



The Intensive Connection

**Minutes of the ESICM General Assembly meeting
on Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 18.15 hrs
at the Palais des Congrès, Paris**

Present:

M Antonelli (President); A Girbes (Secretary); C Waldmann (Treasurer); J Kesecioglu (President Elect); M Cecconi (Chair, DSA); L Forni (Chair, Research Committee); P Gruber (DPD); J Duranteau (Chair, Communications Committee); E Azoulay (Editor in Chief, ICM); M Singer (Editor in Chief, ICMx); B Weiss (Chair, NEXT); C Boulanger (Chair, N&AHP); D De Backer (Past President); J Alexandre (CEO); N Van der Elst (Membership); G François (Research); D De Boom (Education); M Istrate (Education); C Martinez (Congress); E Pasquier (e-Learning); S Scharff (Communications); S Ridolfi (Video Production/Editing); H Ftouh (Accounts) and C McClements (Minutes).

K Aninger; N Arulkumaran; R Beale; V Bennett; M Berger; B Bollen Pinto; J Carlet; J Cockings; A Conway-Morris; R Costa Pinto; G De Pascale; S De Rosa; J De Waele; G Dudas; S Ehrmann; V Fanelu; F Fiorante; H Flaatten; F Frantzeskaki; V Fuhrmann; L Galorza; R Gerritsen; A Giacomucci; B Halacli; C Hartog; H Herknon; A Hollmann; E Hoste; O Joannes Boyau; C Kiraku; T Kyprianou; M Lamy; J Latour; M Maggiorini; P Maia; M Mendoza; F Nacul; E Olivares Duran; T O'Reilly; M Ostermann; P Povia; L Prisco; M Rosenthal; D Thomas Rüdell; M Santi; C Santonocito; S Schaller; T Scheeren; P Schellongowski; M Serri; M Shankaregonda; M Singer; C Sitzwohl; M Serri; A Suarez De La Rica; JL Teboul; M Theodorakopoulou; A Topeli; A Totzeck; M Uyar; K Underman; T Utku; M van Dam; R Venn; D Versluis; A Watson; J Wendon; J Wernerman; J Wester.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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The President welcomed all those present to the last General Assembly that he would have the privilege of chairing and thanked all those who have collaborated with him during his mandate.

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 26 September 2017 in Vienna were approved and adopted as fair copy.

Before proceeding with the meeting, the President wanted to clarify the situation surrounding the Trials Group Award. The information detailed on the Awards page of the ESICM website states that a grant of €50,000 euros, funded by the ESICM, is offered to two winners and that large scale interventional trials are favoured. This year, three trials and not two, were presented to the Executive Committee and, after much discussion, the Executive Committee decided to divide the the grant between all three trials.

This has created some disappointment among the Trials Group and the jury, but it was not the intention of the Executive Committee to penalise anyone. The President accepted full responsibility for the situation and suggested that the announcement of the Awards should be made clearer to avoid any misunderstanding and will be improved for next year's Awards.

The President summarised the Society's key success factors during the last year, including:

- A record number of attendees at this year's congress (6,109 participants)
- The ICM journal's impact factor of 15.008
- 54% increase in industry support for the congress and conferences
- Research investment
- Education and learning, the new Training Centre, Master Classes and Academy
- Global membership
- The newly-created fund, ALIVE, which aims to strengthen collaboration with low and middle income countries in any continent, and in particular educational projects.
- The Diversity Task Force, which is helping to strengthen the Society's openness and gender balance.

The President ended his message by thanking all those present for a splendid two years.

2. REPORT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

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Membership

Membership continues to grow and is now 9,211. The majority of members are European (6,481) and approximately one third (2,730) are non-European.

The gender breakdown is 68% male and 32% female and can be improved. A Diversity Task Force was created earlier in the year to promote equality and equity, with equal opportunities within the Society.

The Secretary encouraged members to consider giving their support to ALIVE, the Society's new initiative to create international cooperation on education and health management in Intensive Care Medicine. The Society can ultimately help contribute to the improvement of conditions and outcome of critically ill patients in LMI countries.

The Secretary thanked all those officers who stepped down this year and welcomed all those who succeed them, including:

Executive Committee:

Maurizio Cecconi, President Elect

Lui Forni, Secretary

Jean-Louis Teboul, Treasurer

Armand Girbes, DSA Chair

Jan De Waele, Research Committee Chair

Giuseppe Citerio, Editor in Chief, ICM Journal

Peter Radermacher, Editor in Chief, ICMx

Section Chairs:

ARF- Jorge Mancebo

INF - Pedro Pova

MEN - Mette Berger

SIS - Ricard Ferrer Roca

Committees:

Research Committee:

INF Section Deputy Chair: Andrew Conway Morris

Examination Committee: Lars Hein; Janne Liisanantti; Pieter Roel Tuinman

eLearning Committee:

Chair: Jacobus Preller

Deputy Chair: Mohammed Al-Haddad

Theodoros Kyprianou

Sjoerd Van Bree

Filippo Sanfilippo

Zudin Puthuchery

Joana Berger

Clinical Training Committee

Jerome Cockings; Stephen Shepherd; Dolores Mateo

CoBa Faculty

Chair: Ignacio Martin Loeches

NEXT Committee:

Deputy Chair: Laura Galarza – Research Committee

Beatriz Lobo Valbuena – Cobatrice

Massimiliano Greco – Communication

Maria Vargas – Communication

Silvia De Rosa – Clinical Training

SRG

Chair: Sharon Einav

National Representatives:

Belgium : Patrick Biston

Germany : Roland Francis

Greece: Vasileios Bekos

Israel: Peter Van Heerden

<p>Norway: Nicholas Barlow Portugal: Sofia Escorcio Spain: José A. Lorente Turkey: Tughan Utku UK: Julia A. Wendon</p> <p>International Representatives:</p> <p>International Rep. Asia-Pacific: Tapas Sahoo International Rep. Central & South America: Flavio E. Nacul International Rep. Middle-East: Ashraf Al Tayar</p> <p>Lara Prisco has resigned as Deputy Chair of the NIC Section and a call for candidates will be open after the congress.</p> <p>Approval of the SOP</p> <p>The SOPs were approved by the Council at its meeting on 20 October.</p>	
3. REPORT BY THE TREASURER CW	
<p>The Treasurer presented the financial report for the 2017/2018 financial year.</p> <p>The new Training Centre in Brussels, which has been in regular use since its opening in November 2017, is an investment and will save money on hiring venues.</p> <p>Forecast 2018 (8 + 4 months)</p> <p>The Treasurer deliberately tends to underestimate the forecast as a worst case scenario, but it usually ends up in a positive balance.</p> <p>An expected surplus of €762K from this year’s congress and conferences is foreseen and this will probably go up after onsite registrations. There is more income this year from sponsorship (€1,100,000).</p> <p>Research</p> <p>The Society is paying less for the Surviving Sepsis Campaign and Pediatric component.</p> <p>Division of Professional Development</p> <p>An unexpected surplus is forecast to support the costs of the eLearning Platform.</p> <p>Financial Result</p> <p>The Treasurer concluded that the Society’s financial position is in extremely good health and currently stands at €6,075,000.</p> <p>The General Assembly then approved the 2017 financial close and adopted the 2018 Financial Report and Forecast.</p>	
4. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (DSA) MC/LF	
<p>a. Congress</p> <p>The DSA Chair, M Cecconi presented a number of key facts behind LIVES2018:</p> <p>5,869 delegates excluding on-site registrations 19 major sponsors and 78 exhibitors 528 sessions, 348 faculty 1,569 abstracts</p> <p>The number of abstracts received this year was a record number and the journal’s impact factor should see an increase in the next few months due to the quality of these abstracts. The Clinical Trials will be published in ICMx.</p> <p>The Congress Committee hopes to improve the gender balance of speakers (currently 77% male and 23% female) and actively recruits female speakers under the age of 40 where possible.</p>	

<p>There was an attempt this year to bring the congress out of meeting rooms and into congress space, with the Tech Lounge, Simulation Centres and Arena area for abstracts that do not make it into the main session rooms.</p> <p>The congress has gone 100% paperless this year, with the congress app, replacing the printed programme.</p> <p>Events 2019</p> <p>Euro Asia in Taipei on 14 16 April LIVES Forum in Nice on 6 8 June, in collaboration with SRLF and SFAR LIVES 2019 in Berlin on 28 September to 2 October 2019</p> <p>The DSA Chair ended his presentation by wishing his successor, Armand Girbes, the best of luck in the role, which is a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.</p> <p>b.Research</p> <p>Research Awards 2018</p> <p>Total investment in trials this year is €350,000.</p> <p>A record 173 applications were received this year. In order to cope with this number, a pre selection committee was used to facilitate the review process. Three or four referees were sought for each application.</p> <p>With regard to the Trials Award and the award going to three projects and not two, Prof. Forni told the meeting that any decision had been made with true heart and with no undercurrent or malice intended. He apologised if this had not been the impression.</p> <p>The Research Chair outlined the governing structure for the previous years' awards and explained how award winners from the last seven years had been contacted about their research. 21 projects have been published; 7 had abstracts accepted for the Congress; three were presented at meetings; three were submitted for publication and 46 have sent a progress report to the office.</p> <p>This process is ongoing so that members will be able to see how the money is being used.</p> <p>An overview of the current trials, publications and surveys was presented and the Chair closed by thanking the office staff, Guy François and Sherihane Bensemmane.</p>	
5. REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DPD)	
<p>The DPD Chair presented the key strategic changes in the DPD 2018 which include closer integration within the DPD and closer collaboration with the DSA and Scientific Section; involvement with NEXT and the N&AHP and the new, tailored e-news in the form of 'Education News'.</p> <p>Educational Needs Survey</p> <p>Over 474 individuals responded to the survey, which has confirmed that the Society's range of learning and education is in line with the needs of our members.</p> <p>eLearning Committee</p> <p>Kobus Preller and Mohammed El Hadded were both thanked for their work for the Committee.</p> <p>There is now a clear editorial process for the eCourse and eModules and the DPD Chair thanked all the 135 authors and 51 scientific reviewers involved. There are now 52 eCourses, with 29 published and 9 awaiting publication in the next few weeks, and five online support classrooms for the Master Classes.</p> <p>2,643 accounts have been created for users of the eLearning Platform and data is available on the most accessed eCourses. Users can now logon to the platform via the ESICM website with a single sign on. This process is GDPR compliant, protecting personal data.</p> <p>Master Classes</p> <p>Statistics were shown for the Master Classes that have taken place in the Brussels Training Centre. These combine blended and innovative learning with online support. Those that benefitted from unrestricted educational grants from the industry have supported the participation of junior, trainee doctors and fellows.</p>	PG

<p>Tailored educational pathways, launched this month, will link all the Society’s educational activities appropriate to individual learners, from basic level to advanced. 1241 doctors have expressed interest in the pathways and 221 are going through the pilot.</p> <p>The first pilot pathway (Infections in the ICU) is in collaboration with the INF Section and the DPD. Haemodynamic and AKI will possibly follow in the future.</p> <p>EDIC exams</p> <p>Dr Sitzwohl and his team were thanked for their work. The top three scoring candidates received free entry to LIVES.</p>	
<p>6. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE</p>	<p>JD</p>
<p>The Communication Chair, Jacques Duranteau, began by thanking Estelle Pasquier, Sherry Scharff and Stefano Ridolfi of the Secretariat for their support.</p> <p>The amount of information available to members has increased on the website and so has the frequency of eNewsletters and webinars, live debates, article reviews and social media streams.</p> <p>It is now one year since the launch of the new website. As well as more content, there are more users. The Society’s mission is to keep the content up to date, open the scientific content and extend the media library to include podcasts and experts’ points of view.</p> <p>The Scientific Sections have been invited to send content (important, thematic published papers, research projects and endorsed surveys) to the Secretariat every two months for eventual publication. This will promote a practical use of the website.</p> <p>Webinars</p> <p>45 webinars have been delivered since their launch in 2016, including a number of industry-sponsored webinars.</p> <p>Live Debates</p> <p>Industry-sponsored live debates have been broadcast from the Training Centre and offered a very interactive form of communication.</p> <p>Journal Review Club</p> <p>There are now 350 reviews by 55 reviewers, that are highly accessed.</p> <p>Social Media</p> <p>There are now 23,304 Facebook fans, 14,500 Twitter followers and 5,638 LinkedIn members.</p> <p>The Social Media (SoMe) Task Force provides updates for all those unable to participate in our events, using the blog, posts on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.</p>	
<p>7. REPORT ON THE NEXT COMMITTEE</p>	<p>BW</p>
<p>The NEXT Chair began his presentation by thanking the members of the NEXT Committee and Nicolas Vander Elst from the Brussels office, for their work.</p> <p>NEXT is a network of 2,358 ESICM members (43.75% of whom are female). The numerous advantages and programmes for members in training continue to attract members, in particular the Fellowships. 304 applicants competed for the ARDS Fellowship this year.</p> <p>The NEXT Committee members completed the Harvard Business School Implicit Association Test (IAT), to increase awareness of attitudes and beliefs and to reduce the risk of bias in the process for applications. The evaluation system has since been amended and improved.</p> <p>An evaluation of the applications with new and old criteria has been sent to the IRB Europe, an independent international research bureau based in Brussels, for analysis of any overlap/potential differences.</p> <p>The procedure and subsequent evaluation will form the basis of a research project on effectiveness and may be published.</p> <p>eMove</p>	

<p>The web page for eMove will be used to advertise job vacancies.</p> <p>ICaBed4U</p> <p>This will also be made available to resource limited countries.</p> <p>Mentoring</p> <p>Peter Schellongowski was thanked for his support in the running of this project which aims to foster mentoring between senior intensivists and junior members. The number of mentors has tripled since the first edition in 2015. Applications are still open for the second round.</p> <p>Dr Weiss ended his presentation by welcoming Lara Galarza as his new Deputy Chair.</p>	
8. REPORT ON THE N&AHP COMMITTEE	
<p>Membership</p> <p>Building on the results of the Society’s NAPMA (nurse and AHP) survey, the membership fee for N&AHP has been significantly reduced to €60, starting at LIVES. The current number of N&AHP members is 434, but this number should increase with the much reduced fee and educational advantages.</p> <p>The word “associate”, widely viewed as non-inclusive, has also been removed from this membership category.</p> <p>The “N&AHP Member Plus” membership category includes full voting rights for these members.</p> <p>Whether ESICM members or not, all N&AHP will pay the same registration fee for LIVES 2018 (saving non-members €130). As an extra bonus, congress registration gives non-members free membership until the end of January 2019.</p> <p>LIVES 2018</p> <p>The number of abstract Submissions by N&AHP this year was 48, plus 12 Paediatric abstracts. Nurses have increased involvement in congress sessions across the entire congress, including courses and have collaborated with NEXT on the ICabed4U project. Several industry sponsored sessions have allowed N&AHP to travel to LIVES for free.</p> <p>AppIC</p> <p>The app now has 2,200 users and Version 1 is now available in French, Spanish, Italian and Greek. The app contains 63 articles and 31 pharmacology articles as well as conversion tools and videos. A further 20 articles (neonate and paediatric) and 5 physiotherapy articles will be added to Version 2.</p> <p>Advanced Course in Infectious Diseases</p> <p>This was a pilot for N&AHP and 344 registered (290 nurses and 54 doctors). 22 N&AHP who completed the course and a short evaluation were awarded free entrance to LIVES 2018. This type of targeted web-based course will lead towards involvement in the ESICM Master Classes.</p> <p>Individualised educational pathways</p> <p>These will be developed for N&AHP members and an ‘Educational Passport’.</p> <p>DecubicUs</p> <p>This one-day point prevalence study took place on May 2018 with follow-up in August 2018. 11,755 patients’ data was entered from 92 different countries.</p> <p>INACTIC</p> <p>A sub-committee of the N&AHP Committee secured a grant of €142,000 from the EU Erasmus Plus fund to develop an international set of competencies and education resources for Advanced Level Critical Care Nurses. The project started in October 2017 and will be completed in January 2020.</p> <p>Partners include ESICM; Plymouth University; Gent University, Belgium; Region Hovedstaden, Denmark and ICUsteps, a patient charity in the UK.</p> <p>Surviving Sepsis Campaign Nursing Companion document</p> <p>This is now complete and ready for publication, endorsed by ESICM, the EffCNA and the WfCCNA.</p>	CB

<p>Physiotherapy Working Group</p> <p>The group has provided two new AppIC topics with a further four under development.</p> <p>The group has contributed to the “Non-pharmacological Prevention Guidelines in collaboration with the Pneumonia Working Group.</p> <p>A Respiratory Survey in conjunction with ICCrPT is almost ready for dissemination.</p> <p>An Early Mobility Point Prevalence project is under development.</p> <p>The WG’s next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd October.</p> <p>Diversity Task Force and Working Groups</p> <p>N&AHP are actively involved in the Diversity Task Force with a member attached to each of the three work streams. Opinion has been sought from all MDT professional groups.</p>	
<p>9. ICM JOURNALS</p>	<p>EA</p>
<p>The ICM journal Editor in Chief presented an overview of the journal’s metrics, including 2,000 submissions this year from 42 different countries (19 non-European). More than 2 million papers are downloaded each year. Prof. Azoulay believes that next year’s impact factor will be in a very good shape.</p> <p>This year the office recorded 12,000 contacts on Twitter, 68,450 on Facebook and 10,000 on LinkedIn.</p> <p>The journal has four deputy editors, 12 editors and 500 active reviewers. ICM has committed to publish 240 papers over two years, i.e. 10 papers per issue, and hopes to publish 132 papers in 2018.</p> <p>ICM at LIVES 2018</p> <p>Two review sessions with the three best ICM papers and eight RCTs were released at the conference with simultaneous presentation at the President’s sessions.</p> <p>The official hand over to the incoming Editor in Chief, Giuseppe Citerio will take place in January 2019. The transition and changes to the editorial line have and are being spread over several months to ensure that there is no impact on the journal’s flow or decisions. Daily exchanges with the incoming EIC are taking place.</p> <p>Prof. Azoulay ended his presentation by thanking all those involved in the journal, as well as the Society.</p> <p>ICMx</p> <p>Editor in Chief of ICMx, Mervyn Singer expressed his delight that Peter Radermacher will succeed him and thanked his supporting team.</p> <p>Researchers pay to submit their articles and the ICMx has a 50% rejection rate.</p> <p>The journal is growing and he hopes it will continue to do so as the future is basic science.</p>	
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>The President then handed over to his successor, Jozef Kesecioglu.</p>	
<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.20 hrs.</p>	