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Dr Peter Balaz, Czech Republic

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Prof. Valery Arakelyan, Russia

Dr Ilijas Činara, Serbia

Dr Maria Kubikova, Slovakia

Dr Tankut Akay, Turkey

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| **No.** | **Item** | **Handling** |
| 1 | **Welcome by the President**  The ESVS President Prof. Martin Björck welcomed all Councilors and opened the meeting. The minutes of previous Councilor meeting were agreed by the Council.  Prof. Björck presented the updates on the Annual Meeting in Lyon with 602 abstracts submitted, abstract selection meeting in Hamburg on 8-9 May. High quality ever, since we waived compulsory publication in the EJVES. New proposal for AM Lyon: 4 parallel sessions on Tuesday afternoon to select the 45 best papers among 160 oral presentations for the plenary sessions. Accepting 173 oral presentations + 100 posters=> 273 papers  5 new guidelines presented on 5 different sessions. Afternoon reserved by workshops/seminar being the ESVS Academy. | M Björck |
| 2 | **Secretary General report**  Prof. Sebastian Debus welcomed all council and ask MCI representatives to do a quick introduction. Simon Dufaur, MCI strategic consultant attended and participated on the previous ESV Council meeting last year. Nuria Codina, MCI main liaison for ESVS is replacing Anastasia in her role as Executive Director.  Prof. Debus reported on UEMS, with the first time official examinations and ceremony with examinees at the AM in Lyon. Prof. Henrik Sillesen reported on the development with the nurses and being the responsible in ESVS to develop this task. Nurses were introduced in AM Oslo 2009, they continued in AM Amsterdam 2010, in 2016 they were re-introduced in AM Copenhagen and this year nurses will be part of the AM Lyon.  In November 2016, 5 leading nurses contacted ESVS officially and requested support to create an ESVS Nurses Network for Lyon 2017 (from Sweden, UK and Denmark). ESVS Executive Committee accepted this invitation and allocated 5k€ on ESVS 2017 budget. Nurses are meeting this week at CX and they are developing sessions at AM Lyon. Key nurses identified in France, Germany and Portugal however we need more nurses from other ESVS member countries.  Prof. Alison Halliday reported on the National Village Concept and the vision of the village, to encourage national memberships, sponsored activities & show country attractions but also to publicize to current national societies. NS interest as of 20 April: total of 7 interested as France, UK, Cyprus, Poland, Austria, Denmark, and Czech Republic. 4 potential as Netherlands, Hungary, Norway, Slovakia, Finland and 14 no reply after 3 reminders as Belgium, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine.  Prof. Haliday invited the Councilors to contact the NS secretaries and inform them about it following the message they will receive.  **Action: The NS message will be send to all Councilors in order to inform the right NS representatives. MCI will work with Prof. Haliday and Prof. Debus on regards to the message.**  Prof. Dick reported on the Masterclass on scientific writing presented at EVC Maastricht. This was the 6th time the masterclass was being organised, in total 24 participants.  Prof Dick informed that ESVS decided to continue this activity and include this course at the AM in Lyon. This year this session will not be running at the same time as the scientific sessions since it will be organised in the afternoon.  Prof. Debus presented the updates on the Spring meeting being organised in 3 weeks with 150 abstracts received. Location is Leiden, well connected and be organized within the university with very low cost. The best 3 abstracts presenters will be presented and invited to attend the AM Lyon. Bids for future Spring Meetings are open and they are being organized usually in Universities. ESVS is supporting the Spring Meeting with 5000 euros funds.  Prof. Debus presented the updates on new contract renewal with the Journal, Elsevier. He is confident about the results of this negotiations and with a new contract for 3 years. This contract is related to subscriptions and honoraria for guidelines. Prof. Kolh confirmed that working with Elsevier is positive and with good relationship. Prof. Sillesen added that ESVS is working with a German consultant company identifying areas that ESVS could improve and get more revenue.  Prof. Debus reported on the Grants, this 2017 there are not research grants. In regards to the travel grants, 9000 euros out of the 30000 euros are intended to ESVS members from outside Europe in order to attend the AM Lyon. Applicants whose abstracts will be accepted for presentation will be firstly considered. The rest of the grants are usual travel grants. Revision Deadline May 1st.  Prof. Debus finished his report thanking all Councilors for they help and activity. | S Debus  H Sillesen  A Halliday  F Dick |
| 3 | **Treasurer report**  Prof. Tina Cohnert presented the report on the closing ESVS results 2016 on bottom line 49.108€, and the results of AM Copenhagen bottom line 89.624€. Last 2015 the results were very positive due to the AM In Porto. Received the VAT back from AM 2016 Copenhagen. Journal revenue for 2016 is less, ESVS will be more stable and results being more predictable with the new contract.  ESVS finished 2016 with 1989 members. ESVS is looking for additional ways to decrease support costs as office transition, fees. 2016 was a good result given the expensive location for the Annual Meeting. Continuing care within the Society to ensure that it remains in surplus so that reserves increase to between €1.2 and €1.5 million. The overall result still relies very heavily on the result of the Annual Meeting. Closing results 2016 approved.  Prof. Tina Cohnert presented the budget for ESVS 2017 for the Councillors approval.  The conservative budget 2017 at this present time is break even 17.378€. ESVS is working on reducing expenditure and increasing results for AM Lyon to have a much impact on overall bottom line. The sales/industry reports so far are very positive and encouraging.  Prof. Geroulakos enquiry about organising the AM in cheaper venues. Prof. Debus confirmed that the venues in future will be more and more affordable but ESVS was engaged for 5 years on venues. Councilors approved the ESVS 2017 budget. | T Cohnert |
| 4 | **New membership grid**  Prof. Debus stressed the fact that we need to think on additional revenues, and savings and grow the society. For instance the e-learning activities will be stopped by now and they will start again when possible.  Prof. Debus explained the importance to review and evaluate the actual membership grid and fees. ESVS is depending on members outside Europe as the Indian members. We need to gain attractiveness for our members and grow numbers. At this present time we have various categories that ESVS is losing money and this situation is not stable. The goal is to re-work on the membership grid and present a new easier and well-structured categories grid with additional membership benefits, focus on education and with a positive revenue for each category.  Prof. Debus introduced the idea of creating a task team force from Councilors of different countries who would like to work on developing the membership grid fees. **The goal of the new membership grid is to have it presented and accepted by the next Council meeting in AM Lyon this September.  The councilors approved this idea and created the task force team with the following members: Prof. George Geroulakos (Greece), Dr. Mauro Gargiulo (Italy), Dr. Anders Wanhainen (Sweden), Dr. Ionel Droc (Romania) and Prof. Alison Halliday (UK).**  Councilors discussed and agreed on the automatic membership renewal feature that it will be implemented this year.  Prof. Björck commented that there is a consensus to have the ESVS membership valuable and expand membership, possibilities in Russia, Turkey and Spain next year with the AM Valencia | M Björck  S Debus |
| 5 | **ETC Chair Report / AM Valencia**  Prof. Sillesen and Prof. Debus presented the actual interest of the industry and the needs of the junior’s members. Estimated 350.000€ revenue on sales for AM Lyon. This year AM Lyon will have more educational activities: Courses, workshops, seminars, more presentations by young members, more interaction with industrial partners. The scientific sessions are being seperated from the training sessions.  Cook agreeement confirmed for 5000€, will have 5 EVAR tracks and 5 TEVAR tracks at AM Lyon. AM Lyon will a success in terms of workshops, already 17 workshops confirmed.  Prof. Björck explained that we are working with writing committee members to present the guidelines sessions at AM Lyon. Being on top for Eucomed compliance on the partnerships with industry.  Prof. Debus and Prof. Halliday reported on AM Valencia. The meeting will take place at the Palau de Congressos, 15 min from the airport, and weather during congress: 30°C, spectacular brightness of the venue, renewing AV, Approx. 1000 hotel rooms walking distance from congress center, collaboration with hotel melia to implement ESVS Academy.  **ETC Chair Report**  Prof. Eiberg presented the new structure of the ESVS Academy and the different seminars and workshops in detail. Workshops Seminars content:   * How to lead and develop a vascular department * Academic Leadership in Vascular Surgery * How to manage Clinical Trials: From Idea to Implementation * AAA Screening: workshop and round table discussion. * Eucomed Regulations – what does they mean for my meeting? * Harmonizing Patient Data Protection in Europe – what is going on? * European Funding for Research in Vascular Medicine   Prof. Eiberg invited Councilors and Guidelines committees to help running the workshops.  Below the workshops achieved and in preparation outside of AM Lyon:  Completed:   * Rupture AAA Zurich, December 2016 * Basic Course in Vascular Ultrasound, February 2017 * Masterclass on Scientific Writing, March 2017   Upcoming:   * Hands-on US course in Barcelona, May 2017 * Advanced Vascular Ultrasound in Copenhagen, December 2017 * Vascular Trauma Workshop, Sweden, October 2017   Prof. Eiberg presented “What it is the basis for the education offered by ESVS?” where  ESVS needs to get closer to this question and work on an assessment among the member countries. Give a very robust signal to the partners. ESVS should be leading in both science and education. The concept of **A European Needs Assessment to Identify Technical Procedures for Simulation Based Training is:**   * ESVS / ETC project: *European Needs Assessment to Identify Technical Procedures for Simulation Based Training* * Delphi process - a method we are experienced in at CAMES in Copenhagen. * Co-authored by ETC and CAMES (lead) * A final list to be published before AM 2018 Valencia   Prof. Eiberg confirmed that ESVS is not endorsing other courses this year.  In regards to the Vascular week, this project needs initial funding, educational grants coming from the industry.  Prof. Eiberg confirmed that we did not find an eLearning convenor yet. The aim is to stablish an eLearning team being part of the ETC. He invited the Councilors to contact him if any of them would like to be involved on the eLearning activities. | J Eiberg  H Sillesen  S Debus  A Halliday |
| 6 | **EVST Report**  Prof. Jongkind presented to the councilors EVST report. EVST represent the interests of trainees in vascular surgery within the ESVS, especially with regards to training, education, careers, research and exchange programmes. EVST goal is to provide an equal level of knowledge and skills for trainees in vascular surgery all over Europe. The EVST Council is represented by 18 representatives from every country with more than 10 members. 507 EVST members in 2017. EVST is cooperating and active on scientific sessions at ESVS annual meeting and Charing Cross Symposium with astract sessions and educational sessions. Social media Social: Linked in 925 members, Facebook and Twitter 430 followers.  EVST future plans: EVST future plans are:   * Organize sessions for trainnees at high quality meetings (ESVS, CX and…) * Organize training and educational sessions * Facilitate international exchange * Facilitate congress participation * Create social opportunities, meet collegues, stimulate discussion, learn from each other * More online activities: e-learning, social media | V Jongkind |
| 7 | **Editor in Chief / Senior Editor Report and AM bids for 2021 and future proposals**  Prof. Kolh reported about the associate editors, as of march there are new associate editors bringing total to 10.  Received 801 submissions in 2016: quite constant: approx. 61% rejection rate. Top 10 countries: 1st USA – 2 China – 3rd UK – 4 Germany – 5 Japan – 6 Italy –7 Netherlands- 8 France- 9 Australia – 10 Korea.  Impact factor increased from 2,4 to 2,9. It is still below JVS but we need to keep a plan to stay within the 1st quarter (with 2,4 we were not in the 1st quarter, but with 2,9 we are on the 1st quarter).  **2017 guidelines**: published DTA + mesenteric vessels + carotid and vertebral arteries + Join ESC and ESVS guidelines on PAD (being published on both websites at the same time)  **To be published early 2018**: vascular access + AAA + prosthetic graft infection + joint SVS, ESVS, WFVS guidelines. (publish recommendations at the AM Lyon)  Prof. Debus presented the different options for the AM 2021 after AM 2020 in Krakow.  Prof. Debus explained that pre-selected destinations for 2021 (Manchester, Dublin, Edinburg, Belfast, Glasgow, and Amsterdam) have been investigated based on discussions with ESVS.  The council discussed the need to strength relations with the UK market and secure membership. ESVS didn’t organize a congress in this area of Europe since a long time, it is logical case that this destination should be considered in the ESVS calendar.  Based on the analysis of different criteria, Belfast seems the most attractive destination for 2021. There was no objection from the Councilors on this destination for AM 2021. Destination approved.  Furthermore, Prof. Debus invited the councilors to send bid proposals for AM 2022.  **Prof. Mattsson from Norway expressed interest in bidding for future AM. MCI will get on contact with him.** | P Kolh  S Debus |
| 8 | **Officer’s elections and Council Nominations**  Prof Debus confirmed that ESVS will make a call for national members to vote elections before summer 2017.   * Deputy President Elect (Presidency year 2020) * Council Members at their end of their mandate and new nominations: Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine | S Debus |
| 9 | **Any other Business – N/A** |  |
| 10 | **Future Council meeting dates**  Prof Debus informed about the next Council Meeting being at the Annual Meeting in Lyon: 19 September at AM Lyon. More details will be communicated soon.  Prof. Björck thanked all present councillors and closed | S Debus |