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OF THE LOWER GENITAL TRACT**

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General Assembly 2021

MINUTES

The Annual General Assembly was held virtually on May 17, 2021 at 6 p.m. (CEST) and it was chaired by the member of the Bureau and EFC President, Dr. Pekka Nieminen, from Niittysaarentie 6 B, 02160 Espoo, Finland.

The General Assembly appointed Prof Xavier Carcopino, EFC Secretary, as Secretary of the General Assembly for minute taking.

	Attendance list: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome new Federation members: Danish Colposcopy Society• Proxy: none• Apologies & Attendance list: available here. Quorum achieved: 25/37 Full members.	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
1.	Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly of September 7, 2020;	Vote	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The Minutes of the last General Assembly were unanimously approved. Dr Efraim Siegler (Secretary of the Israeli society) raised his hand during the voting. He was given the floor to express himself, however his intervention was just to greet the fellow members.	Result: YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
2.	Special release of liability to the members of the Executive Board having not held the General Assembly on the statutory date;	Vote	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	Pekka mentioned that we had to change the planned date of the General Assembly due to the COVID situation and cancellation of live events. This release has been unanimously approved.	Result: YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	



3.	Activity report 2020 and 2021;	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
3.1	Presentation of the report of the President ;	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	<p>As the president of the EFC, Pekka Nieminen encouraged members to visit and to promote our website. This year was of course impacted by the COVID outbreak and we had to modify/cancel many events. However, we have been able to organize and maintain 5 Executive Board meetings, 2 Webinars, the Satellite Meeting and the Advanced Colposcopy Course. Pekka explained we had to renew our Articles of Association according to the new Belgian legislation, since we did move our society in Brussels. Pekka encouraged that all our members should read our new Articles of Association carefully.</p> <p>Pekka was very happy to report the success of the recent Advanced Colposcopy Course and Satellite Meeting. Although being held online, those two meetings were highly successful. We are currently organizing the next EFC congress that will be held in Helsinki on 8-10th of June 2022. The programme is currently developing with suggestions being warmly welcome. Finally, Pekka reported that EFC has been participating on many publications that can be seen on our website. > HERE: https://efcolposcopy.eu/efc-publications/</p> <p>Next year, we will have the elections for the next EFC board during the next General Assembly.</p>		
3.2	Presentation of the report of the Secretary ;	Discussion	Prof. Xavier Carcopino
	<p>Xavier Carcopino, EFC Secretary, promoted the implication of the EFC in social medias and presented the EFC Twitter account and Facebook page. He encouraged members to promote these. We will therefore ask each member to name a representative that could be in charge of relying all the publications from the EFC as it is crucial to promote our activities, conferences and meetings. Xavier Carcopino summarized the new Articles of Association. There are not many changes with the core of the text being similar and only modified to fit with the Belgium law.</p>		
3.3	Presentation of the report of the Chair of the Education Committee	Discussion	Dr. Jana Zodzika
	<p>Jana Zodzika, EFC Chair of Education, reported all the many things that have been done during this year. Colposcopy course has been organized in Moldova 2020. We launched educational webinars for the first time in 2021, with the first two ones taking</p>		



	<p>place in March and April. These should be continued next year and will involve volunteer members.</p> <p>With the participation of Simon Leeson and Maggie Cruickshank, we are currently running surveys on quality standard in colposcopy and we will welcome all members to answers these as they are crucial for helping us in improving in our guidelines.</p>		
4.	Financials 2020-2021;	Discussion	Dr. Olaf Reich
4.1	Presentation of the <u>report of the Treasurer;</u>	Discussion	Dr. Olaf Reich
	<p>Olaf Reich presented the 2020 and 2021 financial report.</p> <p>Last year our income exceeded outgoings. In fact, the total amount of income was: 38.632,94€ and the total amount of expenses was: 32.010,89€.</p> <p>This year provisional income would be of 92.237,11€ and provisional expenses of 63.335,85€.</p> <p>Charles Redman (EFC Past President) suggested that the fees for the webinars remain unchanged for the time being.</p> <p><u>The Treasurer report, the Financial report 2020 and the Budget 2021 were provided to EFC Full Members and are available by request from the EFC Secretariat.</u></p>		
4.2	Approval of the annual accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 2020;	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The annual accounts for 2020 were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.	Result: YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
4.3	Allocation of the results for the financial year ended on December 31, 2020;	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The allocation of results of the financial year in 2020 has been unanimously approved by the General Assembly.	Result: YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
4.4	Release of liability to the members of the Executive Board, for the performance of their duties during the financial year ended on December 31, 2020;	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The release of liability of the Executive Board Members for 2020 has been unanimously approved by the General Assembly.	Result: YES: 25	



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4.5	Approval of the budget for the financial year 2021.	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The budget of the financial year in 2021 was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.	Result: YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
5.	Informal approval of the new text of the Articles of Association of the Association in English;	Vote	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	We will ask all members to read this text that will be in French with English translation. The new text of the Articles of Association in English has been unanimously – informally - approved by the General Assembly.	Result: YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
6.	Acknowledgement of the new members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danish Colposcopy Society	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	We are very happy to welcome the Danish society of colposcopy as a new member of the EFC.		
7.	Any Other Business;	Discussion	
	No question was raised by the audience.		
8.	Date, time and place of the next General Assembly;	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The next General Assembly will be on the 8 th of June 2022, during the next EFC congress.		
9.	Closing remarks.	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	Pekka closed the General Assembly by encouraging for all suggestions and comments for helping us in building the best programme for the 2022 EFC congress. At the end of the meeting, many EFC members took the floor to exchange greetings with the EFC Executive Board.		