

1) Opening of the meeting, excuses

Present:

Lena Claesson-Welsh (President)
Mauro Siragusa (Secretary)
Judith Sluimer (Treasurer)
Mariona Graupera (President-elect)
Kari Alitalo
Hellmut Augustin
Paola Campagnolo
Claudio Franco
Minna Kaikkonen-Määttä
Friedemann Kiefer
Johanna Laakkonen
Lars Mägdefessel
Taija Mäkinen
Claudia Monaco
Tatiana Petrova
Fiona Wilkinson
Jaap Van Buul
Karina Yaniv

Excused:

Rui Benedito

2) Approval of minutes from last meeting Sept 17 (appendix 1)

Decision: approved

3) Seminar committee; plans and actions (Rui Benedito, Taija Mäkinen, Judith Sluimer)

Information:

- dates are set and confirmed with webex organizer Sandra Schneider:
- dates:
 - 10/1/22
 - 25/1/22
 - 10/2/22 (NB needed to jump one day due to availability of webex)
 - 24/2/2022
 - 11/3/2022
 - 21/3/2022
 - 5/4/2022
 - 20/4/2022
 - 2/5/2022
- same format kept (highlight, YIS, keynote) for first three seminars to allow no delay in invitations
- first speaker confirmed, others invited
- committee will discuss format Oct 21

4) YIS committee (Tanya Petrova, Jaap van Buul, Karina Yaniv)

Actions:

Actively emailing senior PIs to provide names

Mentoring: organize program

2 lists: 1) young investigators and postdocs open to EVBO members and non-members; 2) Established investigators in zoom meetings – 1 PI mentor + 10 mentees. Karina responsible. Separate initiative: EVBO mentoring series. One hour/meeting.

5) Conference/Summer school committee (Johanna Laakkonen, Lars Mägdefessel, Mauro Siragusa)

Information and decisions:

- a summer school will be organized in 2022. The format of the meeting can be either live or hybrid (half day seminar, half day practicals) depending on the Covid-19 pandemic. Location is up for discussion, previously organized in Poland for 30 people. This year's online meeting in July was very popular with 100 people participating.
- Format and organizers of the meeting will be further discussed by the group. ESM participation also to be further discussed.
- Mauro to share the programme of the summer school 2021? Mauro is stepping down from the treasurer position in summer but is continuing in our summer school organization team. The subcommittee will suggest the preliminary content of the summer school.
- Future meetings/representation:
 - November 2021: Joint meeting between the German Society for Microcirculation and Vascular Biology (GfMVB), and the Dutch Vascular Biology Societies (DESB, MiVaB). Mauro is participating. Awards by EVBO (decided by the other EVBO subcommittee).
 - Summer School y. 2022 July? (all of us if possible)
 - IVBM, San Francisco Oct 13-17, 2022. Mauro is participating, maybe Johanna as well. Usually there has been an EVBO speaker session and supporting awards.
 - No final decision on additional meetings where EVBO should be present.

6) Awards committee (Claudia Monaco, Minna Kaikkonen)

Decisions and actions:

- Council members who receive requests will forward them to Minna and Claudia.
- Yearly budget not finally agreed on. In the past 3 conferences/year were supported with 3 to 5 poster/travel awards/conference x €200= max €3000/year.
- Lecture award, in the past every 2nd year at IVBM. Whether it should be selected every year and presented at some other conference remains to be decided and aligned with the conference committee (Johanna, Lars and Mauro).

7) Publication highlight committee (Minna Kaikkonen, Friedemann Kiefer, Lars Mägdefessel)

Decisions and actions

- select paper of the month and also some publication highlights for each month. The term "winner" will no longer be used.
- broad coverage (angiogenesis, large vessel disease, ncRNA, genetics etc). Hellmut to provide a search terms ready.
- Need to make a call for papers at the website and in newsletter so that the members send their suggestions.
- Paper highlighted need to be recent, not necessarily from the last month.
- The selection is to be sent in the final format to Mauro and the website team at the end of each month
- Mauro to send the updated EVBO members list for crosschecking that the EVBO members should have played a prominent role in the highlighted paper.

8) Social media committee (Johanna Laakkonen, Paola Campagnolo)

Decisions:

- Social media manager. Managing social media from one platform from unique EVBO account. Green light with €200-300
- Suggested Short 2 min video to talk about the importance of the paper highlighted and as introduction of people - spotlight.
- The group will meet to identify a strategy and concrete steps to optimize and sustain EVBO presence on social media

9) Web page group (Claudio Franco, Fiona Wilkinson)

Decisions and actions:

- A unique format similar to that currently adopted by Hellmut Augustin will be used to update the Council member info.
- Quotes for website remake: Wordpress: €5000 once and €260 business plan to link membership and payments. Alternative: Claudio €3000
- Send biography template to council members.
- Update council members info in the webpage.
- Decide on which provider will use to revamp the website. So far only two quotations.
- Claudio will connect Dissemination team with Paola for online content basics.
- Decide on the Winner and Runner-Up images of the webpage contest.

10) Finance group (Lena Claesson-Welsh, Hellmut Augustin, Kari Alitalo)

Decision and actions:

The group will generate a portfolio presenting EVBO, vascular biology, and its very important role in physiology and disease. We will use this portfolio to target companies and editors. We will also reach out to organisations such as the European Science Foundation.

Claudio's suggestion: to add a space sponsored within the seminar series as a way to increase the EVBO budget.

Lena: COST application to be started in spring – Judith: to gather info on whether a salary can be paid from the COST

11) Next council meeting; meeting conclusion end Nov- early Dec