



**Minutes of the  
16<sup>th</sup> European Academy of Ophthalmology Meeting**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Saturday, at 11.00am**

**During SOE 2019**

**Present**

XXV Francesco Bandello, Italy (President & Chair)  
XXI Stefan Seregard, Sweden  
XXVI Rafael Barraquer, Spain  
LIV Andrzej Grzybowski, Poland  
IV Marie-José Tassignon  
IX Peter Wiedemann  
XIV Christophe Baudouin  
XXXV Philippe Kestelyn  
XLI Joaquim Murta, Portugal  
LV Wagih Aclimandos  
? Leonardo Mastropasqua

**Apologies**

XLVII	Bill Aylward	XIII	Einar Stefánsson
LIII	Francine Behar-Cohen	XX	George Theodossiadis
L	Norbert Bornfeld	IX	Peter Wiedemann
XI	Juan Murube del Castillo	XLVIII	Sebastian Wolf
LI	Borja Corcostegui	XXIII	Zbigniew Zagorsk
XLIII	Josef Flammer	XXXIV	Eberhart Zrenner
XXVIII	Michael Foerster	?	Gabriel Coscas
XXIV	Martine Jager	?	Jean Delaey
X	Tero Kivela	?	Frank Holz
XL	Phuc Le Hoang	?	Anselm Kampik
XLIV	Anat Loewenstein	?	Ingrid Mannl
LII	Birgit Lorenz	?	Isabelle Forte
XVIII	Edoardo Midena	?	Alan Bird
XII	Anthony Moore	?	Rosario Brancato
XXXIX	Zoltan Nagy	?	Peter Watson
XXII	Ioannis Pallikaris	?	Rudy Nuijts
XLVI	Norbert Pfeiffer		
XXXII	Bo Philipson		
XXXIII	José Sahel		
XLV	Ursula Schmidt-Erfurth		
XVI	Gisele Soubrane		

## **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by the Academy President and Chair Professor Francesco Bandello at 11.00am.

## **Presences**

Presences were taken and recorded.

## **Approval of the Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the 14th European Academy of Ophthalmology Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board without amendment.

## **Report of the Secretary General**

Professor Joaquim Murta read the report for the information of the Board.

The report outlined the difficulty with changing the society's bank account due to the change in treasurer to a non-Swiss resident (Professor Grzybowski).

- Professor Grzybowski was tasked with investigating with the bank directly to come to a solution.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

The matter of the collection of membership payments arose and was discussed. Professor Grybowski mentioned that fees cannot be requested until the difficulty with the bank account has been resolved, at which point the fees for 2018 and 2019 can be requested at once. Additionally, the consequences for non-payment of fees by members will need to be formally established.

- The society agreed on inviting Professor Sebastian Wolf to act as treasurer if it is to be found that the treasurer must be a Swiss resident.
- The Annual Accounts were approved and adopted by the Academy.

## **European Academy of Ophthalmology at International Congresses**

Professor Bandello outlined for the Academy a request for collaboration from the board of MIDO, an important event for optics and enterprises. The representatives from each country outlined how they would view the potential collaboration and it was generally decided that the collaboration would be in line with EAO's objectives;

- 1) To teach, in areas of the world that are less advantaged.
- 2) To spread information and to ensure the spread of expertise in ophthalmology.

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Professor Wagih Aclimandos outlined WSPOS' approach of setting up an Ethics Bureau tasked with producing consensus statements which delineate best practice and guidelines on specific issues within paediatric ophthalmology. It was discussed that this may be an approach EAO could adopt and that information could be spread via MIDO but that there would need to be a clear agreement that any information provided by EAO would not be reframed or altered in any way.

Professor Bandello stated that if the Academy is to move forward in a collaboration with MIDO, first the Academy would have to agree on the exact relationship they would be willing to pursue, then they would need to identify topics they would like to cover and then they would need to agree on the modalities of information.

### **Presentations from new members**

Professor Bandello invited Professor Rodolfo Mastropasqua to deliver his inaugural lecture to the Academy.

### **Varia**

Professor Marie-José Tassignon opened a discussion on FEBOS subspecialty exams. Professor Wagih Aclimandos noted that the subspecialty exams influence education, as the necessity of sitting the EBO exams for many countries means that residents must have specific experience in order to meet the standard.

Professor Wagih Aclimandos outlined the process of setting up a subspecialty exam; EBO collaborate with individual societies to agree on eligibility criteria and a process of examining knowledge (typically MCQ followed by a Viva Voce).

Various challenges to setting up a subspecialty exam were explored; for example EURETINA have had difficulty in developing MCQs questions and EBO have had to introduce a bi-annual exam due to high demand.

Professor Marie-José Tassignon raised the possibility of the Academy pursuing a Paediatric subspecialty exam as there would be a reduced number of candidates which would give more control in the organisation of the exam.

### **Next Meeting**

During the 20<sup>th</sup> EURETINA Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 14.00pm.