



## Minutes of the General Assembly of the Confederation of European Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: venue of congress – Acropolis Nice, Room Mediterranee 1, Level 1

### 1. Chairman's/President's Welcome

- seating order voting representatives
- establishment of quorum
- vote on opening General Assembly to guests

Reidar Grenman welcomes all those present and asks that the voting representatives be seated on the left as viewed from the podium. He establishes that since 24 of 33 representatives are present, there is a quorum. There is unanimous agreement to open the General Assembly to guests.

### voting members of the General Assembly

#### EAORL-HNS

EAACI	Peter Hellings
EAFPS	Pietro Palma
EAONO	Milan Profant
EASM	Frederic Chabolle
EFAS	René Dauman
EGFL	Rudolf Hagen
EHNS	Jean-Louis Lefebvre
ELS	Cesare Piazza
ERS	Thomas Baudoin
ESBS	Piero Nicolai
ESGS	Vincent Vander Poorten
ESPO	John Graham
ESSD	Georges Lawson
PWG	Joao Carlos Ribeiro
UEP	Antonio Schindler

#### EUFOS

Baltic countries	
Benelux	Marc Remacle
Central Europe	Pavel Dulguerov
Eastern Europe	Iryna Zarytska
East Europe North	Viktor Chrobok
East Europe South	Istvan Sziklai
Eastern Medit.	Vojko Djukic
France	Dominique Chevalier
Germany	Hans Edmund Eckel
Iberia	Antonio Sousa Vieira
Russia	Sergey Ryazantsev
Scandinavia	Reidar Grenman
Southern Europe	Gjorgi Orovcanec
UK & Ireland	John Oates
Western Mediterranean	Renato Piantanida

#### UEMS ENT Section

Adrian Agius  
Francis Marchal  
Michalis Papamichalopoulos

excused

## **2. Approval of the Barcelona 2011 CEORL-HNS General Assembly minutes**

The minutes are approved.

## **3. Election of 3 scrutineers/reviewers for the minutes**

Vincent Vander Poorten (vincent.vanderpoorten@uzleuven.be), John Oates (joates@uk-consultants.co.uk) and Pavel Dulguerov (Pavel.Dulguerov@hcuge.ch) agree to act as scrutineers/reviewers for the minutes.

## **4. Report of the President**

Reidar Grenman takes a look back on the two years as President of CEORL-HNS, describing the intensive work done on setting up the proposed new constitution, which will be addressed under point 9.

He encourages all participants to spread information about the Confederation among their colleagues and fellow society members.

## **5. Report of the General Secretary**

Istvan Sziklai reports that one of the achievements of the past two years has been the set-up of the new website.

He believes that the society is going the right way, though the flow of communication needs to be improved.

Istvan Sziklai goes on to thank Reidar Grenman for his contribution and input as President of the Confederation, stating that it will continue to “go from success to success.”

## **6. Report of Treasurer**

Klaus Albegger and René Dauman have checked the financial reports for 2011 and 2012 and declared their agreement. The General Assembly approves the reports.

## **7. Election of two internal auditors: candidates Klaus Albegger and René Dauman**

The General Assembly unanimously confirms Klaus Albegger and René Dauman for another term

## **8. Confirmation of Presidential Council**

The following persons are confirmed in their respective positions:

- a) Chairman – Marc Remacle, President of EUFOS; tenure of office 2 years: 2013 – 2015  
He takes over from Reidar Grenman, President of EAORL-HNS

- b) Vice-Chairman – Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen, newly elected President of EAORL-HNS; tenure of office 2 years: 2013 – 2015
- c) General Secretary – Piero Nicolai, General Secretary of EAORL-HNS; tenure of office 2 years: 2013 – 2015  
He takes over from Istvan Sziklai, General Secretary of EUFOS

## **9. Presentation of and vote on new Constitution of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS**

Since this presentation has been viewed and discussed during several other earlier administrative meetings, it is decided that a quick summary is sufficient.

As the Transitional Provisions specify, the new constitution will only take effect once there are at least 8 members in both of the Voting Circles.

A membership application form will be included with the minutes, and Reidar Grenman invites all voting representatives to bring up this topic at their next Board Meetings. The goal is to reach the number of members necessary for the new constitution to take effect by the end of 2013.

**Reidar Grenman discusses the two annexes describing the voting circles before the vote takes place: apart from one abstention, all vote on accepting the new constitution.**

There follows a discussion about the name of the Confederation of ORL-HNS, with some questioning the choice of the word Confederation, and suggesting that the name of the society could well be changed to “European ORL-HNS”.

Reidar Grenman points out that this is an issue that should be weighed carefully and a question that should be posed to the member societies before deciding on a change. Also from a legal point of view, this is the name of the society – even though in daily use, it may very well be abbreviated.

Jan Betka interjects that being in the midst of congress planning, he would not like to see the name of the society changed at this point. And not everyone is convinced that “European ORL-HNS” can stand alone, as it is a term used by many societies and thus hardly unique.

It is decided that this may well be a topic for discussion in the 2015 General Assembly.

## **10. 3rd Congress of CEORL-HNS, June 7 – 11, 2015, Prague**

Jan Betka reports that preparations for the 2015 congress, which was represented with a booth here at the conference, are running smoothly, and presents an overview of the Scientific Committee and the International Scientific Committee.

The Scientific Committee, consisting of Jan Klozar, Jan Plzák and Jan Betka, has been kept small on purpose, so that effective, flexible and quick decision-taking is possible.

## **11. CEORL-HNS 2017 Meeting**

- meeting guidelines 2017
- call for interest, replies received
  
- Presentation Antalya

IFOS 2017, to be held in June, made it necessary to come up with an alternative format for the CEORL-HNS event than originally planned regarding structure, date, target group.

That is the reason why meeting guidelines were set up and sent out.

Ferhan Öz, who has submitted an official letter of interest to organise the 2017 meeting the end of October in Antalya, then presents both the city, the potential venue as well as a “training camp” meeting format.

## **12. Mandate for CEORL-HNS PC to make final selection for 2017 Meeting, in line with 2017 meeting guidelines and based on venue feasibility**

As per the 2017 meeting guidelines, the General Assembly unanimously confers upon the Presidential Council the mandate to take the final decision based on an analysis of the venue and destination.

## **13. Next General Assembly of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS**

Will be during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of CEORL-HNS; date to be announced in due time.

## **14. Varia**

Marc Remacle predicts a bright future for ENT in Europe, wishing Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen much luck with his Presidency, and a big success for Jan Betka in 2015.

He is pleased that EUFOS has accepted Egypt as co-opted member; for the work achieved in the past few months, he thanks Andrea Balcar and Stefan Walter.

Most importantly, however, Marc Remacle wishes to acknowledge the achievements of Reidar Grenman. So it is with great pleasure that he presents Reidar Grenman with a certificate in recognition of his involvement in the foundation of the CEORL-HNS and his work in different ENT institutions over many years.

As he tells the audience, he has learned a lot from Reidar, for which he is grateful – among other things, how to stay focused on a goal while always taking into account all viewpoints.

Receiving the certificate, Reidar Grenman states that “this has been a great journey”. It is his belief that “you do your term, and then continue up or out” – adding that he has given all that he has to give, and “now, it is time for a new generation, for new faces, and new ideas.”

He goes on to say that he has had support from many people, naming Helinä Kosonen and Kirsi Nurmi, his two assistants, as well as Andrea Balcar and Stefan Walter. Vincent Schneider, the lawyer consulted about and involved in the set-up of the constitution, has also been of great help, having the ability to explain legal matters so that a layperson can understand it.

Reidar Grenman thanks everyone for their friendship, adding his hope to see them at one event or another before closing the meeting at 18:15.