MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING
23rd EUROSON 2011 – Vienna, Austria
Thursday 25 August 2011 – 14.00 – 16.00

Present:

Christian Nolsøe  President EFSUMB  Denmark  CN
Norbert Gritzmann  Past President & Delegate  Austrian Society  NG
Fabio Piscaglia  President Elect  Italy  FP
Christoph F Dietrich  Honorary Secretary  Germany  CFD
Ioan Sporea  Delegate Romanian Society  Romania  IS
Gail ter Haar  Chairman ECMUS  UK  GtH
Rejina Djerassi  Delegate for Bulgarian Society  Bulgaria  RD
Gordana Ivanac  For delegate Croatian Society  Croatia  GI
Eugenio Cerezo  Delegate Spanish Society  Spain  EC
Michael Bachmann Nielsen  Delegate Danish Society  Denmark  MBN

Dieter Nürnberg  Delegate German Society  Germany  DN
Frantisek Zatura  Delegate Czech Republic  Czech Republic  FZ
P Zoumpoulis  Delegate Greek Society  Greece  PZ
Gyorgy Harmat  Delegate Hungarian Society  Hungary  GH
Diana Gaitini  Delegate Israeli Society  Israel  DG
Giulio di Candio  Delegate Italian Society  Italy  GdC
Odd Helge Gilja  Delegate Norwegian Society/ Chairman Education Committee  Norway  OHG
Wieslaw Jakubowski  Delegate Polish Society  Poland  WJ
Radu Badea  Delegate to Romanian Society  Romania  RB
Vladimir V Mitkov  Delegate to Russian Society  Russia  VM
Mirjana Brvar  Delegate to Slovenian Society  Slovenia  MB
Jan Tuma  Delegate Swiss Society  Switzerland  JT
Chris de Korte  Delegate Dutch Society  The Netherlands  Cdk
Colin Deane  For delegate British Society  United Kingdom  CD

In attendance

Mrs Lynne Rudd  General Secretary  United Kingdom  LR
Daniel Ariza  EUROSON 2012 Organisation  Spain  DA
Dritan Leli  Albania US Society  Albania  DL
Nikolas Papantouiou

Observers:

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No Apologies were received.

1. **Welcome by the President** (Christian Nolsøe)

The President (CN) welcomed the delegates and representatives of the Member Societies of EFSUMB to the 2011 Board of Directors’ meeting (BoD) and invited delegates to introduce themselves.

2. **Approval and Signature of Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Board of Directors’ Meeting held in Copenhagen on 21 August 2011 were agreed as accurate and signed by the President.

3. **President’s Report**

The written report was presented with additional comments on the CEUS Guidelines, non liver and an imminent ePublication and the Liver Guidelines which will be published simultaneously with WFUMB. The WFUMB statement on the Safe Use of Doppler Ultrasound in the first trimester was submitted for the Board’s approval making this the first internationally approved safety statement. This is part of a move to unify safety statements. This was unanimously approved.

A discussion on translating Guidelines into other languages would be referred to the EPSC and Publications Committee following VM report that there were 20,000 US practitioners in Russia but only 185 members of EFSUMB as English is the limiting factor to membership.

Refer Guidelines translation to EPSC/PC

4. **Honorary Secretary’s Report**

The written report was presented to the Board. A PowerPoint presentation including a video examination gave an update on the ECB which is freely available on the web. The book which will be printed soon will be at the lowest price possible.

The Albanian request for membership was submitted to the Board. Dritan Leli from Albania put forward the request for the 44 members (out of 200 doctors using ultrasound) to join EFSUMB. This was unanimously approved.

The request for individual membership of Khaled Nachabe was approved by a majority vote. The Board expressed a concern that individual membership should not conflict with another Society. MBN proposed advertising individual membership which for a low fee offers lower registration at a Congress.

The Board suggested looking closely at ‘exceptional circumstances’ and the borders of Europe.

The proposed Bylaw 11 on Endorsed Courses was approved and following discussion the Logo B adopted for the present time. JT was invited to contact the designer to contract a lower price (in the hundreds) for this Logo.

The Appendix was presented and accepted limiting EFSUMB support of under 35’s at a Congress to 7,000 euro.

EFSUMB website to advise individual membership
ExB to consider Individual Membership

4. **Honorary Treasurer’s Report**

The 2010 set of accounts had been signed by the President and the Treasurer and submitted and accepted by the Charity Commissioners and a summary of 2010 income and expenditure was shown to the Board.

The 2012 budget was presented and approved which reflected the lower income anticipated from EUROSON Schools and Congress and the increased expenditure on EUROSON Congresses. IS anticipated that the likely 2012 budget deficit will be recouped with the sales of the ECB. PZ thanked IS for the presentation.

5. **ECMUS Committee Report**

The Board was presented with a written report. Gail ter Haar summarised that the Committee was looking at Safety Statements, Literature Reviews and Tutorials which could be cross referenced onto the
Educational Portal. At WFUMB 2011 ECMUS Safety Workshop would be combining with WFUMB. The BMUS Safety Guidelines were presented and approved by the Board.

6. EPSC Committee Report

OHG’s summarised his written report. The Committee has approved 64 EUROSON schools since 1992 with a record of 9 Schools in one year. In the future the Endorsed Courses would be offered. Any concerns on Minimum Training should be sent to the Committee. The EPSC had contributed to the website and Educational Portal and the ECB. CFD was acknowledged as a great Editor of the ECV. OHG felt that the Committee provided important work for good standards in education.

RB commented that he would like to see standards and courses implemented for students at university, with targets for students for each year. GH wished to see practical courses at Centres of Excellence and high level courses for teachers for teaching ultrasound.

7. Publications Committee Report

MBN in addition to his written report suggested translation of the Case of the Month into Chinese.

8. EJU Report

The rejection rate for the EJU is approaching 80%. In response to the Board the time between the acceptance and printing of articles is variable. The number of citations for the CEUS guidelines 2008 is 180. To increase the possibility of publication MBN recommended sending the manuscript only to the EJU.

9. WFUMB EUROSON ULTRASCHALL 2011, Vienna, Austria

NG informed the Board that the Congress had 1,700 participants. He commented on the very professional organisation of it. The number of participants was a little disappointing and the ExB has agreed to insert into the Congress pack a stipulation that July and August should be avoided for Congresses.

The Bylaw for the Young Investigator Award requires the judges to be nominated by the Board of Directors. In addition to Karl-Heinz Seitz the Board approved Dr Cerezo and Prof Gilja as judges for the Session. Prof Di Candio volunteered for 2012. The bylaw requiring the selection one year in advance was considered impractical but the Board recommended requesting judges by email one month before the Congress.

EFSUMB to request judges from BoD one month before the Congress

10. EUROSON 2012, Madrid Spain

EC presented the preparations for the next Congress which will be in conjunction with National Congresses and other Societies which will be a unique occasion. They anticipate around 1,000 delegates will consider under 35 special registration. The Congress will be promoted in South America and simultaneous translation will be offered for Spanish and English session.

11. EUROSON 2014 Bids

Greece presented the background for their bid, hosting a EUROSON School in Athens in January 2012, their active participation in the EJU with the HSUMB Newsletter. The venue proposed is Athens Crowne Plaza Hotel to be held in either June or September.

Israel PowerPoint presentation was in addition to the papers prepared for 2013 and proposed dates between April and June at the David InterContinental Hotel.

The Board approved the bid from Israel to host the 2014 Congress.

13. Any other business

There was no other business.

14. Date and place of next meeting

TBA 22-24 April EUROSON 2012, Madrid, Spain Palacio Municipal de Congresos