



**XXXVII European Muscle Conference
Keble College, Oxford
13th-16th September 2008**

Minutes of General Assembly of European Society for Muscle Research held 16th September 2008 at the XXXVII European Muscle Conference, at Keble College, Oxford, UK.

01/08 The President of the European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR), Professor Anders Arner, welcomed the assembly to the meeting and explained the nature of the ESMR, its relationship to the European Muscle Conferences.

02/08 Prof Arner proposed that Professor John Sparrow be appointed to take the Minutes of the General Assembly

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

03/08 Prof Arner named the current members of the Board of Management of the Society.

03/08 Prof Arner raised the issue that the ESMR needed to be registered as a charity in a European state primarily so that the funds that the ESMR looks after, to underpin the financial risks associated with the European Muscle Conferences and to maintain a mailing list etc., could be held in an ESMR bank account rather than a personal bank account of an ESMR Board member, with the risks associated with that. To open a bank account the ESMR needed to be properly constituted and able thereby to apply for charitable status, which could bring further benefits.

On behalf of the ESMR Board Prof Arner proposed that draft Statutes (attached) be adopted in the interim, that these be placed upon the Society's web page for members to access, and that following comments/revisions received from members up to one month before the next EMC meeting in Lille 2009, a revised set of Statutes would be submitted for approval by the General Assembly at that EMC.

Prof Arner then read out, and had displayed on the screen, the proposed draft Statutes.

Although Prof Arner had proposed that no detailed discussion should follow this presentation, two issues were raised from the floor and discussed by the Assembly:

That the Board needed to elect officers in addition to the President, specifically a Secretary and a Treasurer to be properly constituted in some EU member states.

That to be registered as a charity in some EU states there would be a requirement that ESMR appoint an auditor.

The General Assembly **agreed** :

03/08a that the draft statutes be placed on the ESMR website so that members could consider them and send comments/revision to Prof Arner and the Board

03/08b that the Board should discuss the incorporation and election of a Secretary and Treasurer into the Statutes

03/08c that the Board should appoint an Auditor as required for charitable status in some European states.

Prof Arner proposed on behalf of the Board that the Board be mandated to explore whether the ESMR can be registered as a charity and what might be required in different European States in which it might be convenient to register ESMR.

03/08d This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

04/08 Appointment of Auditors: Prof Arner proposed on behalf of the Board that Prof Lars Larsson and Prof Michael Geeves be appointed Auditor and Deputy Auditor respectively for 2008/9.

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

05/08A presentation regarding the next EMC in Lille on 12-16th September 2009 followed.

The Assembly was closed.

Prof John Sparrow

19th September 2008