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FEMS General Assembly

Friday 24 September 09.00-17.00

Saturday 25 September 09.00-13.00

Ariston Hotel, Royal Hotels & Resort, Dubrovnik, Croatia

1. Introduction and welcome (João de Deus, FEMS President)

João de Deus thanked the Croatian delegate (HLS) for hosting the first FEMS presential meeting sincet he inception of the pandemic. He further welcomed the new delegates (UNMS/France, Ordem dos Medicos/Portugal, CFSMR/Romania) as well as the representatives of the EMOs.

PART I: procedural issues

2. Roll call / right to vote (B. Popovic)-

Bojan Popovic made the roll call and established the quorum.

[F21-047](#)

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

[F21-037](#)

4. Approval of the minutes of the last FEMS GA (7 May 2021, online)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

[F21-035](#)

Part II – Planning, Financial and Statutory Issues, Other Internal Affairs

5. Financial Reports - art. 8 of the Statutes (Jean-Paul Zerbib):

a) Treasurer report

Jean-Paul Zerbib informed that the financial situation remains stable, the budget is confortable also due to the savings during the pandemic. He noted that there were 3 associations that had not paid the membership fee for past year (namely ANPO/Italy, the Bulgarian Medical Association and FPS/France). He further informed that the “compte titres” was closed as it was resulting in money lost and he had managed to negotiate better bank fees (i.e. 250 euro/year).

It was decided that Joao de Deus will get in contact with FPS and BgMA to see what is the situation. Alessandra Spedicato will contact ANPO.

Claude Wetzel suggested as a priority for the next mandate of the board to strengthen the relations with the countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

Renata Culinovic said she recommends discontinuing using translation, as it can be complicated for organisational reasons and it it also very expensive.

b) FEMS accounts at 31.08.2021 (for information)

[F21-051](#)

- c) Draft Budget 2022 [F21-031](#)
The budget proposal was voted unanimously.

6. Next FEMS Meetings

- a) Spring 2022 – Austria – updates [F21-067](#)

Lukas Starker introduced the dates and location of the next AEMH-FEMS meeting (i.e. 12-14 May, Frauenkirchen, Austria).

João de Deus said the joint GA will be preceded by the AEMH launch of the EACL on Thursday 12 May.

- b) Autumn 2022 – Cyprus – updates

CTMA delegates offered to host the organisation of the FEMS 2022 General Assembly in Cyprus. Bernard Maillet said he cannot attend a meeting in a politically non-recognised territory.

João de Deus insisted that FEMS is not dealing with political issues. CTMA are equal FEMS members, therefore they have all the rights to host a GA.

Ilan Rosenberg reiterated that CTMA is a FEMS member and insisted that if one member is against organising this GA in Cyprus, he/she should provide good reasons for not attending the meeting.

7. Elections of the FEMS board

- a. Elections for President [F21-038](#)
- b. Elections for 1st Vice-President [F21-033](#)
- c. Election for 2nd Vice-President [F21-056](#)
- d. Election for Secretary General [F21-040](#)
- e. Election for Deputy Secretary General [F21-044](#)
- f. Election for Treasurer [F21-046](#)

NemoVote system was used to cast the votes in the FEMS 2021 elections for the new board. Each head of delegation had received a unique account and private credentials in order to express her/his vote. A short training session was performed before the elections.

João de Deus introduced the team board application. Thus, the current board functioned quite well as a team, despite exceptional circumstances (i.e., the pandemic). Nevertheless, it was due to the pandemic that it could not achieve its objectives as foreseen, therefore the whole board is willing and eager to apply for a new mandate to fulfill its initial goals.

The total number of votes coming from the delegates present in person and via proxy was 481.

João de Deus was elected for the position of president with 464 votes for and 17 abstentions.

Christiaan Keijzer was elected for the position of 1st vice president with 464 votes for and 17 abstentions

Ilan Rosenberg was elected for the position of 2nd vice president with 481 votes for.

Bojan Popovic was elected for the position of secretary general with 481 for.

Lukas Stärker was elected for the position of deputy secretary general with 481 votes for.

Jean-Paul Zerbib was elected for the position of treasurer with 481 votes for.

The new board takes office on 24 September 2021 until the autumn GA 2024.

8. Revision of FEMS statutes

F21-039 REV 1

Bojan Popovic introduced the document.

Quirino Piacevoli said that delegates should take some time to reflect on the proposal and send their suggestions later.

João de Deus said delegates should send their feedback on the respective document to the FEMS secretariat. The board will prepare the statutes modification and will send it to the delegates before the next GA.

9. Applications for FEMS membership

- TCPU

F21-045

Sila Usar presented the organisation and officially introduced the application for FEMS membership. According to the FEMS statutes, after 2 years of being an observer, an organisation has the option to become a full member. TCPU has been a member since 2018.

The Portuguese Medical Organisation and GBS required a secret ballot.

NemoVote system was used to cast the vote.

TCPU was accepted with 462 votes for and 19 votes against.

Part III: Emergencies, European Affairs, National Affairs

10. Discussion and Decisions on Emergencies

a. Working groups:

- i. Questionnaire on burn-out (Jean-Paul Zerbib) – updates

F21-009

João de Deus asked Jean-Paul Zerbib to start writing the chapter on burnout for the White Book.

José Santos suggested that CEOM could provide input, if necessary.

- ii. Questionnaire on doctors' job satisfaction (Alessandra Spedicato)

F21-066

- b. Questionnaire on COVID-19 situation update (Claude Wetzel)

F21-064

An online meeting end of January 2022 was fixed so as to follow up especially on the issue of COVID-19 related mortality/morbidity, of the general population as well as of doctors.

- c. Medical deserts (Jean-Paul Zerbib)

F21-032

It was decided to take the issue to the EMOs presidents committee meeting in November.

- d. Portuguese motion regarding family medicine

F21-055

The motion was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

- e. EPHA updates (Jean-Paul Zerbib)

Jean-Paul Zerbib informed he had been elected as treasurer of EPHA since December 2020. As a pan-European public health alliance, EPHA works closely with DG Santé. Under the umbrella of EPHA, FEMS may also have a direct channel with the European Commission. He further informed that EPHA's financial situation is rather difficult for the moment.

11. National Reports

Austria OAK / VLKO	F21-042	Italy/ANAAO/AAROI/SNR	F21-049
Belgium/GBS-VBS	F21-060	Netherlands LAD	F21-041
Bulgaria/BgMA	No report	Poland OZZL	F21-053
Croatia/ HLS	F21-052	Portugal/Ordem dos Medicos/FNAM/SIM	F21-062
Cyprus/CTMA	F21-054	Romania/CFSMR	F21-043
Czech Republic/LOK-SCL	No report	Slovenia / FIDES	F21-059
France/FPS/UNMS/	F21-048 EN FR F21-048 FR	Spain/CESM	F21-050

12. European Medical Organisations reports

a. AEMH

[F21-065](#)

Erich-Theo Merholz presented the AEMH report.

b. CEOM

José Santos congratulated the new FEMS board for reelection and the Croatian organisers for their efforts to organize the meeting. He paid an homage to healthcare professionals that lost their lives in fighting COVID-19. He further informed on CEOM activities. Thus, CEOM is part of the European Union Coalition for Vaccination and is involved in the IMMUNION project. CEOM endorsed the WHO declaration on vaccine equity. By Spanish proposal, 12 March was declared the European awareness day on violence against doctors and healthcare professionals. On 11 March CEOM organized the first working group on violence against doctors and other health professionals and released a statement on the topic. On 28 May 2021, a second meeting of the Working Group took place, where all EMOs endorsed a document on burnout and violence against doctors and healthcare professionals. CEOM board also endorsed the Portuguese document on the quality of medicine, especially primary care. He further invited the EMOs to the upcoming CEOM meeting taking place on 28-29 October 2021 in Rome.

c. CPME

[F21-063](#)

Christiaan Keijzer presented the CPME report.

d. EJD (no report)

e. UEMS (no report)

13. Any other business

No other business.

N.B.: participation in votes requires the payment of the contribution of 2021 (article 12a of the Statutes).