

European Vascular Biology Organisation (EVBO) SKYPE COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

Present: Jozef Dulak (President) - JD
Anna Randi - AR
Yvonne Alexander – YA
Andrew Newby - AB
Johannes Waltenberger - JW
Paul Evans – PE
Benedetta Bussolati – BB
Geerteen van Nieuw Amerongen - GNA

Apologies: Paolo Madeddu
Elisabetta Dejana
Sarah George
Jeremy Pearson
Ingrid Fleming
Seppo Yla- Herttuala

Next meeting: EVBO-ESM meeting in Pisa, **Friday June 5th, 2015 5.30-6.30 pm**

Agenda:

1. Next council meeting, president election, AGM
 2. Travel awards for Pisa
 3. Participation in future meetings
 4. Affiliation with Journal
 5. AOB
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1. Official council meeting will be during the EVBO-ESM meeting in Pisa, before the EVBO annual general meeting (AGM) meeting scheduled on 5th June, at 17.30-18.30
 - The Council meeting is proposed on **5th June** at the lunch time – **13.30-14.30** (AR to ask the local organizers to reserve a room)
 2. Election of the president:
 - a. candidatures to be sent to the Secretary Prof. Anna Randi a.randi@imperial.ac.uk
 - b. Nominations have to be announced 3 weeks before EVBO AGM
 - c. Email EVBO members with this information by May 5th
 - d. YA asked JD whether he would be willing to stand for re-election, JD confirmed.
 3. EVBO travel awards for young investigators attending Pisa meeting:
 - JD proposal to fund 3 Abstracts, of which 2 Orals and 1 poster. Later, based on information about the budget (which was later confirmed to be > 7,000 Euro) , the council agreed to fund 2 Oral and 2 posters.
 - Since no process was set in place to request a travel grant, the Council agreed to select the abstracts from those submitted.

- Travel awards will be of Euro 300 each
- *Proposal for rules of awards selection:*
 - o Abstracts of oral presentation to be sent to the EVBO council members
 - o Judging committee will consist of the Council members attending the meeting: Anna, Jozef, Yvonne, Benedetta, Andrew, Jeremy, Geerten, Johannes
 - o Posters will be evaluated during the poster session (4th June – 5-6.30 pm)
 - o Oral presentation will be evaluated by assessing abstracts and presentation
 - o Awards will be announced at the closing ceremony on 6th June, at 12.50
- 4. Participation in future meetings: Beat Imhof has approached Jozef on behalf of ESM to propose another joint meeting in Geneva in 2017. After discussion, the Council agreed to ask that the decision could be made after the Pisa meeting. (JD to reply to Beat Imhof and propose that EVBO will decide after June 2015).
- 5. Participation in future meetings: IVBM 2018 in Helsinki. JD is on the organizing committee, and will bring EVBO officially on the board of the meeting. JD will be involved in the organizing of symposia and speakers selection. IVBM 2016 will be in Boston; AR has been unofficially asked to join the board.
 - a. AN raised the question about the Frontiers in CV biology meeting, scheduled for the summer of 2018 in Vienna. JD to bring up possible date conflict at the IVBM 2018 organizing committee. JD also commented on feedback from the European Soc of Cardiology, which clearly aims to focus their meetings mainly on cardiology. The council agreed that other vascular meetings represent a better match for EVBO
 - b. On the agenda for the next council: relationship with NAVBO, EVBO sponsored speakers at the next NAVBO meeting and vice versa.
 - c. Action: JD and AR to write to the organizers of IVBM meetings to define EVBO willingness to participate and to clarify the terms – including no financial commitment from EVBO, other than travel awards
 - d. Action: include IVBM 2016 discussion in the agenda for the Pisa council meeting
- 6. Affiliation to journals: two options were discussed
 - a. An offer from Vascular Cell – (Jan Kitajewski et al) – but this is connected with paying the fee and become a Biomed Central Member at the rate of €1,000 for 2015 in order to provide EVBO members with a 10% discount on Article Processing Charges (APC)
 - b. Vascular Pharmacology – willingness was expressed by Editor in Chief, prof. Raffaele de Caterina.

Several council members expressed their support for a link with Vascular Pharmacology. AR raised a concern about whether a pharmacology journal would be an appropriate fit for the members of EVBO. It was stressed that although this is indeed a pharmacological journal, it publishes a lot on vascular biology. It was agreed to confirm the link with Vascular Pharmacology – to make it a journal affiliated with EVBO

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