

European Vascular Biology Organisation (EVBO) COUNCIL
EVBO-ESM meeting in Pisa, Thursday 5th June 2015
 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jozef Dulak (President) - JD
 Anna Randi - AR
 Yvonne Alexander – YA
 Andrew Newby - AB
 Johannes Waltenberger - JW
 Jeremy Pearson - JP
 Benedetta Bussolati – BB
 Geerteen van Nieuw Amerongen - GNA
 Paolo Madeddu PM
 Ed van Bavel EB
 Ingrid Fleming IF

Apologies: Elisabetta Dejana
 Sarah George
 Seppo Yla- Herttuala
 Adriana Margariti

Next meeting: TBD

Agenda:

1. ESM-EVBO joint meeting in 2017 – Geneva
 2. Report of the EVBO activities – JD
 3. Budget report – JD
 4. Web site activity – YA
 5. Final decision on Affiliation with the journal – Vascular Pharmacology
 6. Other meetings with potential EVBO involvement: IVBM 2016
 7. Membership issues – proposition: to ask all the people to whom the Newsletter is sent –each has to decide till end of June, whether wants to be the EVBO member – confirmation with the full affiliation and declaration to pay the fee till end of July – send email to: info@emvbm2011.org
 8. Presidential election at EVBO General Assembly
1. **Next joint EVBO – ESM meeting:** ESM President elect Prof. Imhof and Prof. Engelhardt are invited to join the Council to briefly present proposal to have the next joint meeting of the two societies in Geneva, 29th May – 2nd June 2017. There is agreement on keeping a structure similar to the Pisa meeting,
EVBO asks about the budget for the meeting

BL: it is possible that the conference centre may be given for free because of the international nature of the meeting; he states that the intention is to pay for speakers' hotel and travel; registration should be lower than for the Pisa meeting

AN and EB: more time for posters, possibly over lunch.

General discussion takes place about the extent of clinical contribution to the meeting, and how this could help with sponsorship.

AR suggests that deadlines are set for the formation of the meeting organizing committee and program suggestions

IB asks if EVBO expects that the meeting should raise money for the society

JP and EB stress that this is an important point and that it should be clarified at the start what happens to any surplus money

The point is made that in Geneva the two societies' should not have their AGM and councils at the same time

- The EVBO Council agrees unanimously with the proposition to hold the 2nd EVBO – ESM joint meeting in Geneva 2017.

2. **Report of the EVBO activities** – JD presentation attached

Other points:

- Council was elected in 2014 for 2 years, therefore the next election is due in 2016

3. **Budget report** – JD presents in the absence of the treasurer JW – report attached

AR: ongoing problem with excessive fees for bank transfer from outside the Euro zone. This acts as disincentive for UK members, a country which could potentially provide many new members.

Request that the treasurer JW acts to seek alternatives to avoid extra fees.

JD: two people who were awarded the travel awards for Kyoto and Amsterdam did not collect the money. The time has now elapsed, the Council agrees to archive these awards.

4. **Website activity** – YA – presentation attached

JD thanks YA on behalf of the Society for her work on the website, and confirms that YA's registration should be waived, because the cost of maintaining the website are actually higher.

Discussion about the need to expand on social media, using Facebook and Twitter.

YA suggests that involvement of young EVBO members might be helpful to raise EVBO presence in social media; also she raises the question as to whether the society would like to employ a professional web designer

5. **Affiliation with the journal Vascular Pharmacology (VP):**

Final decision from the EVBO Council is required, following previous discussions.

JP declares interest as he is an associate editor of the journal. He reminds the Council that the IF of the journal has risen to 4.6, and that the journal covers all aspects of vascular biology, not just pharmacology

AR asks whether the journal may change name to reflect this and become more appealing to non-pharmacologists

JP replies that there has been discussion about this and that it might happen in the future, but there is concern that the metrics may be lost

Discussion regarding advertising EVBO events on the journal's webpage as well as hard copy – this depends on Elsevier's rules.

Vote for VP becoming EVBO's affiliated journal: 8 in favor; 2 abstention. The motion is passed.

6. Other meetings with potential EVBO involvement: IVBM 2016

AR is in the Program committee of IVBM 2016, Boston, October 30th – November 3rd, and asks the Council to email her with suggestions for session.

7. EVBO Membership new proposal

JD: originally, the only requirement to become EVBO member was to have attended an EVBO meeting. Since last year EVBO introduced a membership fee in order to increase the budget that will allow the society to offer benefits to members. Now the proposal is that all those on the EVBO distribution lists will receive an email asking them to confirm their willingness to be EVBO members and therefor to pay the annual membership fee. The deadline for this should be July – September 2015.

The Council agrees.

Discussion about the question as to whether grants cover membership to societies or not, and whether this may affect the willingness of students to pay a fee – several points out that 30 euros may be too much for a student.

Discussion as to whether the people who have registered for Pisa are currently members, namely whether the registration fee to the meeting covers EVBO membership – the answer is no.

AR points out that the society should encourage younger scientists to join the council, and should take action to promote more activities to encourage new members to join

JD states that EVBO member should have a reduction in registration fee for future EVBO meetings

EB points out that in ESM there are national societies.

8. Presidential election

The only candidate for election of EVBO president is Prof. Jozef Dulak, Krakow, the current president. Election will take place at the EVBO AGM, Pisa, on Thursday 5th July 2015, 17.30 – 18.30.

The next Council meeting will take place via Skype, date tbd

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Meeting Minutes

Present: 21 EVBO members

1. Opening – JD & AR
2. EVBO Council report – JD
3. Budget report – JD
4. Affiliation to Vascular Pharmacology
5. Change of membership rules
6. Election of the president & announcement

1, 2 & 3 **Opening & EVBO Council report & budget** – see attached

4. Affiliation of Vascular Pharmacology

Giovanni Mann (GM) comments on the possible income that can be derived by affiliation to a journal

AR reports the statements made during council meeting by JP that despite the title, the journal is not supposed to be only focused on pharmacology

5. Membership: changes to rules

JD presents the new rules as agreed by the Council (see attachment and council minutes)

Giovanni Mann (GM) comments on the possibility of proposing joint membership to ESM and EVBO, and cross-representation on the ESM and EVBO councils

Justin Mason (JM) suggests to standardize the start of membership to Sept 1st, and raises the issue of extra fees from the UK, suggesting that to avoid repeated bank charges the society should offer the possibility to pay for more than 1 year

GM raises the question of the possibility for institutional memberships

Graeme Birdsey (BG) asks whether it is necessary to have two existing members support new candidates, since this is at times an obstacle. This point is supported by others

Nina Siragusa (NS) and general discussion: make members' list accessible on the EVBO website, and links to facilitate communication

6. Election of the EVBO president

AR summarises the rules for the election of EVBO president, according to the constitution. These require that candidates are put forward to the EVBO secretary up to 3 weeks before the AGM. The only candidature that was put forward was that of Prof. Joizef Dulak, from Krakow, treh current president. Thus election ballots are distributed with a YES or NO for re-election of Prof Dulak.

Two EVBO members volunteer to carry out counting. The results of the election are as follows:

10 yes

1 no

Prof. Dulak is therefore re-elected as president of EVBO, with a mandate of 2 years

7. The AGM is closed