

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

General Assembly 2024

## MINUTES

The Annual General Assembly was held virtually on 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024, at 6 p.m. (CET) and it was chaired by the member of the Bureau and EFC president Maggie Cruickshank.

### **Attendance list**

Apologies and the attendance list is available [here](#).

### **1. Activity Report of 2024**

- Presentation of the President's report - presented by EFC president Maggie Cruickshank.

Maggie Cruickshank informs that there were 10 online Executive Board meeting per year. This year the Bulgarian Colposcopy Society has joined as a full EFC member. Maggie Cruickshank thanks Simon Leeson who has led the Colposcopy Standards Group and has stepped down from his position. Anne Hammer is the new chair of the EFC Colposcopy Standards Group. The manuscript "European Consensus Statement on Expert Colposcopy" was published this year in collaboration between EFC and ESGO. Maggie Cruickshank thanks the Advisory Board for all the contributions members have made (education, training activities, etc).

- Presentation of the Secretary's report – presented by EFC Secretary Jana Zodzika

Jana Zodzika informs that there were seven newsletters published during the last year. EFC regularly publishes news on its Facebook (357 followers), X platform (158 followers) and LinkedIn (244 subscribers) accounts. Activities in social media should be improved.

There were 3 educational webinars organised by EFC per year (led by Amelia Pedro):

04/10/24 in collaboration with the Italian Colposcopy Society "Role of Colposcopy following treatment for HSIL/AIS" (231 participants);

21/02/24 in collaboration with the German Colposcopy Society "Interventional colposcopy essential skills state of the art 2024" (358 participants);

15/05/24 in collaboration with the Swiss Colposcopy Society "Treatment strategies for vulvar and vaginal dysplasia" (>450 participants).

Active preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> EFC Congress in Riga, 18-21/09/24, is going on. Jana Zodzika invites doctors from the EFC member countries to submit abstracts, register for the congress, and come to Riga.

Jana Zodzika reports representation of EFC by Pekka Nieminen, Simon Leeson, Christine Bergeron, and herself in the 4<sup>th</sup> Baltic Colposcopy Congress in Tallinn, November 2023.

## **2. Financials 2023**

- Treasurer's report

The EFC Treasurer, Dr. Rober Jach presents the financial situation of EFC. The total amount in the Bank by April 2024 is 24.119,65 EUR. Total P&L income 2023 was 27.855 EUR, expenses – 26.329 EUR, balance 2023 – 1.525,51 EUR. The total Events income 2023 was 68.103,50 EUR, expenses 62.174,79 EUR, and balance in 2023 – 5.928,79 EUR. Total EFC income in 2023 was 95.958,50 EUR, expenses – 88.504,28 EUR, final balance 7.454,22 EUR.

Total income of the 8<sup>th</sup> EFC Satellite Meeting was 50.309,50 EUR, expenses 50.336,00 EUR.

Estimated budget in 2024 - total P&L income 28.612 EUR, expenses – 29.219 EUR, balance 2023 – -607,00 EUR. Total estimated events expenses 355.000,00 EUR, provisional balance 349.206,75 EUR. Total estimated income 383.612,00 EUR, expenses – 378.612,00 EUR, final provisional balance 5.186,75 EUR.

- Approval of the annual accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 2023  
The annual accounts for 2023 have been unanimously approved.
- Release of liability to the members of the Executive Board, for the performance of their duties during the financial year ended on December 31, 2023  
Allocation of the financial results for the financial year ended on December 31, 2023. The financial results for 2023 have been unanimously approved.
- Approval of the budget for the financial year 2024.  
The 2024 budget has been unanimously approved.

## **4. Acknowledgment of the duration of the mandates of the members of the Executive Board and update on the composition of the Executive Board**

The next call for the new members for the board will be in 2026 during the Congress.

## **5. Change of name of the Association from “European Federation for Colposcopy and Pathology of the Lower Genital Tract” into “European Federation for Colposcopy and Cervical Cancer Prevention” (short version EFC);**

The EFC proposes to change the name in order to make a broader approach of the Society. Robert Jach share the same experience in Poland. There are suggestion to extend the name – like M. Gregore suggests to add also “lower genital tract”, V Kesic – vulva and vagina, but it could be too complicated name is too long. P Niemine agrees with V Kesic.

Simon points out the importance of keeping the abbreviation “EFC”.

Agreed.

## **6. Approval of the amendment to Article 1.1 of the Articles of Association;**

Approved.

**7. Entry into force of the amendment to the Articles of Association;**

Approved.

**8. Delegation of powers to perform the administrative and publication formalities relating to the amendment of the Articles of Association;**

Approved.

**9. Presentation of Bulgarian Society;**

Stefan Kovachen presents the new member of the EFC – Bulgarian Colposcopy Society. There are 22 members in the society. The decision to organise the national colposcopy sections within the Bulgarian Oncogynaecological Society was made in 2023. Mr Kovachen is a president. There are national colposcopy courses organised and the national guidelines in colposcopy published in Bulgaria. However, there are no sufficient number of colposcopy specialists. The plan is to increase the number of colposcopy specialists in Bulgaria. Requests EFC to support education in colposcopy in Bulgaria.

V Kesic welcomes the Bulgarian Society.

**10. AoB**

Maggie Cruickshank invites all participants to introduce themselves.

Xavier Carcopino informs about the proposal for the application of hosting the next EFC congresses and about an agreement between the EFC and the hosting country.

Vesna invites us to consider coordination of meetings/events with ESGO, to avoid overlapping

**11. Date, time, and place of the next General Assembly;  
June, 2025**

**12. Closing.**

