

Minutes of the 1st Executive Board's Meeting of the EURAPAG
19 Sep 2014, 8:00-9:00 am
Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
London, UK

The following members of the Executive Board (EB) were present:

President : Milko Sirakov

Vice- President: Gabriele Tridenti

President elect: Paul Wood

Members : Efthimios Deligeoroglou, Zuzana Niznaska, Zana Bumbuliene, Zoran Stankovic, Ivonne Bedei, Marios Liassides

Invited Guests: a) Panagiotis Christopoulos (Director of the Department of Trainees) b) Jan Jorejsi and c) Tamas Csermely

The President welcomed all participants and outlined the aims of EURAPAG during his Presidency.

Zuzana Niznanska was proposed as Treasure of EURAPAG and was elected unanimously.

Efthimios Deligeoroglou and Zana Bumbuliene were proposed for the position of Secretary General. After a secret ballot the results were:

Efthimios Deligeoroglou - 3

Zana Bumbuliene - 6.

Zana Bumbuliene was elected as the new Secretary General of EURAPAG.

President M.Sirakov thanked Panagiotis Christopoulos for his positive input as Director of Department, website coordinator and newsletter editor and proposed to renew his authority for an additional 3years term. He said that dr Cristopoulos will have all benefits of an EB member but according the Statutes will have no voting rights. His proposal was unanimously accepted.

Gabriele Tridenti reported, that the day before, the FIGIJ President Prof. Ellen Rome sent an official letter to the EBCOG President Prof. Chiara Benedetto regarding IFEPAG recognition on European level.

Gabriele Tridenti proposed to nominate Prof. Jan Horejsi as Honorary President of EURAPAG (without voting rights). EC unanimously supported this idea.

All EB Members agreed that EURAPAG statutes is complicated and must be revised. For this reason, it was decided that all participants should propose changes over the Statutes during the next EB meeting, in order to prepare a draft to be proposed and discussed during the next General Assembly.

Ivonne Bedei asked how EB members communicate in order to discuss and proceed with EURAPAG projects. It was explained that EB communicate mainly by emails. As it is important for Executive Board to meet before EURAPAG congress in 2017, G.Tridenti proposed to meet in London because of lower cost . Marios Liassides proposed to meet in Cyprus during the Cypriot National PAG congress in 2015 and then in Florence during 18th FIGIJ Word congress of PAG in 2016. All EB unanimously accepted M.Liaussides proposal and decided to prepare the Status amendments until the congress in Cyprus.

President Milko Sirakov proposed to nominate Prof. Gurkin from Russia as Pioneer of PAG, during the next congress in Vilnius. EURAPAG has 4 PAG pioneers. P.Christopoulos under his authority as website coordinator promised to investigate if it is possible to create a separate subpage, where PAG Pioneers should be mentioned.

P.Wood reported on EURAPAG efforts to prepare PAG standards, approved by EBCOG. The next step is to submit the Standards for approval by the European Parliament. Afterwards standards can be submitted for approval by National Societies.

P.Christopoulos asked for all Congress information photos and other material available to update the website and issue the next newsletter. Paul Wood proposed to create a separate webpage to include all documents sent by National Societies, such as guidelines statements or Standards of care.

Panagiotis Christopoulos mentioned that it is of high importance to be continuously updated on all EURAPAG activities and correspondence, as he is responsible for EURAPAG Newsletter as well as for website. He also proposed to change the name of the Department into "Department of Development and Communication", in order to include also these activities and tasks. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

The EB thanked Tamás Csermely for his Presidency and expressed the hope for future cooperation under his authority as EB member of the Austrian Society of PAG.

T.Csermely informed, that the Ducth PAG society apply for FIGIJ membership. He proposed to contact them to investigate if they are interested on participating EURAPAG. He also mentioned that the Austrian PAG society will probably apply for EURAPAG membership in the future.

At this point J.Horejsi joined the meeting. He volunteered to help Z.Niznanska as EURAPAG is registered in the Czech Republic (where EURAPAG bank account is also located) . EB members decided, that Zuzana Niznanska is responsible for financial management of EURAPAG, but also welcomed J.Horejsi's assistance. Gabriele Tridenti proposed that the Treasurer should investigate if there is a possibility to use a different bank in future, in order to facilitate the financial management.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Milko Sirakov

President

Zana Bumbuliene

Secretary General