

## Minutes of the General Assembly of the EORS 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Date:** 8th September 2022 from 12.30 to 13.30 p.m.

**Location:** Appleton Tower 11 Crichton St, Newington, Edinburgh EH8 9LE, UK

### Members of the Executive Committee

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

### 1. Opening of the General Assembly

EORS General Secretary 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) Cash Auditor report and nomination 7) Discharge of the Treasurer 8) Discharge of the Executive Committee 9) Election of new EORS Executive Committee 10) Membership information 11) New initiatives 12) Next EORS meetings 13) Other issues.

### 2. Approval of last GA minutes

The minutes of the last GA, held in Rome on Friday, 16 September 2021, previously sent to the EORS members, are presented and accepted without objection or abstention. The General Secretary 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 these difficult years (including COVID 19 pandemic).

#### Ex-Officios members.

He also specially thanks our current Ex-Officio members: New Investigator, NI (Jeroen Geurts, Gabriela Graziani and Stijn Bolink), Social Media (Girish Pattappa and Luca Ambrosio) and Equal Representation (Elizabeth Balmayor, Federica Masieri). EORS President reminds changes in the members

Equal Representation workshop at the ICORS 2022 Congress is also noted.

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 2022 Meeting

Gianluca Vadalà co-chaired the very-well attended symposium co-organized with ESTROT on "Bone regeneration". EORS President also commented the on-site EORS booth at the Congress after the pandemic. Lastly, he emphasizes the importance for our Society that the new EFORT President is the former EORS President Enrique Gómez-Barrena.

#### EORS Symposium @ ORS 2022

EORS Vice-Presidents, Holger Jahr and Boko Gueorguiev, attended and promoted EORS and ICORS activities during the ORS 2022 Annual Meeting in Tampa, USA.

#### EORS 2021 annual meeting, Rome (hybrid)

Gianluca Vadalà, also EORS 2021 Congress President, emphasizes the success of this special hybrid Annual Meeting, with over 490 (290 face-to-face) attendees with excellent clinical & translational research topics and a very attractive scientific program, including USA as Guest Session and ORS President participation .

### **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 for their support to our society and presents the new nominations for Denitsa Docheva, Britt Wildemann and Dimitrios Zeugolis.

### **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 ICORS Congress), the EORS & ON Symposium at the ICORS Annual Meeting and the Kick-Starter Grant (joint session and CHF 10,000 for the winning question in the survey).

### **EORS webinar series**

EORS new webinars, starting the previous year, are well received by the membership, continuing a high attendance rate. Next series of monthly webinars will be announced soon. Propose your ideas! [webinar@eors.info](mailto:webinar@eors.info)

### **New Investigator session and event in Edinburgh**

EORS President thanks for their active and numerous participation.

### **EORS contract with PCO (professional congress organizer) for EORS 2024-2026**

Gianluca Vadalà reports that a call has been launched among European professional conference organizers (PCOs) with the aim to support reliable meetings, keeping the EORS style, a fixed income from the meeting and to improve administrative work

## **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

### **Visit to Edinburgh ICORS Congress 2022 venue**

The General Secretary reports that on 27th and 28th January, EORS President, Vice-President and himself, travelled to Edinburgh to meet ICORS Congress President, Hamish Simpson, with the aim of visit the venue, participate in a Telco with BORS, AO Foundation and discuss Scientific Programme, social events and financials issues.

### **EORS Board Meetings 2022**

ExCom members that attended Edinburgh late January also celebrated the Winter face-to-face Board Meeting.

Eduardo García-Rey emphasizes the fruitful Autumn face-to-face Board Meeting after the pandemic celebrated on 7th September 2022 during the ICORS Congress in Edinburgh with EORS Ex-Officios and Ambassadors.

## **EORS Administration 2022**

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**

He further reports the Institutional Sponsorships to EORS and ICORS Congress by AO Research Institute, Davos.

## **Educational Activities**

He emphasizes the importance of collaborations with the ON Foundation, the success of EORS Webinar series and the encouraging activities by all Ex-Officio's and Ambassadors, for their help and initiatives with all these EORS Educational activities

## **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 reminds, as previously reported by the President, the future PCO contract to support the EORS Annual Congress from 2024.

The ExCom plans to renew the EORS website

## **EORS Edinburgh 2022**

He is very pleased to report that the ICORS 2022 Congress, co-organized by EORS, BORS and AO) was a very successful meeting after the pandemic, with intercontinental participation (45 different countries and 12 International Research Orthopedic Societies), 510 Registrations, 36 Free papers session, 8 clinical bridge sessions, 23 workshops and 9 keynote lectures.

Lastly, the General Secretary congratulates former EORS President Bernd Grimm for his new position as new ICORS President. The audience cheers and Prof Grimm acknowledges.

## **5. Report by the Cash Auditors**

Both EORS cash auditors (2021-2022), Maximilian Koblenzer and Dominic Mischler, 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 2022 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 last General Assembly in Rome 2021:

### **EORS Budget 2021-2022**

Expenses comprise the EORS 2023 seed money/loan (€ 5,000,00), symposia zoom event (€1.565,71), New investigator ICORS fee (€283,48) bank account (€249,00), web services

and website (€1.560,49), lawyer and tax declaration (€1.187,23), secretarial work (€3.048,32), EC activities (board registration) (€2038,55), making it a total of € 14.923,78.

Income was generated through membership fees (€3.384,9). Of note, due to the pandemic, the EORS meeting in Rome was hybrid, nevertheless, there was a profit of €7,000.00. making it a total of 10.384,9 so the balance during Rome General Assembly was € 25.222,84 and the expected balance in September 2022 (Edinburgh GA) is € €20.674,96.

### **EORS Estimated Budget 2022-2023**

Expenses comprise Travel grants (€3000), NI event (€500), Bank (€350), Symposia and staff (€2000), administration/secretary (€3940), web services and website (€1700), lawyer and Tax declaration (€3000), EC activities (board registration) (€3000). Total € 17.490.

Income is generated through membership fees (€4000), EFORT Symposia (€5000), Sponsor NI (€500), surplus Rome (€583). Total € 10.083.

Of note, there would be more incomes from ICORS Congress. The expected balance for September 2023 (Porto GA) is € 13.250.

### **Membership**

EORS Treasurer reports that for details on how to become an EORS member, information is available on our website [www.eors.info](http://www.eors.info) under the tab "Members". Here, memberships can be started or renewed by paying the membership fee. EORS membership can be started, or renewed, simply by opting to register as a member during EORS annual meeting (Porto 2023) registrations

### **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, Dimitar Todorov and new nominees as previously commented in the report by the President. Contact details can be found on our website [www.eors.info](http://www.eors.info), under "National Ambassador Program" under on the tab "About" .

### **Ex-Officios members.**

The General Secretary reports that the ExCom proposal for new Ex-Officios members are New Investigator, Luca Ambrosio; Social Media, Girish Pattappa; Equal Representation, Elizabeth Balmayor, Federica Masieri; Training and Education, Laura Saldaña, Fabrizio Russo. The audience accepts the proposal without objection.

## **7. Discharge of the Executive Committee**

The General Secretary reports the need of a new Executive Committee for 2022-2024

## **8. Election of new EORS Executive Committee**

The General Secretary presents the proposals from the ExCom for General Secretary, Gabriela Graziani (Italian Researcher based in Istituto Rizzoli, Bologna), and for Treasurer, Stijn Bloink (Dutch Orthopaedic Surgeon based in the Netherlands). He reminds that both nominees have been working during the last year for the EORS as Ex-Officios

According to the EORS bylaws, the election procedure starts for every candidate: Holger Jahr (DE), President; Boyko Gueorguiev (CH), 1st Vice-President; Eduardo García-Rey

(ES), 2nd Vice-President; Gabriela Graziani (I), General Secretary; Stijn Bolink (NL), Treasurer; and Gianluca Vadalà (I), Past President.

The proposal is accepted (49 votes in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions). The audience applauds the election of the new ExCom for 2022-2024.

Gianluca Vadalà thanks Denitsa Doncheva and Jeanette Penny for their hard work during this difficult period for the Society. The Past-President thanks the ExCOM, Ex-Officios and Ambassadors their support and encourages all members to continue with the aim to improve EORS. The audience applauds and recognizes both ExCom members.

## **9. 2023 Meeting Porto (P)**

Our next, and 31<sup>th</sup>, EORS Annual Meeting will be held in Porto next 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (President Manuela Gomes). Announcement and Website is presented.

## **10. Next EORS Meetings**

Call for 2024 and 2025 is announced to the audience.

## **11. 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 13:30p.m. local time.