General Assembly
General Assembly 2013

Saturday, September 28, 2013  09:00-10:00 Hrs

1. Approval of Minutes GA 2012
2. Status of EUBS 2013 Meeting
3. Awards and grants
4. EUBS Publications (Journal and Website)
5. Financial report
6. Elections
7. Next Meetings
8. Miscellaneous / AOB
Minutes of EUBS General Assembly, Belgrade, 14 September 2012

Opened: 1701 h

1. Welcome: The President Peter Geronpré (PG) welcomes all the participants. He states that this will be the end of his three-year term as President of EUBS. The next President will be Costantino Balestra.


3. Status of the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting: PG presents some figures for the current meeting, provided by M Sedlar of the local organizing committee: 255 persons attended the meeting, which includes the 9th ECHM consensus conference and the EUBS workshop on Research in Hyperbaric Medicine (101 participants). Looking into the details, 154 were members of EUBS, 11 of UHMS and 5 of SPUMS. There were also 31 students/nurses, 54 non-members, 10 exhibiting companies and separate sponsors ONRG, CHM and Oxyheal. There were 57 oral presentations, 34 posters, 3 invited lectures. The proportion of EUBS members attending has increased. The scientific content was excellent. The President congratulates Mariana and her staff who are warmly applauded. The Workshop on ‘Research in Hyperbaric Medicine’, which was held for the first time at an annual meeting, had to be organized outside of the normal time for programming reasons. It was organized for relevance to the field of diving or hyperbaric medicine, methodology and visual presentation. The award was given to T Jovanovic, P Brkic and D Ninkovic for their work entitled: The effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygenation in diabetes mellitus Type II heterogenic patients. The paper was rewarded because this was the first report, to our knowledge, to investigate if there is a correlation between the therapeutic response to HBOT in diabetic foot ulcers and pre-existing chromosomal damage. Here again, the attribution of the prize is linked to a submission to DHM.

In 2011, EUBS adopted a new award in honour of Patrick Musimu for the best scientific contribution on breath-hold diving. This prize is submitted on the same conditions as the Zetterström award and is sponsored by the Belgian Society for Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine. The winner was: S Theunissen for her work entitled: Oxidative stress in breath-hold divers after successive dives.

5. EUBS publications (journal and website): The Assembly is reminded that Diving & Hyperbaric Medicine (DHM) is sent out to members in paper copy, and that a PDF version is available for 6 months on the members-only section of the EUBS website. P Müller presents to the EUBS members the situation of DHM reported by the Editor, M Davis. M Davis has now been Editor for 10 years. The former SPUMS Journal was changed to DHM in 2006. The former newsletter of EUBS was changed to European Journal of Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine. Both journals were joined in 2008. Both societies lost a few members on this occasion. P Müller emphasizes the necessity for the members to
2. Status of REUNION 2013 Meeting

- 209 participants
- 98 members of EUBS / 7 SAUHMA / 12 UHMS/ 40 SPUMS – 46 non members
  - 3 sponsor delegates
- 54 non members – 63 spouses
- 7 exhibitors and sponsors

- 47 oral presentations, 38 posters, 6 invited lectures
- Special Sessions “Asthma and Diving”, “Controversies in Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy”, “Treatment of DCI (PHYPODE Session)
- ARESUB Symposium, i-DAN Divers Day

Discussion:
- “In-house organisation”
- Surprisingly high attendance
- Special Sessions feedback; report for DHM
3. Awards and grants

a. Travel Grant

No application
3. Awards and grants

b. Zetterström Award (best poster)

ZA Committee: P. Mueller, F. Sharp (EUBS ExCom), F. Guerrero (for the Scientific Committee).

Best Poster:

D Cialoni, M Pieri, and A Marroni: FLYING AFTER DIVING: IN-FLIGHT ECHO-CARDIOGRAPHIC STUDY AFTER A WEEK OF INTENSIVE RECREATIONAL DIVING (P30)
3. Awards and grants

c. Patrick Musimu Award (best work on BH diving)

**PM Committee:** P. Mueller, F. Sharp (EUBS ExCom), F. Guerrero (for the Scientific Committee).

**Best contribution:**

M Rozloznik, C Balestra, and M Dutschmann: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EXPRESSION AND PLASTICITY OF THE DIVING BRADYCARDIA TRIGGERED BY REPETITIVE FACE IMMERSIONS IN INSPIRATION AND EXPIRATION (P18)
4. EUBS Publications (DHM Journal)

Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine
The Journal of the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society
and the European Underwater and Baromedical Society

Volume 43 No. 3 September 2013

Cardiovascular responses to breath-hold diving

Does HBOT alter the biochemical and histological responses to burns?
Can HBOT patients at risk of middle ear barotrauma be identified?
Oxygen, scuba diving and the autonomic nervous system
UHMS diver rescue and resuscitation recommendations
Oxygen and critical flicker fusion frequency
4. EUBS Publications (DHM Journal)

- DHM Editor Report discussed in ExCom
- Impact Factor 2012 = 0.66 (identical to UHM)
  Reflects improved visibility (Medline) & quality of publications
- “Open access” discussion
- “Subscription only” discussion
- Paper vs E-journal
  - Proposition to investigate E-journal as basis with add-on membership fee for those who want a paper version
  - Investigate whether printing in Europe on the basis of the PDF may decrease mailing costs
4. EUBS Publications (Website)

Welcome to the Website of the European Underwater and Baromedical Society!

The EUBS is an European scientific society dedicated to the study and promotion of diving and hyperbaric medicine, a fascinating but still little known field of medicine.
This website is intended to provide you with information on the goals and activities of our Society. You will find information on our Annual Scientific Meeting, as well as reprints of the Society's Journal. This site is updated on a regular basis, so check it out from time to time.

News and information...

- Our September Annual Meeting "REUNION 2013" is coming closer and closer! Our next meeting will be organised jointly with SFUMS and SAUHMA, from 22-29 Sep 2013 on the French island of Reunion (see www.reunion2013.org). All practical information has been updated on the website and has been sent to each registered participant by e-mail. Please be sure to read it all and we'll see you soon!
4. EUBS Publications (Website)

- No major changes to structure of website
- Facebook group in order to increase visibility?
- Monthly e-mail “newsletter” to all members
# Financial Report

## EUBS Financial Statement 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013

### Sterling Account

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I have examined the books and records and can confirm that these accounts are a true and fair record thereof.

Ms Anna Stillman BSc(Hons), ACMA, MBA
29/08/2013
5. **Financial Report**

- Audited and approved by Mrs Anna Stillman (DDRC) on August 29, 2013 – last time!
- Financial situation much improved (33,181.31 EUR)
- Expenses to be expected:
  - Laptop for secretary (Patricia Wooding, PW)
  - PW fee raise from 600 to 800 £/yr + yearly 2%
- Grants and Awards
  - Balance of the REUNION2013 Meeting
  - Journal trimesterly payments (17,532.85 EUR)
  - EUBS 2012 Sponsor money (2,957.85 EUR)
- Will be made available on EUBS Website (Member’s Only Section) for three months

### ELGIS Financial Statement 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013

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These numbers are not final and are subject to audits. Please see the website for the final reports.
5. Financial Report

- Membership: further increasing (now at 318)
- Corporate Members: 5 (could / should be more !)
- Combined membership EUBS – National Society
  - Proposal: Group membership (cfr SBMHS, SIMSI) for
    - >15 members: 5% discount
    - >25 members: 10% discount
- Membership fee: no need to change this year
  - 2014: maybe additional fee for “Paper DHM” - TBD by ExCom (SPUMS+EUBS)
6. EUBS ExCom elections

- Internet Ballot started on June 30, 2013; closed Aug 20
- One invitation, repeated 4 times to all non-voters
- Short CV’s in June issue of DHM, and in Ballot Form
- Longer CV’s on EUBS Website
- Response: 147 / 276 (47%)
6. EUBS ExCom elections

Member at Large 2013 – 5 candidates

Michal Hajek, P. Lafère, A Mollerlokken, R. Stephenson, A. van den Brink
6. EUBS ExCom elections

- **Leaving ExCom:**
  - Member at Large 2010 Jean-Michel Pontier

- **New composition of EUBS ExCom 2013-2014:**
  - President: C. Balestra
  - Vice President: J. Kot
  - Immediate Past President: P. Germonpre
  - Past President: AO. Brubakk
  - Member at Large 2011: F. Sharp
  - Member at Large 2012: SL. Blogg
  - Member at Large 2013: P. Lafère
  - Membership Secretary – Treasurer: P. Wooding
  - Honorary Secretary: J. Schmutz
  - EUBS Liaison Officer: P. Bryson
  - DHM, European Editor: P. Mueller
  - Website administrator: P. Germonpre
6. EUBS ExCom elections

- Projects for EUBS ExCom
  - Expand Liaison Committee (P.Bryson) – already discussed 2012
  - EUBS + SPUMS are co-owners of DHM Journal – need to work further towards independence of the journal from “old” SPUMS structures
7. Next Meetings

- **EUBS 2014 meeting**: Wiesbaden, GE, Sep 24-27
  - Secretary-General: P Müller
  - Chairman Organising Committee: M Kemmerer
  - Website: www.eubs2014.org
- **EUBS 2015 meeting**: Amsterdam, NL, Aug 19-23
  - Secretary-General: A van den Brink
  - 1st Announcement Flyer in Conference Bag
  - Have applied for loan 2500 EUR
- **EUBS 2016 meeting**: Split, Croatia – formal application received and approved
- **EUBS 2017 + 2018**: applications wanted
8. Miscellaneous

- EUBS Facebook page? Post pictures/news etc there!...
- EUBS Website historical Page: add Member At Large from the past
- Any other business?