



The Intensive Connection

**ESICM General Assembly
Tuesday 5th October 2021 – 18:30-20:00
Zoom Meeting**

Present:

Maurizio Cecconi (President), Elie Azoulay (President-elect), Jozef Kesecioglu (Past President), Lui Forni (Secretary), Jean-Louis Teboul (Treasurer), Armand Girbes (Congress Committee Chair), Frantisek Duska (Education & Training Committee Chair), Jan De Waele (Research Committee Chair), Adrian Wong (Social Media & Digital Content Committee Chair), Stefan Schaller (NEXT Committee Chair), Johannes Mellinshoff (N&AHP Committee Chair), Nicole Juffermans (ICMx Editor-in-Chief), Giuseppe Citerio (ICM Editor-in-Chief), Joel Alexandre (ESICM CEO)

Khalil Ahmad, Milica Aleksic, Massimo Antonelli, Antonio Artigas, André Barbosa Ribeiro, Peter Barocke, Denise Battaglini, Malik Benlabed, Mette Berger, Aaron Blandino Ortiz, Sandreee Blosser, Dragos Botea, Michael Casaer, Miguel Castelo-Branco, Pedro Castro, Francisco Chacón-Lozán, Yash Chandra, Anusha Cherian, José Cidade, Dieter Dauwe, Neriman Defne Altıntaş, Audrey De Jong, Angelique de Man, Gennaro De Pascale, Nikolaos Efstathiou, Naheed Elahi, Hany Mousa Elshouny, Aarne Feldheiser, Ricard Ferrer, Benjamin Flam, Roland Francis, Alessandro Gatta, Evangelia Giannelou, Andrea Glotta, Deepak Govil, Alberto Guadagnucci, Jan Graw, Mohan Gurjar, Burcin Halacli, Glenn Hernandez, Matthias Hilty, Ahmed S. Humadi Alsheikhly, Ana Hurtado, Stavroula Iliá, Jone Jackeviciute, Ib Jammer, Milosz Jankowski, Christian Jung, George Karlis, Andrey Kolyadko, Matty Koopmans, Ibrahim Kushisha, Slavica Kvolik, Tomas Lamas, Jos Latour, Yolanda Lopez, Jihad Mallat, Jordi Mancebo, Brian Marsh, Maria Cruz Martin Delgado, Fernando Martinez-Sagasti, Anna Teresa Mazzeo, Patricia McCready, Victoria Metaxa, Rajesh Mishra, Radhakrishnan Muthuchellappan, Pablo Navarrete, Nathan Nielsen, Fola Odetola, Tanya E. Orizaga Franco, Juan Mauricio Pardo Oviedo, Lise Piquilloud, Pedro Povoá, Prakash Rabadiya, Stefan Rasche, Sebastian Riech, Claudio Sandroni, Filippo Sanfilippo, Gaetano Scaramuzzo, Evren Senturk, Beatriz Silva, Pierre Singer, Vinay Singhal, Sirisha Vanapalli, Margo van Mol, Antoine Vieillard-Baron, Philippe Vignon, Jean-Louis Vincent, Frauke Weidanz, Stefan Wirtz, Mehmet Yildirim

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

MC

The President welcomed all those attending the General Assembly and thanked the ESICM office staff for their work in the past twelve months.

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

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held virtually on 20 July 2021 were approved and adopted as fair copy.

2. ESICM Activities – Update by the President

MC

MC gave an overview of what ESICM has achieved in the last 12 months.

Elections: Elections were held recently in line with the new SOPs. The call for candidates for 33 open positions received 88 applications, and the deadline was extended to seek greater diversity.

Education: ESICM has invested significantly in education, and unlike other societies, ESICM has managed to increase its activities.

C_19 Space is the largest training programme ever developed for non-ICU workers and funded by the European Union. Negotiations with the EU are ongoing for getting the copyright of the training programme to use the material outside Europe.

New pathways are in development thanks to industry grants: Acute Kidney Injury, Haemodynamic Monitoring for the next generation and Quality Improvement in AMS.

Social media: In two years, ESICM has managed to strengthen its presence on social media to become a valuable resource for the ICM community, with daily posts and a steadily increasing number of followers.

<p><u>Euros/Agency</u>: Company contracted 18 months ago for better collaboration with the EU stakeholders and to offer them ESICM support, but they are committed to helping ESICM to progress the free movement of European intensivists.</p> <p>Euros/Agency further helped ESICM play an important role in shaping the future European Health Union (EHU) through several projects at EU level.</p> <p><u>Free movement of European Intensivists</u>: Editorial published in ICM journal in open access, describing a framework for the recognition of what an intensivist is, recognising the competencies achieved in a adequate amount of time and valuing both approaches of a primary speciality and of a supra-speciality.</p> <p><u>Airspace</u>: Antimicrobial Stewardship Practical Guidance Webapp created by ESICM.</p> <p><u>Patients & Family</u>: The new project aims to create resources for future patients and their families to better understand what an intensive care unit is like.</p>	
<p>3. Report from the Secretary</p>	<p>LF</p>
<p>LF showed the current state of the ESICM membership. The membership throughout the world remains stable. Although two-thirds of the members are still men, the majority of young doctors are now women (56%) as shown in the demographic pyramid.</p> <p>LF presented the results of the recent elections. Among the big number of newly elected officers, the Executive Committee is welcoming the new Secretary, Antoine Vieillard-Baron from France, the new Treasurer, Ricard Ferrer Roca from Spain, the new Chair of the Congress Committee, Jean-Louis Teboul from France and the new Chair of the Research Committee, Marlies Ostermann from United Kingdom.</p> <p>In addition to the elections, a pharmacist and a physiotherapist have been appointed to grant a broader representation of the Allied Healthcare Professionals within the N&AHP Committee. Further nominated members of the committees and sections will be appointed by the Executive Committee in the following month.</p> <p>Society medal: This year, the Society Medal goes to Prof JD Chiche for his involvement in ESICM and the innovative ideas he brought in during his presidency.</p> <p>Honorary membership: EC has decided to award Suzana Lobo, Susanna Price, Stijn Blot and Randall Curtis</p> <p>COI declaration: The ESICM secretariat will remind the elected officers to declare their conflict of interest for the coming year.</p> <p>LF offered his congratulations to the office staff members for their continuous support.</p>	
<p>4. Report from the Treasurer</p>	<p>JLT</p>
<p>The Treasurer presented the financial report for 2020 and the budget forecast for 2021, which is an estimation.</p> <p><u>Events</u> (incl. Congresses, Conferences and other Scientific Events): less income compared to 2019 (a “normal year), but also less expenditure because of the digitalisation of the events. Interestingly the webinars incomes are higher than in 2019, especially due to the sponsorship. The balance is still positive and is almost equal to the one of 2019.</p> <p><u>Research</u>: The budget is always negative by definition. ESICM invests in research through grants and other support for trials and investigations and does not expect a return on investment. ESICM is also still collaborating with SCCM on the Surviving Sepsis Campaign.</p> <p><u>Education</u>: The digitalisation of educational activities has generated enough revenue to compensate for the costs of transformation and implementation of the digital offer.</p> <p><u>Journals</u>: Balance is more positive than the previous years.</p> <p><u>Membership</u>: Steady income despite the pandemic</p>	

<p><u>Office management</u>: more expenditure on salaries because of new staff members, but also because of the Euro Strategy (Euros/Agency) started in 2020.</p> <p>The final result of 2021 should be positive. +69K€ is expected.</p> <p>JLT concluded with a positive statement: Despite pandemic, ESICM has fulfilled its main missions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dissemination of new information and knowledge - Support of research - Increase education and training offers - Increase the office staff to cover the expansion of the ESICM activities <p>The General Assembly approved the 2020 Budget, which is now closed and the Treasurer and the members of the Executive Committee were relieved of their financial responsibility for the 2020 fiscal year.</p>	
<p>5. Report from the Congress Committee</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p>AG gave an overview of the 2021 annual congress features.</p> <p>485 speakers, more than 6000 delegates expected. Still a big support from the industry. +152 hours VOD and +31 hours of live sessions.</p> <p>1019 abstracts were submitted from 80 countries. 945 accepted presentations to be published in ICMx</p> <p>In addition to the usual interactive sessions, round table, interviews and thematic sessions, there will be MCQs contest and quiz, but also ground-breaking releases and daily hot topics sessions. In parallel, a coffee break lounge will offer participants the opportunity to exchange with other colleagues in multiple thematic forums.</p> <p>After some sessions, speakers and moderators will remain available for an additional 15 minutes to answer participants' questions in the breakout room.</p>	
<p>6. Report from the Research Committee</p>	<p>JDW</p>
<p>JDW updated the audience about the research activities and thanked the outgoing committee members for their work and welcomed the new Committee Chair.</p> <p><u>Awards</u>: Still have a significant amount of money available for research despite the difficult time. In addition to the 11 research awards, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare SAS sponsored the award on Physiology-based management of respiratory failure. 52 out of the 141 submitted projects were put forward to the full application phase. The 83 reviewers were thanked for their review done during the pandemic and the summer. The winners are listed below.</p> <p>Basic Science Awards: Frédéric Pène & Charissa van den Brom Prof B Lachmann Award: Marta Camprubi Rimblas Clinical Research Awards: Matthijs Kox & Elisa Gouvea Bogossian Established Investigator Award: Sam Hutchings Levi-Montalcini Biomedical Sciences Award: Julia Leonhardt Young Investigator Award: Johannes Herrmann Family Partnership Award: Matteo Danielis Fisher & Paykal Healthcare SAS Award: Nuttha Lumlertgul Global IUC Award: Pingo Guo Next Start-up Grant: Vincenzo Russotto</p> <p><u>Trials</u>: 11 research studies ongoing at a different stage of progress. The primary paper of Prevaki and Synapse-ICU is published. Unite Covid (ed. 2021) is open. In total, 60.329 patients were included since 2013.</p> <p><u>Surveys and Projects endorsement</u>: 18 surveys and 5 projects received since LIVES 2020</p> <p><u>Campaigns/Public Affairs</u>: ESICM is still participating in the Global Sepsis Alliance, Surviving Sepsis Campaign, Biomedical Alliance.</p> <p><u>Education</u>: The research e-Master class, led by A Conway-Morris, is taking place in January 2022. It consists of pre-course e-learning, monitored forum and a 2-day master class</p> <p><u>Patient & Family engagement</u>: To raise awareness amongst patients and families of the need for research, to encourage patient involvement in clinical trials and projects and to promote patient-centred outcomes.</p>	

<p><u>Systematic Review Group</u>: As the SRG no longer exists, JDW specially thanked Sharon Einav and the group members for their contribution.</p> <p>JDW ended his last presentation as Chair of the Research Committee by thanking the Executive Committee members and expressing that it had been an honour to have helped and been part of what is a wonderful Society.</p>	
<p>7. Report from the Education and Training Committee</p>	<p>FD</p>
<p>FD went through the various activities delivered last year by the Education & Training Committee.</p> <p><u>Clinical Training</u>: The digitalisation of the masterclasses has been a great success, resulting in an increase not only in the number of attendees but also in the range on offer. Most masterclasses are fully booked and a second edition of successful masterclasses is organised in the fall.</p> <p>Courses planned in 2022: Online offer maintained, but for the masterclasses that have a big hands-on component, face-to-face sessions will be organised during LIVES in addition to the digital content</p> <p>New Master Classes and Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 ALIVE modular training • Research MC as part of the learning pathway • ECMO MC (in collaboration with Euro-ELSO) • Core Critical Care Ultrasound • Intensive Care Fundamentals ©: ESICM certified, locally delivered for young trainees, including brochure and two days of face-to-face sessions • Educational Grants supported by industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKI Learning Pathway (Biomerieux) Haemodynamic Monitoring for NEXT (Edwards) Quality Improvement in Antimicrobial stewardship (Pfizer) • Recognising Emergencies and Stabilising Patients on hospital warDs (RESPOND) <p><u>EDIC examinations</u>: Both parts of the exam have been transformed into online exams successfully. However, due to the cancellation of the examination sessions in 2020 and the reduced capacity of the EDIC II examination centres because of the change in the examination format, a waiting list of 93 candidates remains which should be cleared by Spring 2022.</p> <p><u>CoBaTrICE</u>: The list of competencies and the related syllabus have been updated and should be released as an appendix by the end of the year. The next job for the CoBa Faculty is the e-portfolio for trainees to support formative assessments and other training resources.</p> <p><u>Academy</u>: The expansion process of the online material has been slowed down by the pandemic. ESICM Academy is not only a resource for individual e-learning but also became a vital supporting tool for masterclasses and C-19 training programmes.</p>	
<p>8. Report from the Social Media and Digital Content Committee</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>AW gave a summary of the EPC activities.</p> <p><u>Guidelines in development</u>:</p> <p>Ultrasound – ready and awaiting publication/announcement Antibiotics – PICO questions proposed and voted on ARDS – a collection of CoI, PICO questions from 9 domains being collected Fluids – finalisation of panel members</p> <p><u>Website</u>: 2020 was a very busy year on traffic of the website as well as on the number of viewed pages</p> <p><u>Webinars</u>: 27 webinars: 18 clinical and 9 non-clinical topics. 2 live-streamed events: Marathon & Datathon. All delivered on YouTube, Facebook and e-Lives platform with +300 peak live viewers, +41K reached and +9.5K views.</p> <p><u>Podcasts</u>: 13 podcasts since March with 2.3k downloads and 87.9k impressions on Twitter, thanks to the precious contribution of members of the society and in particular ICM journal and NEXT.</p>	

<p><u>Social Media</u> – diverse platform (Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook): Increase of the number of followers, retweets and impressions</p>	
<p>9. Report from the NEXT Committee</p>	<p>SS</p>
<p>SS presented the different activities in which NEXT has been deeply involved in the last 12 months</p> <p>SS thanked the outgoing committee members and welcomed the newly elected committee members. The number of NEXT members remains stable and the representation of women is higher than in the overall membership. Also, the geographic distribution is quite diverse.</p> <p><u>NEXT Mentoring programme</u>: The second round of this 2-y programme is on hold as this should have been launched at LIVES with a face-to-face meeting between mentors and mentees. Hopefully, this will be launched in 2022.</p> <p><u>Social media activities</u>: NEXT is supporting the ICMx Twitter activity and the e-lives TV events.</p> <p><u>Visual abstracts</u>: Posted on Twitter and Facebook regularly. Powered by NEXT Committee members for the moment, but could be extended to the other NEXT members.</p> <p><u>Quiz by NEXT</u>: Questions posted on SoMe on one day, and the day after the answer and comments are posted. This popular post is starting to be copied by other societies.</p> <p><u>ESICM Talks by ICM & NEXT</u>: Online discussion of the paper of the month with the authors</p> <p>The NEXT Committee took part in the Special talk series related to Covid-19, as well as in the political discussion about the free movement of the intensivists. NEXT had also the chance to chat and exchange with the ESICM President during a dedicated webinar session What's NEXT President.</p> <p>SS also made an open call for volunteers to take part in the guidelines on antibiotics and on fluid, in the perioperative masterclass, the ABS app and in the journal review club. The young doctors (A star is rising) had the opportunity to present their recent research paper during the congress.</p>	
<p>10. Report from the N&AHP Committee</p>	<p>JM</p>
<p>JM updated the listeners about the N&AHP activities.</p> <p>N&AHP membership has fluctuated over the last five years but has grown up again in 2021 thanks to the C19_Space training programme and the free membership offered to the nurse trainees.</p> <p>JM showed the variation in the profession, but also in the status of which the N&AHP is made. Overall, the N&AHP membership is stable but has a low representation of AHPs. The number of younger professionals has increased more recently and the N&AHP participation within Society's life is moving forward.</p> <p>APPIC, led by Marta Borowska, is now used by 5 406 persons which is a huge increase as compared to 2019.</p> <p>Journal Review Club, led by Katerina Iliopoulou continues its active evolvement.</p> <p>N&AHP is also proud of its two awardees who won a Research Award this year.</p> <p>With regards to education, the past learning programmes are available for free. N&AHP had a representation as faculty in some masterclasses, took part in the Covid 19 best practices marathon and the ESICM webinar series.</p> <p>N&AHP has been heavily involved in the Patients & Families resources and its research project led by Elie Azoulay.</p> <p>Global Intensive Care Group: N&AHP produced a pearls and pointers series in different domains.</p> <p>C19_Space Programme: 884 RN active trainers were involved and 6400 RNs were certified.</p> <p>From the survey done in early 2021, some key themes showed up to take forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost is a barrier to access some ESICM educational activities • May need to consider better advertisement • How to start a research project • Writing a research protocol 	

The future activities of the committee will focus on the development of educational content for the ESICM academy, and to continue with the virtual seminars on human resources and crisis management. The main objective for the coming year is to draft a solid educational plan for the next two years so that the new committee members have a good tool to move forward.

11. Report from the Editors-in-Chief

NJ & GC

ICM Journal

GC gave a short report on the Intensive Care Medicine Journal.

The aim for this year and the next year is to remain the top journal for the community and to maintain a high quality and speed. Also, the visibility of the journal has increased with the help of the SoMe team. The ICM office has made a tremendous effort on the graphic trait to have its design.

GC is also looking for new editors as some are ending their mandate in 2021.

Impact Factor: 17.440 which is quite stable compared to previous years.

ICM journal had a high number of citations and a high immediacy index in 2020. Also, the provisions for 2021 regarding the number of submissions are optimistic: Back to a normal rate after a huge increase in 2020.

The ICM journal is very active on social media and has global coverage through Twitter.

ICM is also involved in the ESICM Talk series to promote articles.

Special releases for LIVES 2021: in the October online issue, the following papers will be published simultaneously

- SSC Guidelines
- 5 RCTs:
 - High dose coupled plasma filtration and adsorption in septic shock patients. Results of the COMPACT-2: a multicentre, adaptive, randomised clinical trial
 - Safety and Tolerability of non-neutralizing Adrenomedullin antibody Adrecizumab (HAM8101) in septic shock patients The AdrenOSS-2 phase 2a biomarker-guided trial
 - Sodium Chloride or Plasmalyte-148 Evaluation in severe Diabetic Keto-Acidosis (SCOPE-DKA): a cluster, crossover, randomized, controlled trial
 - Effect of oral chlorhexidine de-adoption and implementation of an oral care bundle on mortality for mechanically ventilated patients in the intensive care unit (CHORAL): A multi-centre stepped wedge cluster randomized controlled trial
 - Tocilizumab and Remdesivir in patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia: a randomized clinical trial

ICM experimental

JF updated the audience about the Intensive Care Medicine Experimental Journal.

The Editorial Board that welcomed new members recently, represent a broad representation of countries but also of expertise. However, there is still a place and work for additional experts, especially from other parts of the world. JF made a call for applications to the Council members.

Two SoMe Editors were appointed, and a Twitter account was launched this year.

The Board has decided to broaden the scope of the journal from moving a bit away from “basic” to a more translational approach, meaning all the steps to be done prior to a clinical trial such as novel mechanisms, better treatments, better diagnostics, biomarkers, stratification of patients of novel end points.

The number of downloads is still increasing, and the number of citations and self-citations is constant.

Impact factor: IF is important to guarantee constant flow and submission of papers. To apply for an IF, quality criteria in the review process, review timeline, geographic representation and ethical standards must be met which is the case for ICMx. However, ICMx is lacking to meet impact criteria in terms of citations and content significance due to a recalculation of citation rate to include real-time online citations.

Action plan to apply for IF in 2022:

- To increase the content with a commissioning plan for landmark reviews

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To engage the ICU community to submit good work • To increase the flow of papers • To increase the speed and to decrease the turnaround time by increasing reject prior to peer review 	
<p>The President congratulated the outgoing officers for their hard work and personal involvement in the activities of the Society.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:05. The President thanked all those present for attending and hoped to see many of them next year in Paris.</p>	