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Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Society for Muscle Research held September 4th, 2016 at the XLV European Muscle Conference, in Montpellier, France.

§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 as well as its relationship to the European Muscle Conferences.

§2 Prof Arner proposed Dr Elisabeth Ehler to 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 2013)

Bernhard Brenner, Medizinische Hochschule, Hannover, Germany (2013)

Laurence Stevens, Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France (2013)

Steven Marston, *Secretary*, Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK (2013)

Marcus C. Schaub, University of Zurich, Switzerland (2013)

Ger Stienen, *Treasurer*, VUmc, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (2013)

Wolfgang Linke, Bochum, Germany (2013)

Elisabeth Ehler, King's College London, UK (2014)

Chiara Tesi, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (2014)

Jolanta Redowicz, Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Warsaw, Poland (2015)

§4 The minutes of the previous meeting in Warsaw 2015 had been available at the Society homepage (www.esmr.org). No further comments were made and the minutes **were approved**.

§5 Prof Arner reported on the activities of the board. The Society is registered as a charitable organization (“ideell förening”) in Sweden and a bank account has been opened to keep the Society funds. The tax declaration has been submitted in Sweden.

The economical statement of 2015/16 was presented. The Society funds (SEK 287 972.03; **approximately 28 075 EUR** by Aug 19th, 2016) originate from membership fees. The auditors (Profs Ingo Morano and Stefan Galler, elected 2015) had reviewed the economical statement and had no objections.

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

The **annual membership fee was decided to be 10 EUR/year**, paid by meeting delegates as a part of the registration fee. The assembly **approved that part of the membership fees are used to support young scientist symposia.**

§6 The following **election was made.** The chairman of the Society Prof. Anders Arner, announced that he plans to resign at the next annual meeting in 2017, after several years as chair. He proposed that Prof. Wolfgang Linke, Bochum, Germany could be elected “chairman elect” (for election as chair of the Society in 2017 at the next annual meeting), and could be asked to register the Society and open a bank account in Germany in the name of the ESMR. The Society money can be transferred when these formal matters are completed. The Society registration and bank account in Sweden can be terminated after the money was transferred to Germany. It is expected that these activities will enable a smooth transfer of the ESMR leadership to the new chairman. Prof. Linke has agreed to accept the chairmanship.

The assembly agreed that Prof. Wolfgang Linke, Bochum, Germany was elected “chairman elect”. He was asked to register the ESMR in Germany and to open a bank account in the name of the Society in Germany.

It was further **agreed that** Drs Anders Arner and Ger Stienen can independently sign for the Society in economical matters and that Dr Wolfgang Linke can sign when registering the society in Germany and opening a bank account.

§7. Profs Alf Månsson (Sweden) and Stefan Galler (Austria) were elected auditor and deputy auditor for 2016/17.

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

§9. No other issues were raised.

§10. The plans for the annual meeting 2017 in Potsdam Germany were presented by Prof Wolfgang Linke. Drs. Elisabeth Ehler and Michael Geeves and (London, Canterbury, UK) and Miklós Kellermayer (Budapest, Hungary) were asked to make plans for the meetings in 2018/19. The order could be decided later by the board.

Note added after the meeting: It was agreed by the ESMR board that the 2018 EMC should be held in Hungary and 2019 in UK.

Prof Arner also expressed thanks from the Society and the participants to the local organizers, Drs. Stefan Matecki and Olivier Cazorla and colleagues, for hosting a very successful meeting in Montpellier.

The Assembly was closed.

Dr Elisabeth Ehler



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