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Notice to Members

Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons

Saturday 9 October 2021 at 14:45 – 15:10 CET
RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Chairman: Paul Rosen, Chairman of the Trustees		
1	Welcome by Chairman of the Trustees	Paul Rosen
2	Minutes of the last AGM – appended to this agenda	Paul Rosen
3	President's Report	Rudy Nuijts
4	Secretary's Report	Filomena Ribeiro
5	Treasurer's Report	Thomas Kohnen
6	Any other Business and date of next meeting	Paul Rosen
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ESCRS held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at Paris Expo, Porte de Versailles, Paris, France

Present:	Beatrice Cochener (President)	John Bateson (Trustee)	Paul Rosen (Trustee)	Nic Reus
	Rudy Nuijts (President Elect)	Roberto Bellucci (Trustee)	Anders Behndig	David Spalton
	Oliver Findl (Secretary)	Jóse Güell (Trustee)	Jesper Hjortdal	
	Thomas Kohnen (Treasurer)	Emanuel Rosen (Trustee)		

In attendance: Carol Fitzpatrick (CEO), Susan Little, Adrian Robinson

The President, Beatrice Cochener-Lamard, welcomed members to the AGM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 AGM had been circulated to members and, as there were no comments, they were unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report

Oliver Findl gave the Secretary's Report, which had been circulated in advance to members.

Rudy Nuijts took up office as President Elect at the start of 2019 and no longer serves as a Trustee. In the past year John Bateson, Roberto Bellucci, Jose Guell and Till Staffeldt have been elected as new Trustees. In February 2019 Oliver Findl and Thomas Kohnen were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Oliver Findl announced that the five successful candidates in the Board election were Jorge Alio, Bruce Allan, Vikentia Katsanevaki, Nic Reus and Filomena Ribeiro.

The Society has over 8,000 members, 3,844 of whom are trainees. Oliver Findl acknowledged the support of the national societies through group membership and said ESCRS values its collaborations with these organisations.

The 2018 Annual Congress in Vienna was attended by 9,374 delegates and the 2019 Winter Meeting in Athens was attended by 1,873 delegates.

The JCRS received 1,274 submissions in 2018 and 829 submissions in 2019 as of 31 July. The 2018 impact factor was 2.238. 10 issues of EuroTimes are published each year and circulation is over 47,500 per issue. The magazine is also available online and in a number of other languages.

ESCRS continues to fund a number of research projects: the METAgenomics guided treatment of CORneal infections – an interventional blinded randomized clinical trial; the CaMPoL Study (Cataract, age-related Macular degeneration and Polarization perception); the vRESPOND Study (Virtual Refractive Surgery for the Prevention Of Negative Dysphotopsia); the MYOPRED Study (Influence of posterior vitreous detachment on retinal detachment after lens surgery in myopic eyes); and the NECSUS Study (NEuroadaptation after Cataract and refractive SURgery Study). Two further research projects were approved for funding earlier in the year, the EPICAT Study (Effectiveness of Periocular drug injection in CATaract surgery) and the MERoV Study (Monofocal Extended Range of Vision).

ESCRS continues to develop its educational resources for members and delegates, and these include ESCRS iLearn, ESCRS On Demand, EuroTimes Eye Contact studio interviews, Video of the Month, Video Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, 'Techniques from the Experts' videos, Young Ophthalmologists' videos, landmark journal articles and JCRS case studies.



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Oliver Findl said the ESCRS supports young ophthalmologists by awarding a number of bursaries for presenting at the annual meetings and by awarding a number of clinical observerships each year. The Peter Barry Fellowship this year was awarded to Dominika Wróbel-Dudzińska.

The third EBO-ESCRS subspecialty exam in cataract and refractive surgery took place on Friday 13 September, with 13 candidates sitting the exam.

The Strategic Plan developed by Beatrice Cochener-Lamard was approved by the Board at the Winter Meeting in Athens and Oliver Findl said that the various committees will work to develop and implement the detail of the plan in the coming years.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated to members in advance and was presented by Thomas Kohnen. Total income for 2018 was €15,838,597, an increase of 2.2% on the 2017 figure. The Annual Congress and Winter Meeting generated 84.7% of the Society's total income, with the balance derived from publications, membership fees and miscellaneous items. Total expenditure in the year amounted to €13,815,433, with expenditure on charitable activities accounting for 99.4% of the total. Expenditure on the Annual Congress and Winter Meeting accounted for 62.8%, publications accounted for 10.1%, and education and research together accounted for 24.6% of the total spend in 2018. Losses on the Society's investment portfolio amounted to €970,893, reflecting volatility in stock markets towards the end of 2018. In 2017 a gain in the value of investments of €954,526 was recorded.

Thomas Kohnen said that the surplus transferred to reserves in 2018 was €1,052,271, with total reserves at 31

December of €21,370,048. **Re-appointment of Auditors**

The re-appointment of Hall, Lifford Hall as auditors to the ESCRS was proposed by David Spalton and seconded by John Bateson. It was unanimously approved.

Re-appointment of Solicitors

The re-appointment of Annabel Landau of De Cruz Solicitors as solicitor to the ESCRS was proposed by Roberto Bellucci and seconded by Emanuel Rosen. It was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the President thanked the members for attending and the meeting concluded.