

## Minutes EVBO Council skype meeting on 22/08/2019

Present:

Lena Claesson-Welsh (President)  
Judith Sluimer (Treasurer)  
Mauro Siragusa (Secretary)  
Massimo M. Santoro  
Agnieszka Jaźwa-Kusior  
Fiona Wilkinson  
Friedemann Kiefer  
Justin Mason  
Gilles Pagès  
Guido De Meyer  
Jaap Van Buul  
Paola Campagnolo  
Hellmut Augustin  
Kari Alitalo  
Jozef Dulak

### 1. Email fraud; cause and consequence

The President Lena Claesson-Welsh reports that no viruses were detected in her computer, simply use of email alias. EVBO cannot assume financial responsibility.

**Action:** a note will be put permanently on website (Fiona Wilkinson) and in the next newsletter to caution people about the issue.

### 2. Financial balance (Judith Sluimer)

Update – € 12,191

**Action:** circulate summary to Council

Discussion:

- strategies to increase the budget beyond membership
- sponsorship by companies will be further discussed and coordinated

### 3. Social media (Fiona Wilkinson, Paola Campagnolo, Mauro Siragusa)

Any information that needs to be updated on the website should be communicated directly to Fiona Wilkinson

Paola Campagnolo is the new admin for the EVBO Facebook Page

Graeme Birdsey continues managing the EVBO Twitter account

Discussion:

- Mainly job ads and meetings of sister societies are shared on Facebook and Twitter
- Paola Campagnolo, suggestions and discussion:
  - highlight EVBO Council members; tag PI on job advertisement with their permission
  - twitter (Hellmut Augustin): better for science, science channels and videos.
  - Linking Facebook and Twitter may be an option to avoid double posting (Paola Campagnolo)
  - publications by EVBO members may be highlighted on social media and newsletter (as many as suggested by the members on social media and one or two most prominent publications in newsletter)

**Action:** Fiona, Paola, Graeme, Mauro and Lena to discuss this further and find a strategy

### 4. Member enrolment

**Action:** Council agrees to be contacted by the President Lena Claesson-Welsh to identify vascular biologists in their country and generate an inventory of vascular biologists across Europe. These researchers will be approached via email and asked to join EVBO. Members who fill out the membership form but have not paid the membership fee will be contacted by the Secretary Mauro Siragusa.

5. Powerpoint slide for Council members to be shown at presentations.

**Action:** All EVBO Council members have to commit to mention EVBO when presenting and urge European vascular biologists to become members. The Council agrees but finds it unnecessary to share a ppt slide.

6. Plans for engagement in the IVBM2020 in Seoul

**Action:** EVBO will offer € 5,000 for travel award, poster awards.

Continuation of EVBO medal and EVBO lecture will be further discussed in the next Council meeting

It is expected that the EVBO logo will be shown and a special ceremony organized to deliver the awards

Hellmut Augustin will be the contact person with the Korean organizers- update on next council meeting

The IVBM2024 in will take place in Amsterdam and Jaap van Buul and Ferdinand Le Noble have secured a venue. Update on next Council meeting

7. Discussion, future collaboration with NAVBO

The Council recognizes the benefits of strengthening our collaboration with NAVBO.

**Action:** Lena Claesson-Welsh is given the mandate to continue discussions with the NAVBO president.

8. German Society for Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Meeting Heidelberg  
- no quorum for a Council meeting.

9. Vascular Biology - a journal for EVBO/NAVBO/APVBO?

**Action:** Proposal rejected. The President Lena Claesson-Welsh will coordinate with NAVBO and APVBO to create a common front and eventually establish a high profile vascular biology Journal.

10. Other questions

EVBO-ESM Summer School in Krakow (Agnieszka Jazwa)

**Action:** EVBO will provide financial support that will be discussed after a program will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Karina Yaniv from the Weizmann Institute will be affiliated to the EVBO Council (without right of vote as Council is complete) as a representative for Israel.

**Action:** Lena Claesson-Welsh will invite Yaniv to the next council meeting and ask her to make an inventory of vascular biologists in Israel.

11. Time point for next meeting

November – doodle will follow.