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## Meeting of the General Assembly of EUFAS

**Date:** September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Time:** 10.00 – 12.30 h

**Location:** Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Campus Virchow-Klinikum,  
Augustenburger Platz 1, 13353 Berlin).  
Room: Hörsaal 2, Forum 3 (groundfloor)

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### Attendants:

K. Mann, A. Gual, E. Scafato, U. Preuss, Z. Zoricic, G. Dom, G. Spilhaug, M. Wolters,  
P. Vossenber, K. Felvinczi, E. Subata, M. Wojnar, J. Racz, F. Wurst, J. Bobes.

### 1. Welcome / Adoption minutes Warsaw (2013)

The president, Karl Mann, welcomed the attendees. The minutes were adopted.

### 2. Report of the President (K. Mann)

- a) In his report he looked back at the 4 years of EUFAS' early infancy: he reported that the whole operation of EUFAS is now set up. The organisation has valid statutes (special thanks to G. Tober), some money is available, the website is working and EUFAS symposia in the context of national societies' conferences (Madrid, Prague, Berlin, Warsaw, Berlin) have taken place and an approach to the European Commission has been made. 36 national and European societies are part of EUFAS. EUFAS symposia are available on the website.
- b) A EUFAS meeting for 2015 was suggested to take place at the EMCDDA in Lisbon.
- c) International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations (ICARA): This confederation was founded in June 2014 in Chicago. Its president is Prof. Gerhard Bühringer from Dresden, Germany. The relation of EUFAS with the ICARA has been discussed at several occasions. The president suggested that EUFAS should offer to represent the National Societies and members of EUFAS within ICARA should they not wish to be a full member themselves.
- d) Guidelines: K. Mann reported on the status of various guidelines including the new German one (800 pages, budget of 400.000 EUR). He expressed his gratitude to C. Farren and C. Drummond for their help in this context.
- e) Karl Mann closed his report in thanking all members of the EC for a very fruitful collaboration. Special thanks went to Gillian Tober, UK and Guri Spilhaug, Norway, who were not up for re-election and Jens Reimer, Germany, for being the EUFAS webmaster!

### 3. Report of the General Secretary (F. Wurst)

- a) F. Wurst reported on the status of the survey of J. Bramness and F. Wurst together with G. Dom and J. Aubin regarding use of pharmacotherapies in the treatment of alcohol use disorders throughout Europe. Only 3 countries are currently missing. Since J. Bramness cannot attend this meeting the PIs decided to present the results on the occasion of the next EUFAS meeting.
- b) The status of EUFAS as a charitable society has been consolidated and all actions in this context are going smoothly.

**4. Report of the Officer for Finances (J. Bobes)**

J Bobes reported on the financial status of the society: the balance as of September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 was 48.190 EUR and is as of September 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 50.197 EUR. No irregularities were reported.

**5. Report of the internal auditors**

The internal auditors C. Farren and G. Dom reported that they found no irregularities. The report of the treasurer based on the recommendations of internal auditors was unanimously approved by the general assembly.

**6. Activities of the sub-committees**

- 1) Prevention development: G. Spilhaug gave a summary of her report 2013 which was distributed last year via email.
- 2) Research development: T. Gual reported having explored fund raising options. For these, however, EUFAS mostly was not suitable whereas he sees a chance of a role of EUFAS as coordinator, maybe in DG justice.
- 3) Publication: G. Dom reported on the status of the Liver Transplantation Paper which is based on the EUFAS symposium in Warsaw chaired by M. Wojnar and F. Wurst.
- 4) Education: G. Dom reported on a first meeting on educational activities with Cor DeJong.

**7. Election of a new executive committee<sup>4</sup>**

**Proposals from the nomination committee**

The proposal was as follows:

President	T. Gual
First Vice-President	J. Aubin
Second Vice- President	E. Scafato
Secretary General	G. Dom
Treasurer	F. Wurst

Other Officers:

These positions will be placed in the committees where the chair will automatically be an officer within the EC. Should the chair already have a position as officer (i.e. secretary or treasurer, the vice chair of the committee would be an officer of the EC. The statutes allow only 4 “other officers”. In order to meet the growing workload for the EC and to have a more dynamic representation of EUFAS in several new domains, it was suggested to co-opt two more officers into the EC.

### **Proposals for committees**

(by the nomination committee) The structure was suggested as follows:

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| a) Research                               | <u>J. BRAMNESS</u> , F. Wurst                                 |
| b) EU contact                             | E. Scafato, <u>E.-SUBATA *</u> , K. Felvinczi, G. Dom         |
| c) Liason                                 | <u>J. BOBES</u> , Z. Zoricic, A. Batra                        |
| d) Publications, Education<br>& Training, | <u>G. CARRÀ *</u> , F. Kiefer, J. Racz                        |
| e) Treatment Guidelines                   | <u>C. DRUMMOND</u> , C. Farren, G. Dom.<br>E. Subata, E. Hoch |
| f) Education & Training                   | <u>M. WOJNAR</u> , P. Vossenber, U. Preuss.                   |
| g) Finance & Funding                      | F. Wurst, G. Carrà, T. Gual.                                  |

Names printed in CAPS are members of the EC in addition to the officers mentioned above.

The co-opted members (\*) are: Emilis Subata and Giuseppe Carrà.

Newly elected Auditors: C: Ribeiro, C: Farren,

The complete proposal was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

### **8. Proposals for the next EUFAS meeting**

It was suggested to have the next EUFAS meeting 2015 at the EMCDDA in Lisbon. Should there occur a problem with Lisbon, the ESBRA conference in Valencia could host EUFAS as well.

### **9. General brain storming on future activities (all).**

- a) Journal: as potential journals for EUFAS “Drug and Alcohol Dependence”, “Addiction” and “European Addiction Research” (EAR) were discussed. T. Gual mentioned the possibility to receive support from the Elsevier Resource Centre which receives funding from Lundbeck. Addiction will be the official journal of ICARA. With regard to EAR K. Mann reported that they are unable to provide funding, however, would offer special rates for E-version. Finally, it was decided to contact Addiction first (K Mann) and in a next step EAR.
- b) ICD-11: Regarding the status of ICD-11 K. Mann reported that M. Casas and K. Mann are part of the working group for diagnosing addictions in ICD-11. This group suggested including pathological gambling, like in DSM 5, in the addiction section. However, the advisory board suggested placing it into the chapter of impulse control disorders. A recent paper of J. Grant published in World Psychiatry also emphasized this point of view. Potential positions of EUFAS were discussed and attendees were encouraged to take action to gain votes of national psychiatric associations to consider PG as an addictive disorder.

- c) Following a suggestion of T. Gual, J. Bramness and F. Wurst were assigned to conduct a survey on the topic where the treatment takes place. This should be feasible within the next 6 months. Furthermore, contacts with the EPA sections and consumer organisations were discussed. The importance of the allocation of pathological gambling within the ICD was pointed out regarding the payment by insurances.

Salzburg and Mannheim, November <sup>21st</sup>, 2014

Karl Mann  
Past-President

Frieder Wurst  
Treasurer