



EUFAS General Assembly (GA) 2021 (virtual)

Minutes

Date: June 08th 2021
Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm CET
Location: Online Teams meeting

1. Attendees

The following societies attended the: Austrian Society for Addiction Research and Addiction Therapy (Prof. Friedrich Martin Wurst), Flemisch Society for Psychiatry (Prof. Geert Dom), Croatian Society for Alcoholism and Other Addictions and Croatian Association of Clubs of Treated Alcoholics (Dr. Anto Oreskovic), Finnish Society of Addiction Medicine (Dr. Jonna Levola), Société Française d'Alcoolologie (Dr. Mickaël Naassila), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suchtforschung und Suchttherapie (Prof. Falk Kiefer), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suchtpsychologie (Dr. Klaus Wölfling), Hellenic Society for the Study of Addictive Substances (Prof. Ioannis Diakogiannis), Dutch Society of Practitioners of Addiction Medicine (Dr. Peter Vossenbergh), Dutch Psychiatric Association: Section Addiction Psychiatry (Dr. Arnt Schellekens), Hungarian Association on Addictions (Dr. Katalin Felvinczi), Societa Italiana di Alcolologia (Prof. Emanuele Scafato), Società Italiana Psichiatria delle Dipendenze (Dr. Massimo Clerici), St. Patricks University Hospital (Dr. Conor K. Farren), Lithuanian Tobacco & Alcohol Control Coalition (Nijole Gostautaite Midttun), Lithuanian Association of Addiction Psychiatry (Dr. Darius Jokubonis), Norwegian Association of Addiction Medicine (Prof. Jørgen G. Bramness), Polish Society for Addiction (Prof. Marcin Wojnar), Associação Portuguesa de Medicina da Adicção, Alcoolismo e Toxicoddependências (Prof. Cristina Ribeiro), Associação Portuguesa de Adictologia – Associação Portuguesa para o Estudo das Drogas e das Dependências (Dr. Luiz Gamito), Alliance against alcohol and drug addiction (Romania) (Dr. Dan Prelipceanu), Narcologists Association (Russia) (prof. Evgeny Krupitsky), Drugs Research Network for Scotland (Prof. Catrionna Matheson), Socidrogalcohol (Dr. Gerardo Florez). Swedish Society for Addiction Medicine (Prof. Hanne Tønnesen), Swiss Society for Addiction Medicine (Dr. Marcus Herdener), UK: Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA), Clinical Addiction Network and Faculty of Addictions, Royal College of Psychiatrists (all represented by Prof. Colin Drummond). Attendees not representing national societies, but present as EC members: Prof. Antoni Gual, Prof. Karl Mann, Prof. Benjamin Rolland.

The following member societies did not attend: Czech Society of Addiction Medicine of the Czech Medical Society, Danish Society of Addiction Psychiatry, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suchtmedizin and Société Luxembourgeoise de Psychiatrie, Pédopsychiatrie et Psychothérapie, Belgian Association for Alcohol and other Drug Problems (Prof. Paul Verbanck).

2. Approval of minutes from last GA

The minutes of the last GA in Lisbon (October 2019) were approved.

3. Report of the President (G. Dom)

Geert Dom holds the following short summing up of the activities. Since the last general assembly there have been few activities of the EUFAS due to the COVID-19-situation. We generally have 1-2 meetings per year. Since the last GA, the EC have held meetings on 31.03.2020, 02.07.2020, and 08.04.2021. No conferences have been attended. The EUFAS have participated in a joint symposium, with EPA in Madrid June 2020 named "Will the opioid crisis hit Europe and what to do?" and was a collaborator in the publication of the update of the European Guideline treatment of Chronic Pain.

The president is happy to welcome the Swedish Society, The Russian Society, and the Scottish Society to the EUFAS!

4. Report of the General Secretary (JG. Bramness)

A short report was given by the general secretary, mostly focusing on the EUFAS webpage. All member societies were encouraged to contribute with events and to check the information about their society posted on the website.

5. Report of the Treasurer (F. Wurst)

EUFAS continues to do fine also regarding financial aspects. The balance generally is around 50.000€. As of Sept 23, 2019 the balance was 51 914.28 € and on March 31 46 632.43 €. This balance also includes pre-financing of EU projects including the "Futurize"-project (8000 €). These are the major gains.

As decided earlier, no membership fees were raised and no organization actually did pay fees.

Expenses mostly reflect travel supports for members to attend meetings in the context of EU Projects (FUTURIZE meetings and workshop including evaluation), covered by the project budget but also, expenditures for the EUFAS/EAR award, and room for meetings such as at the Lisbon Addictions 2019 and costs for the Administrative Secretary, Ingrid Weber.

Both auditors (Conor Farren & Ioannis Diakogiannis) have received all respective documents and reported that the account was audited and approved.

Special thanks to Ingrid Weber, the Barcelona team, Conor Farren & Ioannis Diakogiannis.

The auditors, the treasurer, and the Executive Committee, have been unburdened by the General Assembly.

6. Election of the auditors

The auditors Conor Farren and Ioannis Diakogiannis are reaffirmed for a next mandate.

7. Orientation of EUFAS' participation in European projects

- a. FENIQS-EU (B. Rolland)
- b. Interglam (T.Gual)
- c. LxAdd22 – alcohol track (JG. Bramness)

8. EUFAS surveys (JG. Bramness)

There is an ongoing survey on addiction training in Europe. The survey has been answered by the majority of the member societies and first results will be presented at the SSA in November 2021.

9. New board by the nomination committee (NC) (chair: A. Gual)

President:	Colin Drummond
First Vice-President:	Jørgen Bramness
Second Vice-President:	Emanuele Scafato
Secretary General:	Benjamin Rolland
Treasurer:	Frieder Wurst
EC member without portfolio:	Marcin Wojnar
EC member without portfolio:	Cristina Ribeiro
EC member without portfolio:	Hanne Tønnesen
EC member without portfolio:	Gerardo Florez
EC member (Ex officio as Editor in Chief of EAR)	Falk Kiefer
Advisor and guest in the EC:	Antoni Gual
Immediate Past-President: chair of nomination committee & guest in the EC	Geert Dom
Advisor and guest in the EC	Karl Mann

The new board will begin its period of function November 1st 2021

10. EAR-EUFAS Award

Information on the EAR-EUFAS awards was given by G. Dom (representing EUFAS) and F. Kiefer (representing EAR)

- a. 2020: Marta Torrens has been awarded the 2020 EAR-EUFAS award. The award will be handed over on a ceremony of the Spanish Society (Socidrogalcohol) in Barcelona in October 2021.
- b. 2021: Anne Linford-Hughes has been suggested by the nomination committee for the 2021 EAR-EUFAS award and will be an official awardee after final decision of the EC. The award will be handed over at a ceremony at the British Society (SSA) in November 2021.
- c. The newly elected EC will proceed with the 2022 award.

The award committee consists of two representatives from EAR (editors Falk Kiefer and Anneke Goudriaan) and from EUFAS always the president and the general secretary (currently Geert Dom and Jørgen Bramness, but on the new EC they will be Colin Drummond and Benjamin Rolland).

11. Adaptation and changes of the EUFAS statutes

The following change to the EUFAS statutes was voted over and agreed upon by the GA (amendment is underlined):

4.5 The Auditors

The Auditors shall audit the books and records. The Auditors shall prepare a report addressed to the Executive Committee, which in turn presents such report to the General Assembly. The auditors are proposed by the EC and elected by the GA for the next fiscal period.

12. Proposal for the next EUFAS GA meeting

The GA leaves it up to the EC when and where the next GA meeting will be held.

13. Miscellaneous

No additional cases had been announced in advance. The outgoing EC was praised for their work.

June 15, 2021

Geert Dom
(President)

Jørgen G. Bramness
(General Secretary)