

## Meeting of the EUFAS General Assembly (GA)

**Date:** March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 13.30-14.45 pm

**Location:** Congress Centre Nice, France.

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### Minutes

**Attendees:** Karl Mann, Antoni Gual, Gerardo Flores, Konstantinos (Dinos) Rantis, Falk Kiefer, Peter Vossenber, Geert Dom, Colin Drummond, Arnt Schellekens, Benjamin Roland, Marcin Wojnar.

**Invited Guest:** Dzmitry Krupchanka (WHO).

**Excused:** Frieder Wurst, Jorgen Bramness, Emanuele Scafato, Prof. Diakogiannis, Michel Wolter, Zoran Zoričič, Darius Jokubonis.

1. **Welcome / Adoption minutes:** the minutes of the GA meeting in Lisbon on 24-10-2017 are accepted.
2. **Report of the President (G. Dom):** Geert Dom gives a short overview of the activities. Given the last GA was only in October 2018, most of the topics and plans agreed upon there are still ongoing. Follow-up in the current agenda meeting.
3. **Report of the General Secretary:** the GS is excused for this meeting.
4. **Report of the Treasurer (F. Wurst):** The treasurer is excused for this meeting. He sends a short report as a notification of the current financial status, to be presented (GD) and included in the minutes of the current meeting. Given that, according to EUFAS statutes, only every two years a formal presentation at the GA is required on the financial status of the association, no vote or further action is needed.

***“The EUFAS account balance as of September 29, 2017 was € 46.792,51 and is now, on February 14, 2018 €34.313,89. The major difference was as agreed upon earlier in context with the TWIST project and the EUFAS awards.” The money for TWIST was a loan and has meanwhile been wired back to the EUFAS account.***

5. **Report of European Addiction Research – EUFAS collaboration (F. Kiefer)**

The Editor in Chief of EAR, Falk Kiefer, gives an overview of the past and current activities of the journal. The accompanying PowerPoint makes part of the minutes. Several topics are highlighted:

- Research Award contributes to increase visibility
- ERA 2.6 impact factor seems to be stable – doing good

- The rejection rate is high: 75%
- A need to find reviewers – a request for board members to volunteer and recruit among colleagues.
- Geographical spreading 75 % EU countries but increasing submission from outside EU.
- Special topic issues – one on opioid is currently being planned. The editors are also open for additional topics and suggestions for guest editors. Within this context Antoni Gual suggests a special issue on cannabis.
- Suggestion of new editorial board members: Benjamin Roland, Colin Drummond, T. Gual, Marcin Wojnar, Arnt Schellekens are candidates. This will also strengthen the collaboration between the EUFAS board and EAR.

## **6. European projects:**

- a. TWIST project, Lisbon 2017:** Follow-up and evaluation (T. Gual)

**Excellent feedback of the attendees – EMCCDA and others SICAD**

- b. Futurize project:** follow-up (T. Gual)

- Application – feedback will be expected in September 2018 –high chance that it will be accepted.

- **C. Comprosu** – EUFAS participation in this project has been confirmed by Antoni Gual.

## **7. Collaboration with other societies:**

- a. European Psychiatric Association:** evaluation EUFAS-EPA symposium and future collaboration. The current joint symposium EUFAS-EPA was a success. Suggestion is to try to have a yearly joint symposium. Preparations will be made for a submission for the EPA Warsaw congress 2019.

- b. EMCCDA:** feedback on the contacts and future collaboration (T. Gual)

- c. ICARA:** meeting 27/29 August, Prague. EUFAS received an invitation to collaborate in a survey organised by ICARA. The board is in favour of this collaboration. Jorgen Bramness will be asked to take on the lead in this collaboration from the sides of EUFAS.

## **8. Activities of the task forces**

- a. Guidelines (C. Drummond):** Survey on alcohol treatment guidelines: status report.

A final version has been drafted – Questions remains how to make it more personalised and how to enlarge the number of persons to target with the survey.

- b. Liver transplantation issues (F. Wurst):**

Regarding liver transplantation there is an ongoing study of T Gual, P Barrio, W. Weinmann and F Wurst covering several aspects.

- c. Cannabis task force (E. Hoch & T. Gual):**

Applying for cost EU to pay for a meeting.

- d. EUFAS surveys (J. Bramness - SI F. Wurst):**

Medicinal cannabis use in Europe (J. Bramness - SI F. Wurst). A manuscript is under review at EAR

- e. New proposal** by Colin getting an overview addiction specialist in Europe.

**9. Nomination committee (NC):**

- The president thanked the former NC (2017-2018) for its work. A new NC was elected with Antoni Gual as chair and Gerardo Flores, Jörgen Bramness and Johan Franck.
- The new NC will be asked to make a suggestion for rules of procedures including criteria for nomination of candidates.

**10. European Research Award:** the award ceremony in Nice was a success. Procedure for the nominations of the 2019 award will be started. Member societies of EUFAS will be sent a letter inviting them to make suggestions for candidates. The procedure to evaluate these proposals is decided as follows: A first selection and evaluation of the proposals will be done by: EUFAS president and vice president and the Editor in Chief of EAR, Falk Kiefer. A motivated list and order will then be proposed to the EC for final decision.

**11. EUFAS Scientific Advisory Board:** This AB has been created in 2010. Members give support and advice to EUFAS either spontaneously or when invited. In-person-meetings of the Advisory Board have never been intended. Thus, the board is an important body for the network of EUFAS. It is decided to reinitiate its function and composition. As a start all, original members will be contacted to see if they are interested to re-engage in the AB.

**12. EUFAS website:** feedback and suggestions for improvement are given. The team of Jorgen Bramness will take up the website. Benjamin Roland will start up a little team to be active on twitter.

**13. Questions and feedback from the member societies.** None

**14. Proposal for the next EUFAS meeting and next EUFAS symposium:** ideas are welcomed and can be sent to General Secretary and President. Next meetings already decided upon are Warsaw 2019 (EPA – joint symposium – no General Assembly) and LisbonAddictions2019 for the next General Assembly meeting.

**15. General brain storming on future activities.**

**16. Miscellaneous:**

Changes in statutes are needed for:

- Allowing meetings EUFAS joining “international” meetings
  - To give the Editor in Chief of EAR, as EUFAS board member full voting rights.
- A proposal on both will be made to be voted upon at the next GA, 2019.

**17. Closing**