initiatives with all these EORS Educational activities (webinars series, EORS 2021 Congress SciCom)

EORS Official Journals

He encourages all members to submit to the EORS Official Journals (Bone and Joint Research Impact Factor 4.410, European Cells and Materials Impact Factor: 4.325) to improve scientific quality. Both journals are increasing Impact Factors, Decile and other quality indexes.

News and Update

The General Secretary announces a White Paper Future for the EORS Annual Meeting (Platform with Scoring Abstracts Systems) and EORS Members benefits.

The EORS Website is planned to be renewed and the ExCom is currently looking into option to change the present layout into a more modern design.

EORS Rome 2021

He is very pleased to report that the 2021 was a very successful mixed virtual and face-to-face meeting after the pandemic, with intercontinental participation, 490 Registrations, 252 Accepted abstracts 65 Plenary & symposium keynote lectures, 125 Oral presentations and 129 Posters.

5. Report by the Cash Auditors

Both EORS cash auditors (2020-2022), Peter Varga and Claudia Ciccione, reviewed the balance sheets and original receipts and verified completeness of receipts and correctness of the balance. Both proposed to accept the accounting for the year 2021 and to discharge the treasurer.

6. Report by the Treasurer

Balance sheets

EORS Treasurer Jeannette Penny presents the financial balance sheets of EORS since our Izmir Virtual 2020 meeting:

EORS Budget 2020-2021

Expenses comprise the EORS YI Izmir fees (€ 814,98), symposia zoom event (€210,51), bank account (€318,3), web services and website (€1237,38), lawyer and tax declaration (€899,46), secretarial work (€3124,01), EC activities (board registration) (€542,12), making it a total of €7146,78.

Income was generated through membership fees (€2767,1).

Of note, unfortunately, due to the special circumstances of the pandemic, the EORS meeting in Izmir did not generate a profit, so the balance during Izmir General Assembly was €29,602.52 and the expected balance in September 2021 (Rome GA) is €25,222.84.

EORS Estimated Budget 2021-2022

Expenses comprise Travel grants (€2000), YI event (€1000), Bank (€350), Symposia and staff (€3000), administration/secretary (€3540), web services and website (€1700), lawyer and Tax declaration (€2500), secretarial work (€3124,01), EC activities (board registration) (€5000). Total €19,090.

Income is generated through membership fees (€14500), EFORT Symposia (€5000). Total €19,500.

Of note, there would be more EC expenses after COVID pandemic and face to face Congress. The expected balance for September 2022 (Edinburgh GA) is €25,632.

Ambassador program

This program is co-chaired by Jeannette Penny and Holger Jahr and pursues the promotion of the EORS Annual Meeting and other EORS activities worldwide. It aims to broaden the awareness of EORS as a society among members of other national research societies to attract new members. Ambassadors are supposed to provide information about the society, serve as a contact point for society related questions or ideas, and are elected by a committee from active EORS members in good standing with a well-established own network. Ambassadors are being elected for a period of two years, with possible reelections.

Our current ambassadors are: Britt Wildemann, Dimitrios Zeugolis, Manuela E. Gomes, Michael Gasik, Feng-Shang Wang and Dimitar Todorov. Contact details can be found on our website www.eors.info, under "National Ambassador Program" under on the tab "About".

7. Membership

For details on how to become an EORS member, information is available on our website www.eors.info under the tab "Members". Here, memberships can be started or renewed by paying the membership fee. Except for ICORS 2022, EORS membership can be started, or renewed, simply by opting to register as a member during EORS annual meeting registrations.

8. ICORS 2022 Meeting Edinburgh (UK)

Our next, and 30th, EORS Annual Meeting will be held in Edinburgh next 7th to 9th September 2022 jointly organized with the British ORS and AO Institute Research in Davos.

9. EORS 2023 Annual Meeting Porto (Portugal)

Last but not least, EORS 2023 Annual Meeting will be in Porto (Portugal) with Congress President: Manuela E. Gomes, Co-Chair: Rui Reis.

10. Closing of the GA

EORS President Gianluca Vadalà 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 18:30 p.m. local time.