

## Minutes of the EURAPAG Board Meeting

### Poseidonia Beach Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

#### Saturday 25.11.17 – 13.00 hours

Present – Paul Wood (PW), G Tridenti (GT), Zana Bumbuliene (ZB), Zoran Stankovic (ZS), Zuzanna Nižňanská (ZN), E Roos (ER), A Vatopoulou (AP), M Liassides (ML).

Apologies – I Bedei, S Mourik

The minutes of the last meeting held in Vilnius in 9 June 2017 were approved.

Grateful thanks were given to Marios for hosting the Board and facilitating the Board meeting

#### 1 Matters arising:

##### (i) Website account

Milko Sirakov had agreed to continue hosting the website registration for the foreseeable future.

##### (ii) Examination questions for EBCOG

These had been received by EBCOG with grateful thanks from Professor Messinis. Thanks were given to the contributors AV, ER and GT.

##### (iii) Presence at COGI conferences – Vienna 2017 and London 2018

GT (for FIGIJ) and AV (for EURAPAG) shall be attending the COGI conference in Vienna next week and GT will be chairing a session with Mireille Merckx. GT and AV to make a formal approach for EURAPAG to be the COGI contact for European PAG sessions in future with proposals for the London meeting.

##### (iv) Training Centres for IFEPAG

A call was made for more training centres to be registered with FIGIJ for IFEPAG training. Currently there is one centre in Florence, Italy and one in Athens, Greece. PW noted that Cambridge, UK was formulating an application. ZN will contact the Czech Republic to see if they wish to retain their status, but no feedback has been received as yet. ZS is moving with an application from Belgrade, Serbia. Board members were to encourage national applications. PW to circulate the IFEPAG application form to EURAPAG members.

##### (v) Peter Medal cast

This remained with Tamas Csermely and was to be collected by ZN. ZN will then explore the ability to produce medals for future use. GT has the proofs of the Pioneers of PAG certificate.

##### (vi) Richter-Gideon support

ZN reported that there had been contact with the Company and possibilities have been discussed to support the Association's aims. The company is interested in becoming a Supporting member with an interest in educational resources/activities.

There was an initial positive response and ZN was waiting to hear back from the global HQ in Budapest. ZB identified the need for quality control and benchmarking. There will be a need to establish that there is no conflict of interest. It has taken several months so far, the last contact being 3-4 weeks ago. The Board confirmed its support of ZN's efforts.

(vii) Voting system for the Assembly of Delegates

ZS updated the Board on the previous discussions. The Board confirmed that at the next Congress delegates will be expected to utilise all eight votes. GT asked if the by-laws needed to be changed but the feeling was that this was something that Board can decide upon. The Articles make no mention of the number of votes needed to be cast. It was agreed that in future voting papers would only be accepted if all eight votes were utilised – any ballot papers with more than or less than eight votes will be considered null and void. Delegates will need to be informed clearly on the day with verbal and written instructions.

Lunch break and exchange of gifts!

2 Registration of the Association in Prague.

ZN reported on progress made. Papers to give Power of Attorney to ZN need to be signed and verified – PW to take to the relevant papers to the Czech Embassy in London in order to make this official. The Association will need to declare income but there will be no need to pay taxes. ZN advised that we should delay changes to the Articles from Vilnius until re-registration has taken place. ZN to supply details. It might be possible for electronic signatures to be accepted. Registration will remain with the University Hospital in Motol. The Director of the Hospital has agreed, after communication with Peter Vacek the appointed lawyer. The alternative of registration with UEMS was revisited and the Board was reminded of the limitations of this potential course of action. A future candidacy for the Board from Czech Republic would be welcome – no applications had been made for the 2017 Congress.

3 EBCOG Board Membership from 2018

PW confirmed that since the last Board meeting EURAPAG had been approached by EBCOG with an invitation to the join the EBCOG Council although with no voting rights and for a small annual registration fee of 500 euros. This had been approved by the Board by e mail correspondence and it had been agreed to join officially from 2018 as the current EBCOG Council meeting coincided with the PAG and Board meeting.

4 EBCOG/PACT Curriculum developments

The final draft of the new curriculum has been submitted to EBCOG for approval. Thanks were given to GT for attending the last meeting in Brussels.

5 EBCOB Paris March 2018

No invitations have been received for EURAPAG to participate in this Congress.

- 6 EURAPAG 2020
- ER updated the Board on the Congress plans. A flyer is to be circulated electronically.
- 7 Athens Congress on Women's Health and Disease 6-8 September 2018
- The organisers have requested one speaker to represent EURAPAG at a designated session with a topic of their choice. ER was nominated and approved. ER to advise PW of title.
- 8 Trainees' meeting Frankfurt/Mannheim Oct/Nov 2018
- Date to be confirmed bearing in mind Athens meeting. The Board was willing to support with possible limited financial support in the context of our available resources. It was agreed to await details from IB and SM. Details of proposals to the Board to be circulated as soon as possible. SM will be in South Africa until late 2018 and the timing of the Trainees' meeting needs to be considered.
- 9 Partnership with ESC
- PW explained that the ESC via Gabriele Merki ESC President ([peter@orga-med.com](mailto:peter@orga-med.com), [gabriele.merki@usz.ch](mailto:gabriele.merki@usz.ch)) has approached FIGIJ offering a concrete concept of collaboration and ESC partnership. This would include mutual website links, promotion of mutual events, identifying relevant experts, informing members of ESC funding for scientific projects and educational resources, offer to run ESC educational workshops separately or at Congress meetings, sessions or speakers at each other's conferences, distribution of surveys, production of common statements and collaboration, sharing and promotion of clinical standards and guidelines. Having a common interest, the ESC is convinced that ESC partnership may offer positive opportunities for FIGIJ. GT to action.
- 10 Bank account developments and signatories
- For internet banking the Association still needs a local currency Czech account – there is also a need to attend the Czech Embassy in London for signatory confirmation – aim for ZN and ZS. ZN to provide details to PW.
- 11 Treasurer's Report
- The Association's total amount in our account is 22027 euros.
- 2000 euros has been provided from the Vilnius Congress and thanks were given to ZB.
- 12 Membership
- An updated list of active paid up national society and individual members had been drawn up by GT and PW although there was a need for confirmation from the Treasurer. This was ratified at the meeting. ZN asked for details of annual membership numbers from each Society. The list should include one contact e mail address for Association communications.

GT to approach Israel over potential membership following the recent changes to the Articles.

Mentoring of new members for first twelve months was proposed and agreed. There were three new individual members from Belarus, France and Sweden – ZB to action.

National Societies are to be invited to provide a piece on their Society for the website – IB

ER to contact Marie-Paul Liegeois re membership application

13 PAG publications in EJOG

PW confirmed that the amended paper on PAG in Europe today had been submitted but he has not heard back from the editor. He has sent a reminder. ZS has circulated an enhanced draft of a revised paper on Future Provision of PAG for consideration prior to submission. ZN to submit draft paper on Standards.

14 Development opportunities

ZS suggested the creation of apps – to enquire from Mika – ZS to action. GT will also make enquiries. Potential for lectures directed to adolescents on subjects such as PCOS, heavy periods, labiaplasty, breast problems. Potential use of the Facebook connections currently for trainees was to be considered

15 Any other business

GT suggested a group e mail for member societies and individual members – [membership@eurapag.com](mailto:membership@eurapag.com). PW to ask Mika.

ZN issued an invitation to a Conference in Bratislava Slovakia where there would be an opportunity to mix with central European members on 26-28 April 2018. ZN to circulate details. This will serve as a celebration of Jan Horejsi's life.

Date of next meeting – Serbia March 2018. ZS updated plans for the meeting in Belgrade and asked for copies of the slides in good time to allow for translation.

Thanks were given to Marios again for his excellent hospitality

See you in Belgrade!

Paul Wood