MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF DIABETES e.V. held in the Minot Hall at Feira International de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal on Tuesday, 12 September 2017 at 17:30

Chairoing the General Assembly: Dr Juleen R Zierath (President)
In attendance: Dr Monika Grüsser (Managing Director/CMO)
Secretaries: Ms Mary Hata (EASD)
Ms Petra Niemann (EASD)

and 65 members

The President, Dr Zierath, welcomed everyone to the General Assembly 2017 and asked them to stand for a minute’s silence for those who had passed away since the last General Assembly: John Alivizatos, Sotirios Raptis, Eleazar Shafrir and Terence J. Wilkin.

1. Minutes of the 52nd General Assembly, Munich, Germany 2016
Dr Grüsser introduced the new electronic voting system and those present were asked to put their decision (agree, disagree or abstain) into the keypad. The result of the voting was immediately displayed with 77% in favour and 23% abstentions. The minutes were therefore approved and signed as a correct record.

2. Reports
a) President
The President’s report to the members on the activities of EASD was given in the President's Address before the Claude Bernard Lecture. It is available under:
https://www.easd.org/virtualmeeting/home.html#!resources/presidential-address-b767cc74-3f37-4e7f-8f6c-ca8773788a50 (if using Internet Explorer, please copy and paste this link into another browser if an error occurs)

b) Honorary Treasurer, Dr Raimund Weitgasser reported
EASD accounts 2015/2016
- Finance Committee
  The Honorary Treasurer reported that the EASD Finance Committee had a face-to-face meeting and telephone conferences to put together a projected budget.
- Dr Weitgasser reported that the EASD financial situation in 2016 was healthy with assets increased. The income from registration fees increased to € 7,411,192.55 and the total annual income increased to €11,716,029.00.
The total expenditure increased slightly compared to 2015 and is mainly due to an increase in Annual Meeting expenditures.
Dr Weitgasser reported that the outcome of the assessment by the external auditors Märkische Revision GmbH showed that the EASD accounting and documentation were in perfect order and that an unrestricted certification for the bookkeeping and the annual financial statement (net-income accounting and internal balance sheet) had been issued.
Dr Weitgasser thanked the EASD staff and in particular Dr Grüsser for their continued support. He also thanked the President, Dr Zierath, for the friendly collaboration. When
there were no questions, those present were asked to vote to discharge the Honorary Treasurer. Dr Weitgasser was discharged with 87% in favour and 12% against. Dr Zierath thanked the Honorary Treasurer for his diligence.

c) Honorary Secretary
Dr Francesco Beguinot expressed his thanks to the Programme Committee 2017. He explained that the Programme Committee for Berlin 2018 had met the previous day and would meet again in May 2018. He reported that a total of 1266 abstracts had been accepted, with the highest numbers coming from United Kingdom, United States and Germany. Dr Beguinot closed his report by thanking Drs Zierath and Grüsser in particular and the whole EASD team for their dedicated support. Dr Zierath thanked the Honorary Secretary for his dedication.

d) Editor-in-Chief, Diabetologia
Dr Sally Marshall reported that there were 2,058 submissions in 2016 with an acceptance rate of 15%. Time to first decision (peer-reviewed papers) is 28 days and acceptance to online publication 35 days. 
Dr Marshall explained the journal’s strategy:
- Reviews – two per issue
- Hot topics / targeted areas – themed issues
- Guidelines / best practice statements
- Translational and clinical original work, including clinical trials
- Systematic reviews / meta-analyses
- Improve visibility – email, social media, web-page
Dr Marshall thanked all those involved in the journal, especially the team in Bristol headed by Dr Judy Naylor and the team in Düsseldorf for their friendly collaboration.

The President expressed her gratitude to Dr Marshall for her dedication and valued input.

e) Chair, Postgraduate Education Committee
Dr Leszek Czupryniak reported on the courses that had taken place both in Europe and in other parts of the world in the latter half of 2016 and in 2017. The courses are mainly funded by EASD with additional sponsorship from industry which is always gratefully acknowledged. Dr Czupryniak explained that in addition to the live-courses and in order to meet the increasing demand for education, EASD had started to develop e-learning modules, i.e.

- 10 case-based modules on practical diabetes care
- Prepared professionally and supervised by PGEC
- Produced Sept 2017-Sept 2018
- First two on diabetes diagnosis and diabetes and pregnancy
- Initial funding secured from European Diabetology

Dr Czupryniak closed his last report as Chair Postgraduate Education Committee by thanking Drs Boulton and Jörgens for their continued support and dedication to EASD postgraduate education. He thanked Drs Zierath and Grüsser in particular and the whole EASD team for their dedication and enthusiasm. He said his time as Chair Postgraduate Committee had been a great pleasure and very rewarding. Dr Zierath thanked Dr Czupryniak for his dedication and constant commitment to EASD and postgraduate education.
3. Motions to Vote
3.1 Authorization of changes to the by-laws:
   a) Increase number of Executive Committee members up to 12 (currently 5-9)
      78% of the members present voted in favour of this proposal, 22% abstained.

3.2 Elections Executive Committee
   a) New officer Dr Chantal Mathieu
      Dr Mathieu left the room. The members voted as follows: 44% in favour, 37% against and
      19% abstained.

3.3 Honorary Membership
   Drs Oluf Pedersen and Marja-Riitta Taskinen left the room.
   Dr Oluf Pedersen was approved as Honorary Member with 79% of the votes in favour, 14%
   against and 7% abstentions.
   Dr Marja-Riitta Taskinen was approved as Honorary Member with 89% of the votes in
   favour and 11% against.

4. Points of information regarding EASD/EFSD Executive Committee
   4.1 Amalgamation of positions Vice President and Chair Postgraduate Education
   4.2 Senior Vice President: Markus Stoffel
   4.3 President Elect - familiarisation period in final year of President’s term of office
   4.4 Term of office of board members concurrent with calendar year

5. Any other business
   In reply to a query concerning the lack of type 1 diabetes research related topics and
   paediatric related topics, it was reported that both topics were represented by EASD Study
   Groups, EFSD grant programmes and included in postgraduate education courses.

   In reply to a query whether the amalgamation of the positions of Vice President and Chair
   Postgraduate Education Committee would be the strategy going forward, it was explained
   that due to the background and expertise of the nominated officer, this was the model to
   be used for the next 3 years. It might, however, be changed back to a separation of the
   positions.

   Dr. Zierath thanked the Executive Committee, particularly the outgoing members, Drs
   Czupryniak and Fioretto, as well as Dr Grüsser, Dr Nolan, the EASD team and all EASD
   members. She brought the General Assembly to a close at 18:30.