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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 30 August 2018, Wiesbaden, Germany

Minutes

General Assembly

1. Welcome (R. Palsson)

R. Palsson welcomed the members of EFIM General Assembly to Wiesbaden and expressed his gratitude to the German society for hosting the European congress in Wiesbaden and their enormous support throughout the organisation of ECIM 2018. Special acknowledgment was addressed to Prof. Petra-Maria Schumm-Draeger, ECIM 2018 Congress President, for her extra efforts in ensuring all the necessary support for the congress.

2. EFIM President report (R. Palsson)

R. Palsson gave a brief overview on the EFIM activities from the past year, concentrating on the objectives and the mission of EFIM in the future. R. Palsson mentioned the increased collaboration with the national societies in the EFIM Working Groups, the collaboration with the UEMS Section of Internal Medicine under the auspices of the European Board of Internal Medicine, particularly the harmonisation and implementation of the European curriculum. R. Palsson thanked the members of the EFIM Executive Committee for their hard work throughout the 2018, shaping up the future of the Federation. One of highlights of 2018 was the election of the European Journal of Internal Medicine Editor-in-Chief and the success of the journal. An innovative communication strategy was presented emphasizing the involvement of EFIM in social media and the new layout of the EFIM website. R. Palsson concentrated on the collaboration with the American College of Physicians and the future collaboration in updating the Charter of Professionalism as the basis of medicine's contract with society. There was a lot of attention given to physician burnout and the work-life balance as major initiatives for EFIM in the future.

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3. Report of the Treasurer, approval of EFIM Annual Accounts 2017, and report on the accounts for 2018 and the EFIM budget for 2019 (V. Kokorin)

V. Kokorin presented the 2017 accounts, informing the General Assembly members that the year 2017 will end with a positive balance of **€52,435.43**, mainly due to the income from the Milan congress, EFIM membership and EJIM Royalties.

	Accounts approved	Final results
Expenses	€ 226,686.36	€ 207,556.13
Income	€ 230,800.00	€ 318,699.12
Provision 2017		
ACP Meeting		10,000.00 €
Website design		10,000.00 €
Social liabilities		38,707.56 €
Result	€ 4,113.64	€ 52,435.43

The 2017 end-of-year results were approved unanimously by the EFIM General Assembly Members.

V. Kokorin presented the finances for 2018, projecting that the year will end up with a small surplus of 8,511.91.

The results will depend on the final balance of the ECIM 2018 in Wiesbaden. V. Kokorin informed the General Assembly members that the expenses for the ECIM 2018 congress were beyond the agreed budget and therefore a provision was foreseen to cover the unexpected expenses which might result in less surplus at the end of the year.

V. Kokorin thanked all the national societies for processing the membership dues on time which facilitates smooth operation of EFIM activities. Considering that the membership structure is functioning successfully with the current method, V. Kokorin informed the General Assembly members that the same structure will remain in place until 2020. During the General Assembly in 2019, a proposal for a new membership structure will be presented to the members.

V. Kokorin continued with submitting the budget proposal for 2019, projecting a small surplus of **€ 5,629.88** which will depend mainly on the outcome of the ECIM 2019 and other EFIM activities. V. Kokorin pointed out that EFIM has lined up many new projects in 2019. However, EFIM expects a very successful congress in Lisbon that should result in a positive balance of the accounts.

Budget Forecast 2019	
Expenses	€ 255,820.12
Income	€ 261,450.00
Results	€ 5,629.88



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Members of the General Assembly approved unanimously the EFIM Budget proposal for 2019.

4. Granting discharge from liability of Executive Committee members for the accounting that ended on 31 December 2017 (R. Palsson)

EFIM Executive Committee members were granted discharge by the members of the General Assembly for the accounting that ended on 31 December 2017, unanimously.

5. Power of Attorney with regard of the administrative aspects of the daily management

For the duration of two years (meaning until EFIM's General Assembly in 2020), a special power of attorney is granted to the EFIM Executive Manager, Mrs. Aneta Trajkovska, residing at Diegemstraat 87, 1830 Machelen (date of birth, 15/11/1974), to execute and perform all and any administrative duties that are involved and come with the daily management of EFIM as an international non-profit association.

6. Elections - EFIM President-Elect (R. Palsson)

- Candidates: Luis Campos, Portugal, and Dror Dicker, Israel

R. Palsson presented the two nominations for the President-Elect position: Dr. L. Campos from the Portuguese Society of Internal Medicine and Dr. D. Dicker from the Israeli Society of Internal Medicine.

R. Palsson invited L. Campos to present his candidacy for President-Elect. L. Campos is the Past President of the Portuguese Society of Internal Medicine, the Head of the Internal Medicine Department at Saint Francisco Xavier Hospital in Lisbon. L. Campos thanked the Portuguese society for nominating him and the Spanish and the Dutch societies for supporting his candidacy for the President-Elect position.

L. Campos presented his mission proposal for EFIM, focusing on the strong position of internal medicine in Portugal and the future of the internal medicine in Europe. L. Campos added that he is determined to continue improving and maintaining the standards of European internists, in a close collaboration with the members of the EFIM Executive Committee.

R. Palsson invited D. Dicker to present his candidacy for President-Elect. D. Dicker is the Past President of the Israeli Society of Internal Medicine, and the current President of the Israeli Association for the Study of Obesity. D. Dicker is the Director of the Internal Medicine Department and the Obesity Clinic at the Rabin Medical Center, Hasharon Campus, and a Director of the Bariatric

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Center, Herzelia Medical Center, Israel. D. Dicker expressed his gratitude to the Israeli Society of Internal Medicine for nominating him for the President-Elect position and all the national societies who supported his nomination: The Turkish Society of Internal Medicine, Italian Society of Internal Medicine, Czech Society of Internal Medicine and Slovakian Society of Internal Medicine.

D. Dicker presented his objectives for the future of EFIM and internal medicine in Europe, focusing on major challenges and physician burnout. D. Dicker added the importance of acknowledging the value and influence of internal medicine in Europe by other professional societies and stakeholders.

Voting Secretary General: Members of the General Assembly elected D. Dicker with 35 votes against 12 for L. Campos, for the position of EFIM President-Elect for a duration of 2 years.

R. Palsson welcomed D. Dicker to the EFIM Executive Committee as the new EFIM President-Elect, congratulating him on the election.

D. Dicker will serve the EFIM Executive Committee in the role of EFIM President-Elect for the next 2 years (2018 - 2020).

The mandate of the EFIM President-Elect will not be remunerated.

7. Handover:

- EFIM President (R. Palsson and N. Montano)
- EFIM President-Elect (N. Montano and D. Dicker)

P. Palsson congratulated N. Montano and handed to him the position of EFIM President. N. Montano was very pleased to step into his new role, addressing EFIM as a constellation of different voices. N. Montano presented a brief overview on his vision for the coming 2 years in his role as a President, concentrating on education and training (pre - and post-graduation), organization of healthcare, professionalism and clinical research.

N. Montano will serve the EFIM Executive Committee in the role of EFIM President for the next 2 years (2018 - 2020).

The mandate of the EFIM President will not be remunerated.

R. Palsson will serve EFIM Executive Committee in the role of EFIM Past President for the next 2 years (2018 - 2020).

The mandate of the EFIM Past President will not be remunerated.

R. Palsson and the rest of the EFIM Executive Committee members thanked F. Bosch for his determination and hard work as EFIM Past President as his mandate came to an end and he will no longer be a member of the Executive Committee.

8. Admission of new EFIM members:

- Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine

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The President of the Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine, Dr. Elie Moubarak, was invited to present the Lebanese society. Dr. Moubarak thanked EFIM and the Executive Committee for the opportunity to attend the General Assembly and ECIM 2018 in Wiesbaden. Dr. Moubarak presented the Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine and briefly described the activities of the organisation, including their congresses and the involvement and collaboration with other scientific societies, especially the French Society of Internal Medicine.

Members of the EFIM General Assembly approved the membership of the Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine as an Associate Member of EFIM with unanimous vote.

9. Candidates for ESIM Summer School 2020/2022: Spanish Society of Internal Medicine

Dr. Gemma Ortiz Llauradó presented the proposal from the Spanish Society of Internal Medicine to host the summer school in El Escorial, a town close to Madrid. The Spanish Society of Internal Medicine is following a long tradition and experience in organising internal medicine schools in Spain, including the very first EFIM summer school organised by Dr. Jaime Merino. Dr. Llauradó presented the town and the venue for the school. The Colegio Mayor of the Royal University Center of El Escorial María Cristina has been proposed as the meeting venue. The Colegio Mayor is modern and comfortable, featuring all the necessary facilities necessary for the organisation of the school. The registration fee will remain the same at 995€ per person including the accommodation, meals and the social activities. The programme will feature clinical presentations and practical issues in patient care, as well as several different topics with interactive presentations following a work scheme similar to the previous schools.

Members of the EFIM General Assembly approved the proposal by the Spanish Society of Internal Medicine to host ESIM Summer school 2020 - 2021 with unanimous vote.

10. European Journal of Internal Medicine progress report (P. Mannucci)

Prof. P. Mannucci, the outgoing EJIM Editor-in-Chief, gave brief presentation on the latest progress of the journal by acknowledging the team involved in the development and progress since 2008. P. Mannucci was pleased to present the progress of the journal during the past year, informing the General Assembly about the increase in the impact factor to 3.28. EJIM now ranks 27th out of the 154 journals in the category Medicine General & Internal. Both, the Publisher, Elsevier, and EFIM expressed their gratitude to P. Mannucci for his exceptional leadership and achievements as the EJIM Editor-in-Chief.

11. Handover and formal approval of new European Journal of Internal Medicine Editor-in-Chief (G. Agnelli)

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The new Editor-in-Chief, Prof. G. Agnelli was invited to present the new editorial strategy for the journal and introduced the newly selected Editorial Board which consist of 4 Associate Editors, one of whom acts as a Deputy Editor. Prof. M. Levy from the Netherlands has been selected as EJIM Deputy Editor.

G. Agnelli thanked EFIM for giving him the opportunity to lead EJIM in the future and to maintain the journal as the top-ranking journal in clinical medicine. He stressed that EJIM should become the reference journal for European internists in the future.

The members of the General Assembly officially approved the appointment of the new EJIM Editor-in-Chief, Prof. G. Agnelli.

12. ECIM 2018, Wiesbaden (P.-M. Schumm-Draeger)

Prof. P.-M. Schumm-Draeger, ECIM 2018 President, welcomed the participants to the 2018 European Congress of Internal Medicine in Wiesbaden.

P.-M. Schumm-Draeger gave brief report on the preparation of the congress, informing the members of the General Assembly that the number of participants in Wiesbaden had reached 1100 participants from 70 different countries. The highest numbers were coming from Germany, followed by Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Romania and Switzerland. P.-M. Schumm-Draeger announced that 1138 abstracts have been submitted from 50 different countries. Finally, she thanked all EFIM member societies for encouraging their members to attend and contribute to a successful congress and welcomed the participants to the opening ceremony.

13. Upcoming congresses: ECIM 2019 (L. Campos)

L. Campos, the next ECIM 2019 Chair, presented the theme of the 2019 congress' "Innovation in Health Care: New Opportunities for Internal Medicine". L. Campos gave a brief overview on the congress programme, including the timeline, and introduced the local organising committee. L. Campos is confident that the Lisbon congress will attract many participants from Europe and worldwide and he is working intensively in promoting the congress among the South American internal medicine societies. L. Campos invited the General Assembly representatives to spread the word among their societies and to attend Lisbon congress in 2019.

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

Prof. R. Gans presented the strategy for implementation of the European Curriculum of Internal Medicine and the future of EBIM activities. R. Gans stressed the importance of adapting EFIM articles with respect to the governance of EBIM and ensured equal representation of EFIM and the UEMS Section of Internal Medicine. Furthermore R. Gans, gave brief overview on the following steps for the for implementation of the European curriculum as well as highlighting future

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projects, including the development of a European educational and learning center in internal medicine using an e-platform.

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

J. Kellett, the Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Case Reports in Internal Medicine, reported on the progress of the journal, reflecting back on a very successful period since the journal was launched five years ago. J. Kellett was very glad to announce the achievement of PubMed indexing after a scientific quality evaluation by PubMed Central. Dr. Kellett added that EJCRIM is expected to be fully indexed by early 2019. Published articles starting from 2016 are going to be included in PubMed Central.

16. ESIM Winter School 2018 report and progress report for 2019 (K. Petterson)

K. Petterson presented the report from the 1st ESIM Winter which took place in Kitila, Finland from 22 - 26 January 2018. The school welcomed 47 trainees from 23 countries and 18 national and international speakers. Excellent workshops included ECG Olympics, practical ultrasonography and presentation of interesting clinical cases. A Choosing Wisely-workshop was held by the Young Internists. The 1st winter school was a great success and the preparation for the 2nd edition is in progress. K. Petterson informed the General Assembly representatives that due to the success of the 1st edition, the Finnish Society of Internal Medicine is happy to extend the number of trainees to 52. The ESIM Winter School 2019 will be at the same venue from 21 - 25 January 2019. K. Petterson invited all the participants to submit the speakers' proposal forms and the intention-to-send residents forms on time.

17. ESIM Summer School 2018 report and progress report for 2019 (R. Gans)

R. Gans was pleased to inform the General Assembly representatives that the 2nd summer school held in the rural town of Ede in the East of the Netherlands welcomed 39 trainees from 18 countries. A number of experts in internal medicine gave lectures and presentations during the 6-day course. The central theme of the ESIM summer school was "Internal Medicine in Harmony". R. Gans added that a strong emphasis has been placed on the emerging global issues affecting all internists such as ageing populations, antibiotic resistance, physician burnout, patient safety and resource allocation during global recession. R. Gans informed the General Assembly members that the next summer school will take place at the same venue in Ede from 23 - 29 June 2019. R. Gans welcomed all the participants to spread the information among trainees in their national societies and submit applications on time.

18. Reports from working groups:

- Choosing Wisely (N. Montano)

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N. Montano informed the General Assembly members that the Choosing Wisely working group will meet during the congress and the report will be presented during the following EFIM Day meeting.

- Professional Issues and Quality of Care (L. Campos)
L. Campos reported on the progress of the Professional Issues and Quality of Care Working Group, informing the General Assembly members about the two meetings that the WG held and the publication of the position paper “Hospital Ambulatory Medicine: A Leading Strategy for Internal Medicine in Europe” in EJIM. L. Campos added that the WG is busy working on another position paper and the surveys of quality of care and professional issues. L. Campos proposed to organise a pre-congress course during ECIM 2019 in Lisbon on quality, safety and communication issues. L. Campos added that EFIM website should be used as a tool to communicate and promote national, regional and local experiences related with the subjects of the position papers, webinars and workshops on the topic of professional issues and quality of care.
- IMAGINE (A. Marra)
The chair of the Gender Medicine Working Group, A. Marra, reported the preliminary results from the IMAGINE survey and presented the next initiatives of the Gender Medicine Working Group. A. Marra announced the parallel session taking place during the ECIM 2018, “Gender Medicine for the Internist” to be presented by two experts in gender medicine, Prof. Regitz-Zagrosek from Germany and Prof. Kautzky-Willer from Austria. A. Marra informed the General Assembly members that the WISE, the Women Initiative for Stroke in Europe, is very much interested to collaboration with the IMAGINE WG.

19. New working groups (F. Bosch and N. Montano)

- Ultrasound Working Group
The representatives of the Ultrasound Working Group met for the 1st time during the ECIM 2018 in Wiesbaden. The report of the meeting will be presented during the following EFIM Day on March 15th, 2019, in Brussels.
- Critical Appraisal of Guidelines Working Group
N. Montano informed the General Assembly members that the call for the Critical Appraisal of Guidelines Working Group will be launched after the ECIM 2018 in Wiesbaden.

20. Research project proposal (N. Montano)

N. Montano informed the General Assembly members about the FADOI project in collaboration with Web Insalute on the current use of digital tools by internists and their patients. The project is a great idea aiming at internist/physician positioning himself/herself as a primary reference figure to lead the change towards the best citizen/patient empowerment. He added that the FADOI project is a great

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opportunity for EFIM to be involved and proposed creating a new working group on education and research in relation to this project.

21. Young Internists report (I. Ruza)

I. Ruza, the Chair of the Young Internists Subcommittee, gave a short overview of the current YI activities. I. Ruza introduced the YI Assembly involving 27 members from 22 EFIM member national societies and 3 main officers (Chair, Past Chair, and Secretary). Furthermore, I. Ruza introduced the active participation of YI in EFIM main activities, WG, ECIM, ESIM. I. Ruza pointed out the organisation of Choosing Wisely session during the ESIM Winter in Finland and Gender Medicine session during ESIM Summer in the Netherlands. Furthermore, the three YI plenary sessions were announced during the ECIM 2018 as well as the YI Corner including five informal discussions. I. Ruza announced the organisation of the 1st EASIM - European Advanced School of Internal Medicine, a new postgraduate course for young certified specialists in internal medicine to take place in Riga from 24 - 26 November 2018. The objective of the EASIM is to become EFIM educational initiative from up to 30 participants who are early in their career, 3 - 7 years after training. I. Ruza thanked the Executive Committee and the members of EFIM General Assembly for their continuous support and invited the societies to send participants to the 1st EASIM postgraduate course.

22. Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe Report & Clinical Research Course 2018 (D. Sereni)

D. Sereni presented the Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe, FDIME main activities, including the ESIM bursaries, clinical research seminar, support of the EFIM Exchange programme, and the research grants. D. Sereni provided update on the clinical research seminar involving 14 accepted applicants from 8 different countries. The 2018 edition of the clinical research seminar was fully supported by the Foundation, FDIME. D. Sereni added that the evaluation score from the clinical research seminar is rather high and there is a high interest to organise the course twice per year. Furthermore, D. Sereni introduced the trainees who received ESIM bursaries in 2018, 2 trainees from Latvia and Slovakia attended the winter school in Finland and 2 residents from Latvia and Tunisia attended the summer school in the Netherlands. D. Sereni was pleased to introduce the new FDIME partners/sponsors: AEMO, the Association for Children and Orphan Diseases and REMI.

23. EFIM Day, 15 March 2019 Brussels (N. Montano)

N. Montano announced the 5th EFIM Day to be held on Friday 15 March, 2019, at the EFIM Headquarters in Brussels and invited the Presidents of the EFIM members societies to attend the meeting.

24. Next EFIM General Assembly, ECIM 2019, Lisbon, 29 August 2019

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The next General Assembly will take place on Thursday, 29 August 2019 during the European Congress of Internal Medicine in Lisbon, Portugal.

25. Any other business:

No further points were raised

N. Montano thanked all the General Assembly members present at the meeting for their participation.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 17h00.

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