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Minutes of General Assembly of European Society for Muscle Research held 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the XXXIX European Muscle Conference, at Max-Delbrück-Center, Berlin, Germany.

§1 The chairman 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.

§2 Prof Arner proposed that Professor Steven Marston be appointed to take the Minutes of the General Assembly

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

§3 The current members of the Board of the Society were presented.

**Anders Arner**, *Chairman*, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden (elected 2009)

**Bernhard Brenner**, Medizinische Hochschule, Hannover Germany (2009)

**Laurence Stevens**, Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France (2009)

**Nikolai Gusev**, Moscow State University, Russia (2009)

**Steven Marston**, *Secretary*, Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK, (2009)

**Carlo Reggiani**, Università di Padova, Italy (2009)

**Marcus C. Schaub**, University of Zurich, Switzerland (2009)

**Ger Stienen**, *Treasurer*, VUmc, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Wolfgang Linke**, Bochum, Germany (2009)

**Elisabeth Ehler**, King's College London, UK (2010)

No new or re-elections were made.

§4

a) The minutes of the previous meeting in Padova 2010 have been available at the Society homepage. No further comments were made and the minutes were approved..

b) Prof Arner reported on the board activities regarding the Journal of Muscle Research and Cell Motility (JMRCM). The board had met in Stockholm April 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to discuss the interaction between ESMR and the JMRCM. There had been some concerns regarding the development of the journal and the board explored possibilities to find other ways of interacting with this and other journals in our field. Currently the JMRCM is developing with Prof Mathias Gautel as editor-in-chief and with Prof Steven Marston in the editorial board, with several new ideas and efforts of benefit for the Journal and

ESMR. The ESMR board looked forward with confidence, will follow the Journal activities carefully and decided to continue with its interaction with JMRCM.

c) Prof Arner presented the considerations regarding registering the Society as charity in a European state and to open a bank account for the Society. Prof Arner reported that he had obtained information there are currently no possibilities to register the Society at the European level. Therefore the Society has to be registered in one country. If the office of the Society moves to another country a new registration has to be made.

The board proposed to register in one European country, a first choice Sweden where the chairman is active, and open a bank account there. This will be handled by the chairman together with the treasurer.

This was agreed by the Assembly.

d) Prof Arner discussed the Society Webpage. It is held up to date by the board without additional help but further work has to be made to make it more modern. A face book page could be registered to promote the Society towards younger scientists. The Assembly expressed support for these activities and it was agreed that some of the Society funds can be used to promote these web activities

§5.

a) The economical statement of 2010/11 were presented. The Society funds (about 28 911 EUR by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011) are built up from membership fees and have been used to support young scientists to attend the Padova meeting 2010. The auditor (Prof Stefan Galler, elected 2010) had reviewed the economical statement and had no objections.

This Assembly **granted discharge of liability** for the board.

b) The **annual membership fee was decided to be 10 EUR/year**, paid by meeting delegates.

§6. Prof Alf Månsson (Kalmar, Sweden) and Prof Else Marie Bartels (Fredriksberg, Denmark), were elected auditor and deputy auditor for 2011/12.

§7. Prof Mathias Gautel presented the activities of the JMRCM.

§8. No other issues were raised.

§9. The plans for the annual meeting in Greece 2012 were presented by Dr. Christina Karatzaferi. The assembly decided to ask Dr. Jolanda van der Velden to organize the 2013 meeting in Amsterdam.

The Assembly was closed.

Prof Steven Marston

Date.... 7/2/2012



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Chair