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# EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 8 June 2022, Malaga, Spain

Minutes

### General Assembly

#### 1. Welcome (D. Dror)

D. Dicker welcomed EFIM General Assembly Members to the first post Covid face to face meeting, thanking all the EFIM societies members for all their support and engagement in EFIM activities in the past two years.

#### 2. EFIM President report (D. Dicker)

D. Dicker presented the Annual Report of 2021, thanking the members of the EFIM Executive Committee, EFIM Working Groups and the Executive Manager for their hard work in the past year. D. Dicker presented briefly EFIM Annual Report for 2021 reflecting on the achievements of the past year.

D. Dicker was very happy to inform the GA members on the figures from the ECIM 2022 and congratulated all the faculty working on the scientific programme of the congress that produced a high-level scientific programme. D. Dicker presented the figures from the ECIM 2022 informing the participants that almost 1500 participants registered to the congress, and the Scientific Faculty reviewed over 1800 abstract submission. Furthermore, he congratulated Prof. Agnelli, EJIM Editor-in-Chief on higher impact factor achieved in 2021 to IF: 7.749 rating EJIM 26th out of 169 journals in the category General Internal Medicine. Finally, D. Dicker focused on the launch of the EFIM Academy inviting all the participants to visit EFIM Academy booth and to register to the platform.

Presentation of EFIM President is available on EFIM website.

[http://efim.org/system/files/2\\_presidents\\_report\\_2022\\_ga\\_malaga.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/2_presidents_report_2022_ga_malaga.pdf)

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List of the General Assembly representatives participating at the meeting in Malaga is available for a download on EFIM Website.

70 representatives presenting 30 EFIM National societies attended the General Assembly in Malaga following EFIM statutes, the meeting has been validly constituted.

### 3. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly held on 21 March 2021

The minutes of the General Assembly are approved without any correction by all members following the electronic dissemination to each member before the meeting. The minutes are to have been approved by the General Assembly thirty (30) calendar days as from the date mentioned on the notification described above.

### 4. Report of the Treasurer, approval of EFIM Annual Accounts 2021, and report on the accounts for 2022 and the EFIM budget for 2023 (V. Kokorin)

V. Kokorin, EFIM Treasurer presented the 2021 accounts, informing the General Assembly members that 2021 will end with a positive balance of **€43.988,58**. V. Kokorin thanked the national societies for processing the membership dues on time and ensuring smooth operation of EFIM office daily activities pointing out the few members who haven't settled their fees. V Kokorin reported that the results for the end of the year will be positive due to the lack of face-to-face meetings, less travel, and numerous virtual events.

	Accounts Approved	Final 31/12/2020
Income	€ 250.500,00	***€ 283.204,70
	€ 249.232,78	€ 212.316,12
<b>Provisions:</b>		
Website		-€ 3.000,00
EFIM International		€ 0,00
Social liabilities		€ 4.900,00
Legal liabilities		€ 0,00
IT Equipment		€ 3.000,00
Promotional Materials		€ 22.000,00

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<b>Result</b>	<b>€ 1.267,22</b>	<b>€ 43.988,58</b>
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*of which \*\*\*5177.97 EUR remains unpaid in membership fees*

The 2021 end-of-year results were approved unanimously by the EFIM General Assembly Members.

V. Kokorin presented the finances for 2022, reflecting on a possible deficit of -€ 21.127,25 expected for the end of the year. The results will of course depend on the outcome of the ECIM 2022 congress and the rest of the planned projects until the end of the year. A copy of the accounts has been sent to the members prior to the meeting together with all the supporting documents.

<b>Result Preview 2022</b>		
	<b>Budget approved</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
Income	<b>€ 272.700,00</b>	<b>€ 277.500,00</b>
Expenditures	<b>€ 293.127,25</b>	<b>€ 298.627,25</b>
Result	<b>-€ 20.427,25</b>	<b>-€ 21.127,25</b>

V. Kokorin submitted the budget proposal for 2023, projecting a negative result of **€ 21.419,93** due to the increase of prices from suppliers affecting all the daily EFIM activities, because of the inflation and the conservative forecast of Athens congress income.

<b>Draft Budget 2023</b>	
Income	<b>€ 264.000,00</b>
Expenditures	<b>€ 285.419,93</b>
Result	<b>-€ 21.419,93</b>

Members of the General Assembly approved unanimously EFIM Budget proposal for 2023.

The Treasurer's report has been uploaded on EFIM website together with the rest of the presentations from the GA.

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## 5. Granting discharge from liability of Executive Committee members for the accounting that ended on 31 December 2021 (A. Trajkovska)

EFIM Executive Committee members were granted discharge by the members of the General Assembly for the accounting that ended on 31 December 2021, unanimously.

## 6. Elections:

- EFIM Secretary General, candidates: Dr. Vasco Barreto, Portuguese Society of Internal Medicine
- EFIM Treasurer, candidates: Dr. Filomena Pietrantonio, FADOI Italy

### EFIM Secretary General

D. Dicker invited Dr. Vasco Barreto to present his candidacy for Secretary General. Dr. Vasco Barreto is a Head of the Internal Medicine Department at the Pedro Hispano Hospital, in Porto, Portugal, a Professor at Oporto University and a Vice President of the Portuguese Society of Internal Medicine. Furthermore, Dr. Barreto is associated Editor of the Portuguese Journal of Internal Medicine a member of EFIM Quality of Care and Professional Issues Working Group.

Dr. Barreto presented his manifesto focusing on strengthening the position of General Internal Medicine at all National Health Systems by making it more valued and recognized as the fundamental hospital-based medical specialty. Dr. Barreto firmly believes that General Internists must be the core of multidisciplinary hospital teams caring for acute patients at general wards and at disease-specific units, as well as in surgical Services, in a co-management model. General Internal Medicine should also lead innovative healthcare structures, like hospital at home, day hospitals and case management programs for complex chronic patients.

### EFIM Treasurer

D. Dicker invited Dr. Filomena Pietrantonio to present her candidacy for Treasurer. Dr. Pietrantonio is a Medical Director of Internal Medicine Department at Castelli Hospital in Rome, Italy. She has a wide and continuous scientific production on national and international journals in Internal Medicine, Oncology, Management and Health Economics and is member of the FADOI Italy. Dr. Pietrantonio has served as President of Medécins Sans Frontières Italy and has a wide experience as Consultant in Developing Countries and a wide clinical experience in internal medicine patients' management, innovation technologies, telemedicine. Furthermore Dr. Pietrantonio oversees the coordination of the paths between different levels of

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intensity of care and is actively involved in the definition of the role of Internal Medicine Department in the future hospital and in the introduction of innovation in Internal Medicine Department.

Dr. Pietrantonio is the current Chair of EFIM Working Group on Telemedicine Innovative Technologies and Digital Health.

Dr. Pietrantonio presented her manifesto focusing on increasing the recognition of EFIM at an international level through development of new models for taking care of complex patients and actively pushing technological development in Internal Medicine. Moreover Dr. Pietrantonio would like to focus on developing new research activities and creating networks of both European and International collaborations, continuing, and improving the attention to the training of young internists, that can positively influence the outcomes the patients both in the preventive and curative fields.

## 7. Voting and approval of candidates for Secretary General and Treasurer

### Voting Secretary General:

Members of the General Assembly elected Vasco Barreto unanimously for the position of EFIM Secretary General for a duration of 2 years.

Dror Dicker welcomed Vasco Barreto to the EFIM Executive Committee as the new EFIM Secretary General, congratulating him on the election.

Vasco Barreto will serve the EFIM Executive Committee in the role of EFIM Secretary General for the next 2 years (2022 - 2024).

The mandate of the EFIM Secretary General will not be remunerated.

### Voting Treasurer:

Members of the General Assembly elected Filomena Pietrantonio unanimously for the position of EFIM Treasurer for a duration of 2 years.

Dror Dicker welcomed Filomena Pietrantonio to the EFIM Executive Committee as the new EFIM Treasurer, congratulating her on the election.

Filomena Pietrantonio will serve the EFIM Executive Committee in the role of EFIM Treasurer for the next 2 years (2022 - 2024).

The mandate of the EFIM Treasurer will not be remunerated.

## 8. Handover: - EFIM Secretary General (X Corbella)

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X. Corbella concluded his mandate as a Secretary General saying that it has been a real privilege to work with EFIM and truly hardworking and enthusiastic Executive Committee in the past five years. He thanked the Executive Committee for the experience and the great friendship which added value to EFIM and thanked all the national societies members for the support given in the past years.

D Dicker and the rest of the EFIM Executive Committee members thanked X. Corbella for his hard work as EFIM Secretary General as his mandate came to an end and he will no longer be a member of the Executive Committee.

#### EFIM Treasurer

V. Kokorin conveyed his gratitude to the members of the Executive committee who supported him in the past five years, who promoted and shaped EFIM and thanked EFIM Secretariat, Aneta Trajkovska for all the support given during his mandate as a Treasurer.

D. Dicker and the rest of the EFIM Executive Committee members thanked Valentin Kokorin for his vast support in his capacity as EFIM Treasurer as his mandate came to an end and he will no longer be a member of the Executive Committee.

#### 9. ECIM 2022 update (Kenes Group)

D Dicker presented the figures from the ECIM 2022 in Malaga thanking all the national societies for their active participation in the congress. The presentation was added in the President Report available for a download from the EFIM website.

#### 10. ECIM 2023 (D Dicker)

D Dicker presented Athens as the confirmed destination for the 21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Internal Medicine which will take place from 15 - 18 March 2023 joint with the 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Internal Medicine.

D. Dicker thanked Prof. George Dalekos who unfortunately was not able to attend the ECIM 2022 congress for his support to host ECIM 2023 in Athens and invited all the national societies to actively promote this congress and circulate the information among their members.

#### 11. Progress update on EFIM Activities

The progress report of each EFIM activity is presented by the Chairs, the Editors-in-Chief and the members of the team in charge of specific group. All reports are available to the EFIM members from the EFIM website.

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## 12. European Journal of Internal Medicine progress report (G Agnelli)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/8\\_ejinme\\_journal\\_report\\_for\\_malaga\\_ga\\_final.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/8_ejinme_journal_report_for_malaga_ga_final.pdf)

## 13. European Journal of Case Reports in Internal Medicine progress report (J. Kellett)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/9\\_ejcrim\\_2022.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/9_ejcrim_2022.pdf)

## 14. Report from Young Internists (A. Marra)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/13\\_yis\\_report\\_malaga\\_2022.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/13_yis_report_malaga_2022.pdf)

## 15. Updates WGs and Subcommittees (per request)

- Report from the Early Career Subcommittee (F. Weidanz)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/14.1\\_ecg\\_efim\\_ga\\_2022\\_fw.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/14.1_ecg_efim_ga_2022_fw.pdf)

- Report from the Ultrasound Working Group (J. T. Macho)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/14.2\\_efim\\_uswg.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/14.2_efim_uswg.pdf)

## 16. Report from the EFIM Academy (M Durusu)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/12\\_efim\\_academy\\_ecim\\_2022\\_ga.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/12_efim_academy_ecim_2022_ga.pdf)

## 17. Report from the EFIM Schools

- ESIM Summer 2022, El Escorial, Spain, 12 - 18 June (G. Ortiz)

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/10\\_esim\\_ga\\_2022\\_esim\\_summer.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/10_esim_ga_2022_esim_summer.pdf)

- ESIM Winter 2023, Björkliden, Sweden, 13 - 19 Februari

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:

[http://efim.org/system/files/11\\_esim\\_ws\\_interim.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/11_esim_ws_interim.pdf)

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**18. European Board of Internal Medicine and UEMS Section of Internal Medicine  
(R. Gans)**

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[http://efim.org/system/files/15\\_ebim22\\_ga\\_malaga.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/15_ebim22_ga_malaga.pdf)

**19. Report from the Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe  
(D. Sereni)**

Full report can be downloaded on EFIM Website:  
[http://efim.org/system/files/16\\_fdime\\_activities\\_2021-2022.pdf](http://efim.org/system/files/16_fdime_activities_2021-2022.pdf)

**20. Next EFIM General Assembly, ECIM 2023, Athens, Greece**

The next General Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 during the European Congress of Internal Medicine ECIM 2023 which will take place in Athens, Greece from 15 - 18 March.

**21. Any other business:**

No further questions were raised.

D. Dicker thanked all the General Assembly members for their participation.  
The General Assembly was adjourned at 17h30.

EFIM President

Dr. Dror Dicker

EFIM President Elect

Prof. Ricardo Gomez Huelgaz

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