



The Intensive Connection

**Draft Minutes of the ESICM General Assembly meeting
on Tuesday 6 October 2015 from 18.15-19.30 hrs**

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION		DDB
<p>Daniel De Backer opened the meeting and announced that the Society has evolved on a global level. Membership benefits have increased, offering members even more value for their membership fee, and all the sections and committees are working well.</p>		
<p>The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 30 September 2014 were approved and adopted as fair copy.</p>		
2. DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS - REPORTS BY SECRETARY AND TREASURER		GB/JM
<p>Report by the Secretary</p> <p>Geoff Bellingan told the meeting that the Council meeting on 3 October had been a very good meeting.</p> <p>The new members of the different sections and committees were congratulated and welcomed.</p> <p>All the national societies have used the new tool on the website effectively and brought in more new members. Membership is today 8,021. More than 1,300 are renewed memberships. The country breakdown shows that we are both a European <u>and</u> a worldwide Society.</p> <p>The price of an annual membership is low, given the numerous benefits, including the newest – the monthly, live webinars. This makes us a “live” Society, which “talks” to its members.</p> <p>The President thanked the Secretary, who has come to the end of his mandate, for his service to the Society, and especially commended his earlier work on revising the SOPs and Statutes.</p> <p>Report by the Treasurer</p> <p>Jordi Mancebo, presented the financial report for the close of the last fiscal year, 2014, which had been approved by the Spring Council in March 2015. He then reported on the current forecast for the financial year 2015, based on estimates using data from August 2015.</p> <p>The Intensive Care Society of Ireland (ICSI), joint organisers with ESICM of the Regional Conference held in Dublin in June of this year, was congratulated. This event brought about a positive result of €9K.</p> <p>The Society remains very committed to its investment in research, and, although we have industry sponsored awards, we still finance many of these awards, and have created a new award for 2016, in an attempt to fill knowledge gaps in research that should receive more focus. Sections are being asked to submit their proposals.</p> <p>The number of candidates for both EDIC 1 & 2 continues to increase. EDIC 2 Preparation course is paper free using iPads and the new EDIC 1 preparation course will be ready by the end of the year. More places have been created at exam centres in India and Dubai for the EDIC exams.</p> <p>Although the DAA does not generate a benefit for the Society, there has been a major decrease in the running costs of the office.</p> <p>A negative balance of €78K is recorded on ESICM accounts, but there is a positive balance of €81K in the accounts of the King Baudouin Life Priority Fund.</p> <p>Jean-Daniel Chiche explained that the Executive Committee has taken the decision to present this figure differently to the accounts of previous years. The figure presented in the ESICM account as a negative line is not because Life Priority has been spending more money, but because one part of the Win Win contract relates to Life Priority activities (€80 K). This figure had previously been included in the budget under Administrative Costs.</p>		

Renovation of the stables and courtyard at the Secretariat

It had been agreed by the Council at the Spring Council meeting in March 2015 to restore and rebuild the stables to stabilise these buildings, which have been deteriorating for some time, and to create a training centre. Work will begin at the end of the year.

Having a purpose built training centre in Brussels will create significant cost savings on meeting room rental, when it is feasible to run events in Brussels. This will make the building almost cost- neutral, when used just three or four times.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the financial report 2014 and budget 2015.

Dr Mancebo ended his presentation by expressing his gratitude to all the members of the Society for their trust in him. He went on to thank the Executive Committee and Secretariat and welcomed Carl Waldmann, who will take over as Treasurer. The President in turn thanked Jordi Mancebo for his last three years of service to the Society.

3. REPORT BY THE DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

JK/JD

The Chairman, Jozef Kesecioglu, presented an overview and financial report for the annual congress and regional conference.

Regional Conference 2015: the symposium in Dublin “Lungs: Getting to the Heart of It” had been a successful conference with 272 delegates.

LIVES 2015: income is slightly less at this point in time, but costs have been higher, compared to previous congresses. The number of registrations (5,485 participants) is the same as last year, although group registrations have been lower. Delegates have come from 104 different countries.

More PCs have been made available in the e congress area.

The Congress Committee will be able to provide more figures and an evaluation of registrations and the different sessions after the congress.

Regional Conference 2016: The Art of Trauma and Resuscitation will be held in Porto on 28-30 April.

LIVES 2016: will be the 29th annual congress and take place at the MICO in Milan from 1-5 October 2016.

The President thanked Dr Kesecioglu for his part in the running of these events, and all the speakers involved, telling him that the Society can be very proud of this congress and all the improvements made.

The Chairman of the Research Committee, Jacques Duranteau, reported on the activities of the Committee and sub committees. He began by thanking the members of the Research Committee for their hard work this year.

All the sections have been very active and the SRG under the new chairman, Maurius Terblanche, is allowing members to submit systematic reviews online, using a new online platform. Such reviews may evolve as trials later on.

Research Awards

The research awards this year are worth a total of €275K, and the Society will be adding to this sum with a new award next year.

Trials

More and more trials proposals have been sent to the Committee to be endorsed, and this is a reflection of the work carried out by all our sections which propose them. The deadline for sending proposals for 2016 trials is 31 December 2015.

The Trials Group is a link between the ESICM and the different ICUs taking part in ESICM trials. The number of ICUs involved is more than 500 with 20,000 patients enrolled in five major trials (FENICE, IMPRESS, IC Glossari, Lung Safe and PEACE). In order to create better collaboration with those involved, there will be an open meeting tomorrow.

Jean Daniel Chiche was personally thanked for involving the Society in the PREPARE Trial.

Surveys are the first stage of an observational study and it is hoped that afterwards these become prospective studies.

The President thanked the Chairman for this overview.	
4. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	FR
<p>Dr Rubulotta began her presentation by thanking the Executive Committee for its support and explained that all the work reported had been carried out with the help of all the members of the division.</p> <p>eLearning Committee The first meeting of the eLearning Committee has taken place in Berlin and the e-learning platform, specially designed for blended learning, is close to completion.</p> <p>Examinations Committee</p> <p>EDIC has a 53% success rate and the EDIC 2 preparation course is proving to be very successful. The new EDIC 1 Preparation Course will be ready by the end of this year.</p> <p>EDEC The first EDEC course has taken place in Berlin. Although detailed feedback is not yet available, the course was generally very well received.</p> <p>The President thanked Dr Rubulotta for all these achievements.</p>	
5. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	MC
<p>Maurizio Cecconi presented figures for the website and social media.</p> <p>Elie Azoulay was publicly thanked for everything he has achieved for the ICM journal, especially its impact factor of 7.2. The journal is now the number one critical care journal.</p> <p>ESICM's second journal, ICMx, is now indexed and Dr Cecconi encouraged anyone with experimental research to send this to the publication.</p> <p>The Committee is trying to promote consensus statements and guidelines, and the Society has been able to be involved in this process.</p> <p>Our members want to be able to interact and the new, monthly live webinars have delivered a platform for this. The Secretariat staff involved in running the webinars were thanked for their efforts.</p>	
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
<p>There was not enough time for Jean Daniel Chiche to present the activities of the Life Priority Fund, but he was thanked by the President for all that he has achieved this year. A full presentation had been given to the Council.</p> <p>The President closed the meeting, thanking Geoff Bellingan and Jordi Mancebo, as well as the Brussels staff for their daily running of the office. Armand Girbes and Carl Waldmann were welcomed as new officers.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.30 hrs.</p>	

Signed

Daniel De Backer
ESICM President

Armand Girbes
ESICM Secretary

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