



The Intensive Connection

**Draft Minutes of the ESICM General Assembly meeting
on 4 October 2016 at 18.15 hrs
at the MiCO, Milan**

Present:

D De Backer (President); M Antonelli (President Elect); A Girbes (Secretary); C Waldmann (Treasurer); J Kesecioglu (Chair, DSA); F Rubulotta (Chair, DPD); M Cecconi (Chair, Communications); J Dureanteau (Chair, Research Committee); E Azoulay (Editor in Chief, ICM); L Prisco (Chair, NEXT); S Blot (Chair, N&AHP); JD Chiche (Past President); J Alexandre (CEO); N Van der Elst (Membership); G François (Research); D De Boom (Education); C Martinez (Congress); E Maquestiaux (Congress); E Pasquier (e-Learning); H Ftouh (ESICM) and C McClements (Minutes).

C Agvald Öhman; E Afonso; L Alvero; N Arulkumara; R Beale; M Bechir; G Bellani; J Bion; B Bollen Pinto; S Boraso; M Bottiroli; C Boulanger; O Joannes Boyau; S Calvino; J Cockings; G De Pascale; J De Waele; F Duska; C Eban; P Faybik; H Flaatten; E Fragoso; L Galarza H Gerlach; R Gerritsen; G Grasseli; A Gritsan; P Gruber; C Guérin; A Gupta; A Hollmann; E Hoste; S Jog; T Kyprianou; G Landoni; K Lane; B Lobo Valbuena; G Iotti; D Lupescu; S Maggiore; M Maggiorini; J Mancebo; T Maraffi; G Martucci; F. Michard; T Mirkoua; M Mirkov; O Moerer; X Monnet; R Moreno; T O'Reilly; F Pais Da Silva; L Pasin; B Patel; S Petrikov; F Pettrini; H Riha; H U Rothen; C Ryan; Y Sakr; F Sanfilippo; P Schellengowski; S Shepherd; C Sitzwohl; J Spez; C Spies; JL Teboul; M Terblanche; M Llaurado; D Versluis; F Weidanz; B Weiss; X Wittebole; D Wood.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	DDB
The President welcomed all the attendees to what was his last General Assembly meeting as President of ESICM.	
The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 6 October 2015 in Berlin were approved and adopted as fair copy.	
2. REPORT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY	AG
<p>The Secretary presented the new officers, who are to assume office immediately after the General Assembly and thanked all those stepping down. Special thanks were conveyed to the President and the Chairs responsible for the DSA, DPD, Research, Communication, N&AHP and NEXT Committees.</p> <p>Membership Membership is currently 8,550, with more new members than renewals, but there is still a lot to win.</p> <p>Change to the Statutes</p> <p>The General Assembly voted on the proposed addition to the Statutes, Article 5 (Council), 5.1 (Members). The proposal is to include the Chairpersons of each Committee of the Division of Professional Development. The proposed change had been approved by the Council at the Spring Council meeting in March 2016.</p> <p>The change to the Statutes was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.</p> <p>J Bion asked whether, because of the large number of members in Asia and the Euro Asia conference taking place next year, the Society is considering the inclusion other regional representatives outside of Europe. This would require a vote and change to the Statutes, but may be considered.</p>	
3. REPORT BY THE TREASURER	CW
The Treasurer thanked his predecessor, Jordi Mancebo, for his tutoring.	
<p>Budget 2016</p> <p>The Society's forecast is on track, with a surplus of €821K. It would, however, take just one unexpected event to change the nature of our revenues, which are so dependent on the annual congress. There is also a large variance in the cost of VAT between the countries where we hold LIVES.</p> <p>Increased membership and growth of educational activities have both helped the Society's finances this year.</p> <p>Research The Society has increased its investment in research each year and this now totals almost €500,000.</p>	

<p>Education</p> <p>EDIC has been very successful this year and brought in revenues of €500,000. The Treasurer thanked F Rubulotta, M Maggiorini, P Gruber and F Duska for their part in this. This income will help to support the costs of investing in the new eLearning platform.</p> <p>The General Assembly voted in favour of approving and adopting the Financial Report.</p>	
<p>4. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS</p>	<p>JK/JD</p>
<p>Congress</p> <p>J Kesecioglu presented a report on LIVES 2016.</p> <p>The congress faculty are from almost all the continents of the world and many abstracts came from non-European countries. 8 new trials will be presented tomorrow.</p> <p>The number of registrations is 6,116 (Berlin was 5,477 and Barcelona 5,501).</p> <p>With almost 1,000 of the Society's members coming from Asia, a Euro Asia conference will take place next April in Hong Kong, in collaboration with the Asian national societies. The programme and faculty are currently being developed.</p> <p>The President congratulated J Kesecioglu, who has now ended his mandate, on his efficient leadership and the quality of the congress and thanked him and the Congress Committee.</p> <p>Research</p> <p>J Duranteau reported on the achievements of the Research Committee, which has been responsible for the recruitment of 22,000 patients in ICUs in ESICM trials and studies.</p> <p>13 ESICM awards will be presented at tomorrow's ceremony. There had been a record 126 applications for the awards this year. 12 proposals were received from the Society's sections for the new Trials Group Award.</p> <p>He thanked the outgoing Research Committee members for their service and welcomed the incoming members. Guy François from the Secretariat was also thanked for taking charge of the eCRF and database, which requires much work.</p>	
<p>5. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>FR</p>
<p>COBATRICE</p> <p>COBATRICE has been used by the UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committee and European Board of ICM to establish training requirements for the ICM curriculum as CTR. National Training Authorities and national scientific societies are engaged to adopt CTR. A COBATRICE meeting has taken place this week in Milan and the group is supporting the eLearning Committee to create the portfolio and logbook. Hans Ulrich Rothen was thanked for his work in this context.</p> <p>180 people registered for the Refresher course in Milan. New features of the Refresher course include webcasts and a mock exam available for course registrants.</p> <p>EDIC courses</p> <p>5,232 participants have sat the EDIC 1 exam in the last ten years. Marco Maggiorini and his team were thanked for changing the oral EDIC exam into a paperless exam. The DPD Chair believes EDIC may become a model exam for all European countries.</p> <p>India (New Delhi) was used as a location to run and pilot both EDIC courses outside Europe, in April 2016. EDIC 2 will take place in India again next February and also in Malmö in September.</p> <p>A new online EDIC 1 course is under preparation, using 400 MCQs. The target is to reach 2,000 MCQs in 2017. Educational resources are accessible to participants through the new Academy Platform.</p> <p>The EDIC 2 Preparation course includes 1.5 day lectures and a workbook and video materials, also available on the Academy Platform.</p> <p>The plan is to increase the faculty and train more trainers (in Milan) for EDIC 2 and to revise the slide sets and workbook.</p>	

<p>F Rubulotta ended her report by thanking the eLearning Committee, D De Boom and Estelle Pasquier from the Secretariat and the members of the DPD Committees, who now end their mandates. The new DPD Chair and incoming members were welcomed.</p>	
<p>6. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p>The website is growing in such a way that it has become a portal of resources for intensivists from all over the world, who use and return to it. Examples of this include the webinars. 448 members connected to the live webinar in February on the new sepsis definitions and 147 to the recognition and treatment of ARDS: the Lung Safe study, in March.</p> <p>Social Media Adrian Wong and the members of the Social Media Task Force have been instrumental in increasing the Society’s social media presence, which includes 15,769 Facebook fans, 6,952 Twitter followers and 3,164 LinkedIn members. The Social Media Team will be active during LIVES, blogging and feeding live conversations and also interviewing three speakers during streamed sessions.</p> <p>ICM Journals The Communication Chair credited Elie Azoulay with the journal’s significant impact factor, which means the ICM Journal is now competing with general medical journals. ICMx has published over 100 articles.</p> <p>Endorsed Task Forces include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3) • The European guideline on management of major bleeding and coagulopathy following trauma: Fourth edition • The European Resuscitation Council and European Society of Intensive Care Medicine Guidelines for Post- Resuscitation Care 2015 (Section 5 of the European Resuscitation Council Resuscitation Guidelines 2015). ICM • Less invasive hemodynamic monitoring in critically ill patients. ICM <p>New Task Forces and sections in the pipeline include:</p> <p>Fluid Administration in Limited Resource Settings Prevention of AKI Nutrition Antibiotics MDR De-escalation therapy Fluid Therapy in Neuro ICU</p> <p>The President thanked M Cecconi for leading the Communications team and wished him every success in his new position on the Executive Committee, as Chair of the DSA.</p>	
<p>7. REPORT ON THE NEXT COMMITTEE</p>	<p>LP</p>
<p>NEXT now represents 2,018 of the Society’s 8,550 members.</p> <p>During LIVES, NEXT has been offering young intensivists a one-day research methodology course, with four lecture sessions and two interactive workshops, the NEXT Day, NEXT Lounge debates and the NEXT Start Up Grant.</p> <p>ICE Mentoring Recruitment of new mentors for the ICE Mentoring programme is ongoing.</p> <p>The NEXT Fellowship Programme has allowed 100 intensivists to travel to European centres for a five-day training in infections. A new theme has been included for next year’s Fellowship, on Pain, Agitation and Delirium.</p> <p>L Prisco thanked all the NEXT members who have made the NEXT programmes and events possible and the people in the Society’s other groups with whom the Committee has collaborated. She welcomed the new Chair of NEXT, B Weiss, and the four new Committee members.</p> <p>The President thanked Dr Prisco and her team for growing this Committee, which the Society will continue to support.</p>	
<p>7. REPORT ON THE N&AHP COMMITTEE</p>	<p>SB</p>

<p>INACTIC (International Nursing Advanced Competency Based Training for Intensive Care) programme has completed the process to map ICU nursing programmes across Europe and developed a set of competencies required for advanced level intensive care nursing. These competencies will be applied in a number of countries using web based curriculum resources. The next stage is to apply for EU Erasmus funding (for which the deadline is March 2017).</p> <p>ICaN ESICM will serve as publisher of the 10–15 apps for critical care nursing protocols (ICaN) that are currently under development, to be ready and completed by LIVES2017.</p> <p>DecubICUs – a Trials Group project, which was awarded a Life Priority Research Grant worth €25K – is a prospective, point-prevalence study to describe epidemiology of pressure ulcers. The eCRF is under development and a final study date will be indicated after this.</p> <p>75 N&AHP abstracts were submitted at this year’s congress and three of these received awards in the following categories: ESICM’s N&AHP Award; ICCN’s ESICM Award and the Nutricia Medical Best N&AHP abstract: “Recovery in the critically ill”.</p> <p>S Blot thanked the members of the Executive Committee and the Secretariat for their help during the last three years. He also thanked the members of the N&AHP Committee and the active members and looked forward to the Committee’s leadership under his successor, Carole Boulanger.</p>	
<p>7. ICM JOURNAL</p>	<p>EA</p>
<p>Submissions have grown steadily (between 5 and 30 per day), with many from non–European colleagues. There have been a number of thematic issues, including ARDS, AKI, sepsis and the research agenda. The issues containing published guidelines and consensus statements have helped contributed to the increase in the impact factor.</p> <p>ICM webinars are new, monthly presentations, for ESICM members, on a recent paper, with a live discussion with the authors, reviewers and editor.</p> <p>ICM Pulse presents a clear and didactic animation of three minutes, highlighting the key points and results of a new landmark study.</p> <p>Facebook is a legitimate tool that can be used to reach clinicians in developing countries and they form a large part of the journal’s audience.</p> <p>A new Editor in Chief will be selected in 2018, with the official changeover on 2nd January 2018. There will be a call for the position at LIVES2017 and an appointment decided by a dedicated jury in March 2018.</p> <p>The President thanked E Azoulay and congratulated him on the impact factor and overall quality of the journal.</p>	
<p>8. LIFE PRIORITY</p>	<p>JDC</p>
<p>Jean Daniel Chiche described the new strategy of the Life Priority Fund and presented the members of the new Executive Board and Scientific Advisory Board.</p> <p>A new project manager has been recruited, working from Cochin Hospital (Paris).</p> <p>LPF is part of the Transnational Giving Europe (TGE) Network, a partnership of leading European foundations and associations that facilitates tax efficient cross–border giving within Europe.</p> <p>Life Priority is not a CPR training association. It continues to organise fund raising activities and to increase the public image of ICM and to facilitate the education of professionals working in ICUs. Target countries include France, Belgium, the Netherlands, UK, Italy, Spain and Germany.</p> <p>Life Priority Travel Awards, worth €500 each, allowed five individuals to travel to LIVES2016. The competition invited applicants to demonstrate their ICU’s commitment to improving patient comfort and care, or support of patients and their families.</p> <p>ICUs can now become affiliated members of the LPF for free. In return, the ICUs receive customised communication tools, support and advice.</p>	
<p>The President closed the meeting by thanking the members of the Society, the members of the Committees and Sections and the office staff for driving the activities and daily life of the Society. He briefly looked back on his two years in office, with the opening up of the Society to other continents (where one sixth of our members are from), with the educational courses in India and South America and the forthcoming Euro Asia Conference next April. The Society should be proud of the number of patients involved in its research and the amount of money</p>	

it has invested in research, which is nearly €300,000. He then handed over to Massimo Antonelli, who thanked Daniel De Backer for all that he has done for the Society.

The meeting closed at 20.00 hrs.

Signed

Massimo Antonelli
ESICM President

Armand Girbes
ESICM Secretary

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