

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  
Rui Bedito  
Paola Campagnolo  
Claudio Franco  
Minna Kaikkonen-Määttä  
Friedemann Kiefer  
Johanna Laakkonen  
Lars Mägdefessel  
Tajja Mäkinen  
Tatiana Petrova  
Fiona Wilkinson  
Jaap Van Buul

Excused:

Karina Yaniv  
Claudia Monaco

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Appendix 1) including Constitution and board regulations

**Decision**

The minutes from the election are approved by the Council.

As the *Simply Voting* platform has worked well, it will be used again for the next election in spring 2022.

**Action**

Mauro to send Constitution and board regulations to the Council.

3. Financial report

Judith shares the financial overview for the period March-Sept 2021:

OUT: €6126,62; IN: €10077,99

Current balance in the bank account: €34037,06

4. Lena provides an overview of the EVBO efforts during the spring of 2021, including:

- a. Expansion of member base
- b. Council election
- c. Seminar series
- d. Summer school
- e. Social media (twitter, facebook, web)

5. Lena introduces the main EVBO efforts for the fall 2021, including:

a. Council organization in subcommittees

**Decision:** The Council sent their preferences to Lena, Mauro and Judith prior to the meeting and a suggestion on the organization in subcommittee is made by Lena (see Appendix 3). The Council approves.

**Comments:**

*Claudio:* Generation of an EVBO specific email addresses to streamline correspondence with the different subcommittees.

*Claudio:* institution of EVBO mentoring program. *Lena:* As for all EVBO activities, it is a great suggestion as long as it is sustainable.

*Claudio:* institution of EVBO travel grants for internships of students from Eastern countries.

*Lena:* COST action would be perfect to cover these internships.

**Decision:** All new suggestions will be discussed once the subcommittees have started their work and the already existing EVBO activities are maintained successfully.

b. Seminar series (Appendix 4), current status and continuation:

Lena presents the current status on schedule and confirmed speakers and asks whether the Council agrees to continue the seminar series also in Spring 2022.

**Decision:**

The Council agrees to continue the seminar series also in the spring 2022 because of its success, as a mean to keep the European vascular biology connected, as a source of knowledge and beacon for new members.

**Comments:**

*Rui* proposes the organization of an online EVBO meeting. *Lena:* the proposal will be considered by the subcommittee 1c.

*Rui* asks whether the speakers can also be chosen or voted by the EVBO members. *Hellmut:* the subcommittee has to take the responsibility for choosing the speakers by mandate of the Council. When needed, feedback and support can always be asked from the Council.

*Hellmut* suggests to invite also non-EVBO members as speakers, especially for plenary talks.

*Lena:* invitations to scientists from the US with connections to Europe have been successfully sent and most, if not all, have joined EVBO as a result. The European identity of the seminar series should not be diluted or lost.

*Fiona:* An additional source of income for EVBO could be the sponsoring of the seminar series.

*Lena:* the subcommittee 5 will consider this possibility.

c. Web renewal

**Decision:** the Council agrees to invest into the re-design and maintenance of the webpage through a professional service. Mariona will join Fiona and Claudio in this endeavour. Mauro will join the first meeting of the subcommittee 4.

6. Selection of winner of EVBO web image (Appendix 5)

The selection of the most suitable images depends on the new design of the website. Decision is postponed to the next Council meeting.

**Action:** Lena to send the images again to the Council.

7. Other matters

**Action:** Mauro to send the current list of EVBO members to the Council.

8. Next council meeting

Doodle to be sent by Lena

**Action:** Each Council member will communicate to Lena whether there is any day of the week that should never be included as an option. Mondays or Fridays are already excluded.