



**Minutes of the
General Assembly of the
Confederation of European
Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**

**Monday June 29, 2009, 17.00 – 18.00
Room Gustav Mahler I,
Rosengarten Congress Center, Mannheim, Germany**

1) Welcome Words by Presidents EAORL-HNS and EUFOS

After Congress President Karl Hörmann has welcomed the participants, Klaus Jahnke (President EAORL-HNS) and Prof. Jan Olofsson (President EUFOS) take the stage.

Klaus Jahnke starts by thanking all those who have supported the unification process, briefly describing the steps taken to create the Confederation bylaws, adding that both partners need to have equal rights and obligations.

He adds that all here are friends and people with shared interests.

For the future, he advises the set-up of rules of procedure, so processes are transparent and foreseeable.

Jan Olofsson then describes that some people do not fully understand the idea behind the umbrella organisation, believing it's a half-way solution. In response, he describes this solution as a secure one, likening it to a marriage, "a testing ground, to see if we can live together." For him, this joint venture has a positive outlook, and he hopes both societies will gain from this merger.

2) Election of Chairman of the Meeting

On the proposal of Klaus Jahnke and Jan Olofsson, Karl Hörmann is elected Chairman of the Meeting

3) Election of 3 reviewers for the minutes/scrutineers

Anne Pitkäranta, René Dauman and Jan Betka are elected as reviewers/scrutineers

4) Presentation of Presidential Council

Karl Hörmann briefly introduces the set-up of the Confederation's Presidential Council as outlined in the constitution.

5) Votings and Information

a) Constitution (Information)

This point is information only as the Confederation and its constitution have not yet been registered. Also, the General Assemblies of both bodies have already agreed on the constitution.

Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen proposes that the organisation be called “Confederation of European ORL-HNS” instead of “European Confederation of ORL-HNS” because the acronym “CE” is more appealing. This is the official mark for any object approved for sale or distribution in the European union.

The majority of delegates is in favour of “Confederation of European ORL-HNS”.

b) Chairman - tenure of office 2 years, from one unitary body (Voting)

Reidar Grenman proposes that on the basis of seniority and for practical reasons, Jan Olofsson should be first President of the Confederation, since he will be in office 2 more years, while he, Grenman, will be in office for the coming 4 years.

The vast majority of delegates votes to elect Jan Olofsson as President.

c) Appointment Secretary - tenure of office 2 years, from other unitary body (Voting)

Since the constitution states that the General Secretary be from the other body as the President, this means that Marc Remacle will be General Secretary of the Confederation.

The vast majority of delegates votes to elect Marc Remacle as General Secretary.

d) Treasurer - tenure of office 4 years (Voting)

Jan Olofsson tells the delegates that after having discussed the matter with Piero Nicolai, Jean-Michel Klossek should be Treasurer, and that Klossek is willing to take on that role.

The vast majority of delegates votes to elect Jean-Michel Klossek as Treasurer.

e) Two auditors (Voting)

Klaus Albegger and René Dauman are proposed as auditors and both agree.

The vast majority of delegates votes to elect Klaus Albegger and René Dauman as Auditors.

f) Logo Confederation (Information and Voting)

Marc Remacle presents 2 logos: Logo 1 is the proposal of Jan Olofsson as approved by the EC and GA of EUFOS. Logo 2 is the proposal of a graphic designer as approved by the EC and GA of the EAORL-HNS

He stresses that a logo should be simple, so it is easily recognised and thus powerful. Jan Olofsson adds that there needs to be a decision on one logo.

With 12 to 7 votes, Logo 1 is elected, namely the version with white letters.

g) Presentation Homepage (Information)

Marc Remacle reports that in the near future, the Confederation homepage will go online, containing links to the 2 unitary bodies.

However, from the practical point of view, both the EAORL-HNS and EUFOS webpages should be run by the same webmaster, and he proposes Andrea Balcar to do so. (Applause)

h) Registration of Confederation (Information)

The Confederation will be registered according to Austrian law in Vienna.

6) Next Meeting of Presidential Council

The next meeting of the Presidential Council will take place 2010 in Barcelona, during a preparatory meeting for the 2011 meeting in Barcelona.

As for the constitution, a meeting will be scheduled in the autumn.

Klaus Jahnke suggests that the same people should be involved who participated in the creation of the EAORL-HNS' bylaws. Jan Olofsson adds that both the EUFOS and the EAORL-HNS bylaws need to be checked for dissimilarities and mistakes.

7) Next General Assembly

The next Confederation General Assembly will take place during the Barcelona meeting, July 2 – 6, 2011.

8) Varia

There is discussion whether or not the Barcelona meeting will be termed a “1st Confederation Meeting” – Milan Profant is in favour of that.

Erwin Offeciers points out that the Academy meeting and EUFOS congress have different foci – one is more an instructional meeting, the other is more scientific.

Using the same name might cause problems.

After a comment by Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen, the following phrasing is accepted:

For the Barcelona meeting: **1st Congress of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS organized by EUFOS in collaboration with the EAORL-HNS**

For the one in Nice: **2nd Congress of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS organized by the EAORL-HNS in collaboration with EUFOS**

The vast majority of delegates agrees to this proposal.

Klaus Albegger briefly reports about the first EBE Exam, which he deems an enormous success with 81 candidates, one that “we should all be very proud of.”

He adds that the feedback has been very positive, and that as a next step, help will be needed for the preparation and execution of the oral exam planned in the next year.

He invites interested participants to attend the EBE Exam Advisory Board meeting set at 7 p.m. in Room Bach (Dorint Hotel).

Afterwards, busses will take participants to the Get Together Party – dress code informal.

Karl Hörmann then closes the meeting at 18:00.