General Assembly
Geneva
September 16, 2016
16:30-17:30
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General Assembly

1. Approval of the Minutes of General Assembly 2015 (these have been published on the EUBS Website)
2. Awards and Grants
3. Financial Report
4. Membership Report
5. Journal & Website Report
6. EUBS Elections
7. Next EUBS Meetings
8. Modifications to the EUBS Constitution and Bylaws
9. Any other business
Status of 2016 Meeting

• 233 participants
  • 129 EUSB (SPUMS+UHMS) members
  • 62 non-members
  • 42 students/nurses/technicians
• 8 accompanying persons
• Including moderators/staff/exhibitors: total persons on-site = 305
## Countries Top 10

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<td>Switzerland</td>
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## Partners

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| 7    | Local Organizational partners  
HUG, UNIGE, Hyperbaric Basel, Cressy, Go and Sea,  
Geneva State, CICG |
| 8    | Commercial Partners  
Sechrist, Haux, IHC, Perry, GADAP, Arcomed, LINETS, Maquet |
Status of 2016 Meeting

• 100 abstracts received
  • 45 poster presentations
  • 55 oral presentations

• Special Session – Young Investigator (Tuesday)

• Special Session – Hypo-Hyperbaric (Wednesday)

• Special Session – Professional Diving (Friday)

• Post-course - DAN Divers Day
Awards and Grants

a. Travel Grants

• No requests for travel grants received
• ExCom discussion re: reasons for this
  • Approach supervisors individually and by reminders
    (EUBS Website News periodic e-mail)
  • Keeping in mind objective of Travel Grants
    • Stimulate participation in EUBS meetings
    • Stimulate publication of emerging research in DHM
Awards and Grants

a. Travel Grants

• Proposal: create “Research Grant” as incentive for young researchers
  • Approved research protocols (research institutions)
  • Conditions
    • Acknowledge EUBS support
    • Submit abstract & participate in next EUBS Meeting
    • Submit paper to DHM Journal if possible
    • Obtain copy of PhD thesis for EUBS records
  • Available funds to be decided each year by ExCom – next year – 4000 € available
• Research & Education Committee evaluates proposals
  • Karin Hasmiller joins this Committee
Awards and Grants

b. Arne Zetterström Award (best poster)

ZA Committee: M. Coulange, P. Lafère, O. Hyldegaard

Best Poster:

P-27
INCREASE IN T-CELLS AFTER HYPOXIC EXPOSURE OF HEALTHY HUMANS IN VIVO WITHOUT RELEVANT INDUCTION IN APOPTOSIS
Awards and Grants

c. Patrick Musimu Award (Breathhold Diving)

PM Committee: M. Coulange, P. Lafère, P. Germonpré

Best contribution:

Danilo Cialoni, Massimo Pieri, Giulia Giunchi, Alberto Maria Lanzone, Nicola Sponsiello, Alessandro Marroni

Detection of venous gas emboli after repetitive breath hold dives in a Taravana case
# Financial Report
*(31 August 2015 – 31 December 2015)*

## Sterling Account

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Opening Bank Balance at 1st July 2015</td>
<td>£ 9,435.54</td>
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<td>Petty Cash at 1st July 2015</td>
<td>£ 63.31</td>
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<td>EUBS Savings Account balance at 1st July 2015</td>
<td>£ 30,010.31</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£ 39,509.16</strong></td>
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## Income

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<td>Membership Fees</td>
<td>£ 12,765.47</td>
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<td>ONR Grant - August 2015</td>
<td>£ 5,816.67</td>
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<td>10% refund of EUBS 2015 conference registration fees</td>
<td>£ 13,238.83</td>
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<td>Interest Received</td>
<td>£ 6.04</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£ 31,827.01</strong></td>
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## Expenditure

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<td>Secretarial Fees</td>
<td>£ 403.12</td>
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<td>Broadband</td>
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<td>Postage</td>
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<td>Stationery</td>
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<td>Manuscript Manager annual licence</td>
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<td>Web hosting (paid to P Germonpre)</td>
<td>£ 685.45</td>
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<td>Website Upgrade</td>
<td>£ 739.43</td>
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<td>Bank Charges</td>
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<td><strong>2015 Conference</strong></td>
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<td>Conference Gifts</td>
<td>£ 118.94</td>
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<td>Secretary hotel &amp; travel</td>
<td>£ 608.42</td>
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<td>Travel grants x 2</td>
<td>£ 1,217.72</td>
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<td>P Mueller flight</td>
<td>£ 261.67</td>
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<td>P Germonpre train</td>
<td>£ 276.28  £ 2,483.03</td>
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<td><strong>Journal Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>June 2015 Issue (SPUMS)</td>
<td>£ 4,374.03</td>
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<td>September 2015 Issue</td>
<td>£ 4,406.45  £ 8,870.48</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£ 13,840.95</strong></td>
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## Movement in the Year

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## Total Balance at 31st December 2015

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£ 57,395.22</strong></td>
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Financial Report
(31 August 2015 – 31 December 2015)

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<td>Closing Bank Balance at 31st December 2015</td>
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<td>Petty Cash at 31st December 2015</td>
<td>£ 105.83</td>
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<td>EUBS Savings Account balance at 31st December 2015</td>
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<td>EUBS Tricontinental Account balance at 31st December 2015</td>
<td>£ 5,554.32</td>
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I have examined the books and records and can confirm that these accounts are a true and fair record thereof. They have been prepared using the cash accounting basis.

EUBS also has control of £5,554.32 in a separate bank account, held on behalf of EUBS, SPUMS (South Pacific Undersea Medical Society) and SAUHMA (South African Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Association), for the express purpose of organising the next Tricontinental Meeting on Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine. It is covered by a separate 'Declaration of Intention', available on request. As such, it is shown separately in the above numbers.

Richard Wate - FCMA
12/02/2016
Financial Report

- Audited and approved by Mr Richard Wate (DDRC) on February 2, 2016
- Financial situation healthy
- Expenses to be expected:
  - Sponsorship of Invited Speakers 2016
  - Abstract Book 2016 Meeting
  - Journal trimesterial payments
- Report will be made available on EUBS Website (Member’s Only Section) for three months
Membership Report

• EUBS Membership is stable (309) incl 7 corporate members

• Membership categories
  (decided 2014, implemented 2015)
    • Full Member
      • DHM only in PDF version: 103 members
      • Paper version DHM + PDF: 206 members
    • Undergraduate Member (student)
      • DHM only in PDF version: 3 members
    • Associate Member (only Journal, no medical/scientific background needed)
      • DHM only in PDF version: 6 members
    • Corporate Membership (2 Full Membership + acknowledgement on Website / Abstract book)
      • Paper version DHM + PDF: 7 members
Membership Report

• Membership categories
  • ExCom received urgent request that all membership categories should be able to receive Paper version if desired
  • March 2016: added possibility for Undergraduate and Associate Members to obtain paper with supplement of 20 € (= difference between Paper and PDF-only for Full members)

• 10% Discount for members of Affiliate Societies
  • 2016: UHMS, SIMSI, SBMHS
  • Group Membership Discount: SHF
  • 1-year agreement upon written request; renewed in case 20 members during current year
Membership Report

• Membership categories
• Proposal for next year
  • Full member (voting rights)
    • Paper + PDF: 130€; PDF only: 110€ (no change)
    • 10% Discount in case of Affiliate Membership
  • Undergraduate member
    • PDF only: 90€: paper + PDF: 110€
  • Associate member (only journal)
    • PDF only: 90€: paper + PDF: 110€
  • Corporate member
    • Paper (2copies) + PDF: 700€
In 2015, DHM moved the submission and review process online to Manuscript Manager – has been very successful.

Affordable, user friendly and efficient.

The office is now in ‘the Cloud’ using Dropbox.
Increased number of submissions to DHM

- The move to MM and increased efficiency has been fortuitous, as 2015 submissions increased by over 40% above previous years.

- In May 2016, 12% were in process, 47% published and 41% rejected or withdrawn.

- Higher rejection rate than in the past (20 – 25%), reflecting increased standard required for inclusion.
Manuscripts by type

- Original Article: 27
- Letter to the Editor: 6
- Educational Article: 1
- Case Report: 2
- Opinion Article: 4
- Short Communication: 3
- Technical Report: 3

Manuscripts by type (decided this year)
Thomson-Reuters impact factor 2015

- The impact factor for DHM has risen markedly in 2015
  - 2014 – 0.683
  - 2015 – 0.952

- For comparison: UHM
  - 2014 – 0.768
  - 2015 – 0.973
Instructions to Authors

- A continuing frustration is Authors not following the submission instructions
- (Physician Authors are particularly bad!)
- As a result, from now on the DHM office will automatically reject any submissions that are incorrectly formatted
- Plenty of resources online and DHM website to help Authors with this
Poor use of English

- This is an increasing issue with submitted manuscripts.
- Plenty of sources of help for non-native English speakers – on the web and also through the DHM websites which suggests some language Editors including myself, the European Editor.
- This support often incurs a fee.
- The Editor is willing to assist to some extent with language edits once a paper has been approved by the reviewers.
DHM Editor Contract

- In December 2015, Mike Davis was appointed for a further three-year term as Editor.
- He has chosen to retire in early 2018, when it is planned that DHM will produce an e-journal.
- Those considering taking on the Editorship in 2018 / 2019 should start thinking about it NOW!
A working group with members from both EUBS and SPUMS has been put together to consider how DHM should transition to the production of DHM on an online platform / E-journal.

If an E-journal goes ahead, planned that the E-journal will contain the papers from the printed Journal, plus extra content.

Hoped that the online platform and /or DHM E-journal will be live at the start of 2018.
Thanks

The Editorial office would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board members and reviewers who take the time to peer review the papers submitted to DHM.

Without their help, the journal would not exist.
EUBS Website Report

• Redesign of Website in progress but delayed; should be online end of 2016

• Main changes:
  • More modern lay-out
  • Dynamic lay-out (tablet, phone, computer)
  • Add “resources” section
  • Membership application form with all possible options
    • Membership type
    • Journal delivery option (Paper or PDF)
    • 10% Discount for members of Affiliate Societies
EUBS ExCom

• Elections 2016
• Member at Large 2016-2019

Peter BUZZACOTT, Durham, USA

Pierre LAFERE, Brest, France

Bengusu OROGLU, Istanbul, Turkey
EUBS ExCom

- Elections 2016
- Member at Large 2016-2019

Bengusu OROGLU, Istanbul, Turkey
EUBS ExCom 2016-2017

• Elections 2016

• Member at Large 2016-2019
  Bengusu OROGLU, Istanbul, Turkey

• Leaving ExCom
  • Member at Large 2013: Pierre LAFERE

• Replacement of Membership Secretary & Treasurer - since 2003:
  Patricia WOODING
EUBS ExCom 2016-2017

New composition of EUBS ExCom 2016-2017:

- President: J. Kot
- Vice President: Ole Hyldegaard
- Immediate Past President: C. Balestra
- Past President: P. Germonpré
- Member at Large 2014: R. Van Hulst
- Member at Large 2015: K. Hasmiller
- Member at Large 2016: B. Oroglu
- Membership Secretary – Treasurer: P. Wooding
- Honorary Secretary: P. Germonpré
- EUBS Liaison Officer: P. Bryson
- DHM, European Editor: S.L. Blogg
EUBS ExCom 2016-2017

Liaison Committee (Phil Bryson)
• Relations with other Societies
• Visibility/promotion of EUBS

DHM Journal Governance Committee
• All non-editorial matters regarding DHM
• Started 2015; 2 EUBS + 2 SPUMS members
• Peter Mueller, Joerg Schmutz
• To report to ExCom periodically

Research & Education Committee
• Propose activities (e.g workshop @ EUBS Meeting); evaluate (Travel Grant &) Research Grant applications
• Costantino Balestra, Kate Lambrechts, Jean-Eric Blatteau (+ Liaison officer) + Karin Hasmiller
Publications Committee

• Tasks:
  • Create “EUBS Position Statements” and “EUBS Endorsements” for dissemination through EUBS Website
  • Examples: ECHM List of indications for HBO Therapy; ECGP; Diving with Diabetes, Asthma, xxx medical condition
  • Possible first Position Statement: “Forensic Examination of Fatal Recreational Diving Accidents”
• Chair: Pierre LAFERE, to select and choose up to three committee members before end of year.
• Constituted for 3 years.
EUBS Next Meetings

• 2017: Ravenna, Italy
  • Flyer first announcement available
  • EUBS involvement
    • Member of Scientific Committee
    • Keynote Lecturers, Abstract Book, Travel grants
    • Workshops / Special sessions
EUBS Next Meetings

• 2018: 2\textsuperscript{nd} Joint Tricontinental Meeting
  • (2013 = Ile de Réunion)
  • Discussion with ExComs SPUMS – SAUHMA
  • Location
    • Distance, accessibility
    • Capacity for 300 pax conference (hotels, venue)
    • Capacity for 100 pax diving (with minimal transfers)
  • Locations eliminated (Bali, Seychelles, Maldives, Thailand, ...)
  • Location scouted: Oman
    • Organisers: EUBS – SPUMS – SAUHMA – SHF
    • Local Organisers: Royal Oman Navy
    • Venue: Shangri-La Resort, Muscat
EUBS Next Meetings

• 2019: Israel
• 2020: Czech Republic
• 2021: written proposals?
Other matters

• Modification of EUBS Constitution and Bylaws
  • Proposed changes sent to EUBS Members on July 30, 2016
  • Changes clearly highlighted and the reason explained
  • Changes reflect modernisation (e.g. membership application form, membership validity, possibility for electronic meeting of ExCom) and publication of a Journal
  • The document is available on the EUBS Website (members-only section)

• Voting must be done by all EUBS members - not only during General Assembly; electronic ballot will be prepared by Honorary Secretary after this GA
PROPOSITION FOR MODIFICATION (to be voted on in September 2016)

- Original text, when changed, in grey italics.
- New text in black, changes highlighted in blue.
- Reasons for change (explanation) in red.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name of the Organisation

The name of this Society shall be the European Underwater & Baromedical Society.

The name of this Society shall be the European Underwater and Baromedical Society. The abbreviated name "EUBS" will be synonymous and may be used in lieu of the full name, provided the full name is mentioned at the first instance in each text where EUBS is used, in the form of "European Underwater and Baromedical Society (EUBS)". The Society is a Charity-at-Law according to the UK legislation.

Reason:
- The use of the abbreviation "EUBS" was not officially approved and did in fact, not exist in our Constitution
- Clearly define the legal status of the EUBS
- Replace "&" with "and" in the name (as "&" is not present in the Charity Registry name)

ARTICLE II - Objectives

The objectives of this Society are to advance the science of undersea medicine and related scientific disciplines, including hyperbaric medicine, work in compressed gas, and hyperoxia, and to assist in the promotion of research in these fields and in the publication of the results of such research.

To provide a forum for professional scientific communication among individuals and groups involved in basic and applied studies concerned with medical life sciences and human factors aspects of the hyperbaric and hyperoxic environment.

1. To aid in maintaining co-operation between life sciences and other disciplines concerned with extending hyperbaric activity.
2. To work for improved safety of all operations by advice and educational seminars on the medical and physiological hazards involved.
3. To do all such other things as shall further the objectives of the society.
Other matters
Questions from the floor?