



**EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR COLPOSCOPY AND PATHOLOGY
OF THE LOWER GENITAL TRACT**

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General Assembly 2022

MINUTES

The Annual General Assembly was held virtually on June 10, 2022 at 3 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: none• Proxy: Germany Proxy to Austria• Apologies & Attendance list: https://efcolposcopy.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/EFC-GA2022-attendance-list-3.pdf Quorum achieved: 31/38 Full members.	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	Pekka Nieminen introduced the GA and welcomed the participants. Information regarding how to vote and participate had previously been provided to all participants. Quorate was achieved. There was representation from 31 members with voting rights. Germany was represented by Austria.		
1.	Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of May 17, 2021	Vote	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The minutes of the last GA have been unanimously approved.	Result: YES: 69 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
	This was agreed.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0	



		ABSTAIN: 0	
3.	Activity report for 2021-2022	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
3.1	Presentation of the report of the President	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	<p>Pekka Nieminen warmly thanked all the board and members for their great work and support. It was noted that there was no change in the executive board nor with members, ad hoc and trustees since last General Assembly. The advisory board had also remained unchanged. Pekka regretted that COVID pandemic had forced the meeting to be online. Although we had to cancel all face-to-face meetings, we managed to organize regular and efficient board meetings with a total of 6 virtual executive board meetings from May to December 2021 and 6 from January to May 2002. The major subject has been the preparation of the 9th EFC congress in collaboration with the Finish society. This congress has been developed from the previous EFC congress in Rome. We organized 2 pre-conference courses, with 3 parallel sessions. The programme covered all aspects of colposcopic practice with 5 free communication sessions and one poster session. Pekka emphasized that the board has worked on the renewal of the Article of Association according to Belgian legislation after moving to Brussels in Belgium. This work is now complete.</p>		
3.2	Presentation of the report of the Secretary	Discussion	Prof. Xavier Carcopino
	<p>Xavier Carcopino acknowledged how COVID mandated the hard decision to make the 9th EFC congress virtual. Social medias were discussed. EFC is now on Facebook (215 followers) and twitter (88 followers) but also LinkedIn (69 followers). It is crucial for the EFC that information is passed on, to optimize the EFC's communication to all members and colposcopists throughout Europe. The EFC has been involved in multiple publications over the last year. Publications were joined guidelines with ESGO on how to adapt cervical cancer screening, colposcopy and surgery during and after COVID pandemic. We also published a short survey about how COVID impacted screening programmes in Europe. EFC is currently working on guidelines collaborating with ESGO on vulvar and vaginal lesions: their diagnosis and management. Xavier Carcopino also reported about the new Article of Association that is now finalized and needs to be approved.</p>		
3.3	Presentation of the report of the President-Elect	Discussion	Dr. Maggie Cruickshank
	<p>Maggie Cruickshank reported about the consensus guidelines for essential colposcopists. Over the last 18 month, a great work has been achieved on that consensus statement in collaboration with ESGO. We hope to finalize this document over the next couple of months. EFC with Simon Leeson has been also working on quality standards groups.</p>		
3.4	Presentation of the report of the Chair of the Educational Committee	Discussion	Prof. Jana Zodzika
	<p>Jana Zodzika presented all the work done by the Educational Committee with a total of 4 webinars organized over the last year.</p>		



3.5	Presentation of the report of the Trustee	Discussion	Mr. Simon Leeson
	Simon Leeson reported about the role and responsibilities of trustees in the EFC.		
4.	Financial Report 2021-2022	Discussion	Dr. Olaf Reich
4.1	Presentation of the report of the Treasurer	Discussion	Dr. Olaf Reich
	Olaf Reich presented the financial report of our association. The EFC has a current bank balance of 28933,57 €. Total incomes were 92237,11 € comprised of members fees, organized courses and webinars. Total expenses were 63335,85 €. The financial situation is currently stable. Olaf Reich estimated the profit for 2022 to be 30000€. No question nor remark was raised from the participants.		
4.2	Approval of the annual accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 2021	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The annual accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 2021, has been unanimously accepted.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
4.3	Allocation of the results for the financial year ended on December 31, 2021	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The allocation of the results for the financial year ended on December 31, 2021, has been unanimously accepted.	Result: YES: 69 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, 2021	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The release of liability to the members of the Executive Board, for the performance of their duties during the financial year ended on December 31, 2021, has been unanimously accepted.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
4.5	Approval of the budget for the financial year 2022	Vote	Dr. Olaf Reich
	The budget for the financial year 2022 has been unanimously approved.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
5.	Approval and adoption of the new purpose and object of the Association	Vote	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The new purpose and object of the Association has been unanimously approved and adopted.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
6.	Approval and adoption of the new and coordinated text of the Articles of Association of the Association	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The new and coordinated text of the Articles of Association of the Association has been unanimously approved and adopted.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	



7.	Entry into force of the new and coordinated text of the Articles of Association of the Association	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The entry into force of the new and coordinated text of the Articles of Association of the Association has been unanimously approved.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
8.	Delegation of powers to complete the required administrative and publication formalities related to the adoption of the new Articles of Association	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	The delegation of powers to complete the required administrative and publication formalities related to the adoption of the new Articles of Association has been unanimously approved.	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
9.	Election of the new Executive Board members	Vote	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
9.1	Election of the next President-elect	Vote	
	Xavier Carcopino is the only candidate for President-elect and has been unanimously elected	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
9.2	Election of the Secretary	Vote	
	Jana Zodzika is only candidate for secretary and has been unanimously elected	Result: YES: 69 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0	
9.3	Election of the Treasurer	Vote	
	We have two candidates for the position of treasurer: Olaf Reich and Robert Jach. The General assembly had to vote. Robert Jach has been elected as the new EFC treasurer.	Result: Robert Jach: 37 Olaf Reich: 25 ABSTAIN: 4	
10.	Delegation of powers to complete the required administrative and publication formalities related to the election of the new Executive Board members	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	This point has been unanimously accepted		
11.	Election of the new Advisory Board members	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	All the new candidates for the advisory board have been accepted: Deirdre Lyons, Amelia Pedro, Kristina Jariene, Mihaela Grigore, Emmanuel Paraskevaidis. No vote was needed for that point.		
12.	Election for the hosting of the 2026 EFC European Congress	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
	We had three candidates for the hosting of the 2026 EFC congress: Netherlands, Romania and Portugal. The Portugal has been elected to host the upcoming 2026 EFC congress with a total of 30 votes. Romania collected a total of 19 votes and the Netherlands 15.	Result: Portugal: 28 Romania: 19 Netherlands : 15 ABSTAIN: 4	



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13. Any Other Business	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
Amelia Pedro will be the next in charge of the EFC educational committee. The next 2024 EFC congress will be held in Krakow in Poland. No other business was discussed.		
14. Date, time and place of the next General Assembly	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
To be arranged		
15. Closing remarks	Discussion	Dr. Pekka Nieminen
Pekka warmly thanked all his colleagues of in the Board. He also thanked the Finnish society and Laura and also Triumph for the tough work done. Pekka passed the position of President to Maggie Cruickshank who acknowledged the great work done by Pekka.		