
Minutes

Meeting of the General Assembly of EUFAS

Date: Sunday, September 8th 2013

Time: 10.30 – 1 pm

Location: Marriott Hotel
Al. Jerozolimskie 65/79, Warschau, Poland
Conference Floor

AGENDA

1. Welcome / Adoption minutes Berlin (Oct. 6th, 2012)
2. Report of the President (K. Mann)
3. Report of the General Secretary (F. Wurst)
4. Report of the Officer for Finances (J. Bobes)
5. Report of the auditor
6. Activities of the sub-committees
7. New members Advisory Board (David Nutt, Jürgen Rehm)
8. Collaborations with EMCDDA research projects (AMPHORA, ALICE RAP) and other European Societies (ECNP, EPA, other)
9. Discussion on the next EUFAS meeting (ECNP suggested Prof. David Nutt)
10. Status of the papers
Liver Transplantation – consensus paper: G. Dom, M. Wojnar, F. Wurst.
11. General brain storming on future activities (all).

Attendants: see separate attachment

Welcome / Adoption minutes Berlin (Oct. 6th, 2012)

Karl Mann expressed his gratitude to Prof. Marcin Wojnar and Prof. Helmut Seitz both presidents of the ESBRA Congress for giving EUFAS the opportunity to have two symposia at the conference and free admission for the day. The participants introduced themselves. The minutes of the Berlin meeting on Oct. 6th 2012 were accepted.

Report of the President (K. Mann)

- EUFAS had two symposia in Berlin at the German Addiction Conference on Oct. 2012 and organised two symposia at the ESBRA in Warsaw, programme see attachment.

- a joint symposium with the French Society of Addiction Medicine was held in June 2013: the issue was comparing existing treatment guidelines and using them as source for national guidelines. PPT slides of EUFAS symposia are posted on the EUFAS website.

- Prof. Reimer, Hamburg, is the new webmaster of EUFAS.

- In 2014 the EC has to be elected: Karl Mann, Julio Bobes, Geert Dom, Joergen Bramness and Colin Drummond will form a nomination committee and prepare suggestions for the positions.

Decisions:

The general assembly decided anonymously on the following topics:

1. No annual dues for Eastern countries plus Greece and for transnational organisations such as ESBRA or SRNT-Europe for four years,
2. The maximum due per society will be 300 Euro.
3. Travel grants of 800 Euro maximum, with a maximum of 8 grants for 2 years shall be advertised.
4. PowerPoint presentations of EUFAS symposia shall be posted on the EUFAS website (www.eufas.net).

Report of the General Secretary (F. Wurst)

- Re-composition of the board of directors was communicated to the local authority in Salzburg. Based on this the status as charitable society was renewed. This makes financial contributions to EUFAS tax deductible.

Report of the Officer for Finances (J. Bobes)

The current balance of EUFAS is 48000 Euro.

Prof. Bobes reported of temporary difficulties regarding IBAN and BIC.

It was agreed to send around the correct data once more. They are:

IBAN AT 855500011100014145

BIC SLHYAT2S

All societies will be invited to pay their dues for 2013.

Report of the auditor

- C Farren approved the report. The new auditors are: Conor Farren and Geert Dom.

Activities of the sub-committees

- The paper of the prevention group distributed by I. Weber on Sept.6th (see attachment) was discussed. G. Spilhaug announced her withdrawal from the board based on the fact that new obligations in the context of addiction medicine being a medical specialty in Norway do not allow her a further engagement as member of the board of directors.

- G. Carrà mentioned that operating grants, which would have been most suitable, were cancelled this year. He suggested addressing a formal request to EU via EMCDDA, what will happen in addiction in the near future.
- G. Dom reported on a high level meeting with members of the EU parliament in Brussels including patients' organizations and discussions regarding funding and lobbying for addiction medicine.
- He also mentioned that in Horizon 2020 addiction is not mentioned. We would therefore need a proper lobbying strategy. He suggested structured ways of lobbying and to connect with family and patient organisations as well as EPA. He was formally mandated to contact EPA.
- G. Carrà und R. Simon will draft a EUFAS position paper (Supporting Addiction research in Horizon 2020).

R. Simon reported on cooperation with EMCDDA. C. Farren raised the topic of guidelines in national languages and the potential function as a source of pan- European guidelines. As a perspective one guideline with national variations could emerge. H. Aubin reported on the status of the French guideline and current efforts to translate them into an English version.

K. Mann mentioned German guidelines on alcohol and tobacco which will appear 2014. R. Simon pointed out the problem of making people use guidelines. C. Farren emphasized the importance to have standards regardless of its use. C. Drummond added the perspective that services are audited against the NICE guideline. F. Wurst suggested to use the evidence data supranationally and to add local flavor by local consensus groups.

New members Advisory Board

K. Mann suggested extending the advisory board of EUFAS with David Nutt and Jürgen Rehm. This was agreed upon.

Collaborations with EMCDDA research projects (AMPHORA, ALICE RAP) and other European Societies (ECNP, EPA, other)

T. Gual reported on the EU project AMPHORA (treatment) and the difficulties in obtaining valid information on treatment options, numbers, figures, etc. He suggested highlighting diversity as an added value.

EPA, COCHRANE, etc.: see above.

ECNP: it was agreed to contact ECNP for potential collaborations in 2014 and beyond.

“Global addiction conferences”: no concrete plans of cooperation.

Discussion on the next EUFAS meeting

ECNP is one of option; an alternative could be the German Addiction Congress.

Status of the papers

Liver Transplantation – consensus paper: G. Dom, M. Wojnar, F. Wurst.

F. Wurst and M. Wojnar will chair a EUFAS symposium at the ESBRA. F. Wurst has published a recommendation paper in Liver Transplantation which can serve as basis for the consensus paper together with G. Dom's recent paper.

Future activities (all)

K. Mann will retire in spring 2014 and invited to a symposium on this occasion, which will be held on March 7/8 in Mannheim.

Frieder Wurst and Joergen Bramness will conduct brief survey on medication, availability, prices, reimbursement, etc. throughout EUFAS member societies.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 1 pm.

Prof. Karl Mann
President

Prof Frieder Wurst
Secretary