



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

Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 3:45 – 6:30 p.m.
CCIB (Barcelona Convention Centre), Lecture Hall 118+119

1) Chairman's Welcome

Jan Olofsson bids welcome the participants of the Confederation General Assembly. At the start of the General Assembly, 19 of 33 voting representatives are present; some more arrive later.

2) Presentation of voting members of the General Assembly

EAORL-HNS

EAACI	Livije Kalogjera
EAFPS	Pietro Palma
EAONO	Milan Profant
EASM	Joachim T. Maurer
EFAS	Linda Luxon
EGFL	Georges Lawson (replaces Joao Olias)
EHNS	Rene Leemans
ELS	Marc Remacle
ERS	Valerie Lund
ESBS	Piero Nicolai
ESGS	Francis Marchal
ESPO	John Graham
ESSD	Pere Clave
PWG	Joao Carlos Ribeiro
UEP	Antonio Schindler

UEMS ENT Section

Karl Hörmann
Francis Marchal
Chris Milford

EUFOS

Heinz Stammberger (Austria,
Switzerland)
Virgilius Uloza (Baltic countries)
Marc Remacle (Benelux)
Milan Profant (East Europe North)
Todor Karchev (East Europe South)
Irina Zarytska (Eastern Europe)
Suat Ozbilen (Eastern Medit.)
Dominique Chevalier (France)
Karl Hörmann (Germany)
Antonio Sousa Vieira (Iberia)
Sergey Ryazantsev (Russia)
Reidar Grenman (Scandinavia)
Livije Kalogjera (Southern Europe
Slovenija, Croatia, Bosnia
Hercegovina, FYROM)
John Oates (UK & Ireland)
Luisa Bellussi (Western
Mediterranean)

excused

3) Election of 3 scrutineers/reviewers for the minutes

Valerie Lund (v.lund@ucl.ac.uk), Rene Leemans (cr.leemans@vumc.nl) and Antti Mäkitie (antti.makitie@hus.fi) are elected as scrutineers/reviewers.

4) Information and Elections

a) Constitution of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS

Reidar Grenman presents the version of the constitution containing all changes as agreed on in the EAORL-HNS and EUFOS General Assemblies paragraph by paragraph.

He explains the idea behind UEMS ENT Section and Board having three votes although it is not a Full Member. Also, the topic of corporate partnerships is addressed.

If a certain delegate is sick or unable to attend, the society in question can send another delegate.

It is pointed out that Serbia and Montenegro are two separate nations, which is changed accordingly in the Annex.

b) new Chairman – tenure of office 2 years: President of EAORL-HNS 2011 – 2013

Reidar Grenman takes over from Jan Olofsson as Chairman

c) new General Secretary – tenure of office 2 years: General Secretary of EUFOS 2011 – 2013

As Reidar Grenman represents EAORL-HNS, the role of General Secretary is transferred to new EUFOS General Secretary, Istvan Sziklai.

d) Treasurer – remaining tenure of 2 years of Dominique Chevalier (EUFOS) to be confirmed

Dominique Chevalier is unanimously approved as Treasurer for two more years. He presents his report, which is approved.

e) Two internal auditors (Election)

Klaus Albegger and Rene Dauman remain as auditors until 2013.

f) Registration of the Confederation

There is unanimous agreement to proceed with registering the Confederation in Vienna.

5) Next General Assembly of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS

The next General Assembly of the Confederation will take place on April 29, 2013 during the 2nd Meeting of CEORL-HNS in Nice

6) Upcoming European ORL-HNS Meetings

The International Academy of Oral Oncology [IAOO] has a meeting May 15 – 18 in Rhodes.

The 3rd Confederation Meeting will take place in Prague in 2015.

7) Varia

CEN 403

As already during the EAORL-HNS and EUFOS General Assemblies, EAFPS General Secretary Abel-Jan Tasman presents the current status of EAFPS's proceedings regarding the debated CEN 403 committee on aesthetic surgical.

Initiated by the Committee for standardization of the European Union (www.CEN.eu), it intends to generate a standard for the practice of "Aesthetic Surgery". It pertains to many aspects of (facial) plastic surgery, including standards for patient relations and consent, equipment, facilities, and ethical conduct. Also competencies, qualifications and limitations of practitioners to perform individual procedures are discussed. When the current working draft is revised and completed, the new standard "Aesthetic Surgery" will be applied as national standard in each member country.

The CEN 403 process was initiated without involvement of many specialties concerned with facial plastic surgery. As a result, representation is disproportionate and specialties like Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Craniomaxillofacial Surgery, Ophthalmology and Dermatology are substantially under-represented among the voting delegations of CEN 403.

EAFPS and other societies have mounted a strong effort to influence CEN 403. With increased awareness and lobbying at multiple levels, CEN 403 is being influenced towards a final result that should be more acceptable to all concerned parties and serves a goal that should be common to all: Increasing patient safety and ensuring a safe environment for all duly qualified specialties to practice (facial) plastic surgery.

There is unanimous agreement that these tendencies need to be fought. The decision is made to deposit notes of protest at the national CEN mirror committees through the EAORL-HNS members.

EAFPS will prepare a pre-written note that may be copy-pasted on personal or institutional stationery and sent to CEN and the pertinent national bodies.

Tasman asks that an exchange of communication is vital. If any new information is received, this should be forwarded to Karl Hörmann.

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Jan Olofsson poses the question whether the European Archives of ORL-HNS should from now on also carry the Confederation logo. There is unanimous agreement.

Jan Olofsson then thanks everyone for their confidence in the past years, and Andrea Balcar for her efforts.

Reidar Grenman takes the microphone next, saying that there has been "no one more suitable and diplomatic than Jan Olofsson for these past four years, travelling Europe, explaining the goals of the Confederation to the national societies. On behalf of all of us, thank you for your big input," adding that he is personally very happy that Jan Olofsson will stay with us as Honorary President of EUFOS, "sharing your wisdom and enabling us to learn from your experience".

Jan Olofsson replies by stating that "we are further than we were 10 years ago", and wishing everyone good luck.

The meeting is closed at 5:30.