



*The Intensive Connection*

## ESICM Extraordinary General Assembly

Tuesday 20 July 2021 – 10:00-11:00  
via Zoom

### Present:

M Cecconi (President), E Azoulay (President-Elect), J Kesecioglu (Past President), L Forni (Secretary), J-L Teboul (Treasurer), A Girbes (Chair, DSA), J De Waele (Chair, Research Committee), A Wong (Chair, Editorial & Publishing Committee), F Duska (Chair, DPD), S Schaller (Chair, NEXT Committee), J Mellinghoff (Chair, N&AHP Committee), G Citerio (Editor-in-Chief, ICM), J Alexandre (CEO, ESICM), N Van der Elst (Membership, ESICM) and V Sarno (Communication, ESICM).

Assem Abdel Razek, Massimo Antonelli, Antonio Artigas, Jan Benes, Frank Bloos, Bernadett Bódi, Laura Borgstedt, Dragos Botea, Hilmar Burchardi, Fernando Clau-Terré, Ben Creagh-Brown, Audrey De Jong, Gennaro De Pascale, Lennie Derde, Katia Donadello, Nikolaos Efstathiou, Sharon Einav, Aarne Feldheiser, Daniela Filipescu, Roland Francis, Kristina Fuest, Wael Gadalla, Laura Galarza, Lina Grauslyte, Alberto Guadagnucci, Burcin Halacli, Christiane Hartog, Vasileios Karamouzos, Bernd Kurz, Slavica Kvolik, Dragana Loncar, José A. Lorente, Salvatore Maurizio Maggiore, Jihad Mallat, Tarek Metwally, Rui Moreno, Marlies Ostermann, Pedro Povia, John Prowle, Harsha Ramakrishna, Emilio Rodriguez-Ruiz, Barbara Tamowicz, Hermann Wrigge

### 1. WELCOME AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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The President welcomed and thanked everyone for being present despite the busy time in the ICUs and for all the support during the last challenging eighteen months.

This extraordinary General Assembly aimed to discuss and approve the amendments in the ESICM statutes that the General Secretary, Lui Forni, has prepared together with the office staff.

The President also informed the audience that the meeting is being recorded for the minutes and any questions raised will be collected from the chatbox.

### 2. PRESENTATION OF THE STATUTES AMENDMENTS

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The Secretary reminded the audience of the reasons for this extraordinary GA. Changes in the structure of the Society and the SOPs needed to be reflected in the statutes, and those amendments require the approval of the general membership.

The Secretary went through the different changes. To comply with the Swiss regulations, three new articles related to Financial Resources, Corporate bodies of the Association and Chief Executive Officer, have been added and other articles have been amended

Art 1. The postal address in Switzerland has been lifted out.

Art 5. The Ordinary, International and Associate members may include Scientists and may be eligible for office according to the rules defined in the SOPs.

Art 7. The GA has additional powers: To approve the auditor proposed by EC, to monitor the activities of the corporate bodies, to discharge the EC members and CEO, and to take a decision on all matters provided by law. The GA agenda and invitation process has been redefined, and the quorum for amendments adoption is set at three-fourths of the present members.

Art 8. The ESPNIC President is no longer a member of the Council, and the participation in committees of the Council members and their electoral rights are specified.

Art 9. The duties of the Executive Committee are slightly more detailed.

Art 12. The timing for the nomination of the Journals' Editor-in-Chief is changed.

Art 13. The annual conference is now considered an official live event, regardless of the format in which it takes place.

No negative votes were cast. The amendments to the statutes were approved unanimously by the members present.

### 3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business. The meeting closed at 10:20.