



Minutes of the First Lisbon Meeting of the Executive Committee of EBSA

Lisbon, July 14th, 2013, 18.45–20.00

Present:

- *The Executive Committee:* László Mátyus (President), Manuel Prieto (Vice President), Anthony Watts (Managing Editor EBJ), Jose Carrascosa, Helmut Grubmüller, Yves Engelborghs, Michael Ferenczi, Cathy Royer, Ilpo Vattulainen (Co-opted), Manuela Pereira (Co-opted).
- Apologies: Alberto Diaspro, Antoinette Killian, Tony Wilkinson, Erick Dufourc.
- Acting Secretary: John Seddon.

The purpose of the meeting was primarily to discuss the Agenda items for the forthcoming EBSA General Assembly on July 15th.

The draft Minutes from the 12th General Assembly meeting in Budapest, 2011 were approved.

The Final Report from Alberto Diaspro from the 2009 EBSA Congress in Genova will be received soon.

The Final Report from László Mátyus from the 2011 EBSA Congress in Budapest has already been approved.

The Treasurer's report for the period 1/4/12 – 31/3/13 prepared by Tony Wilkinson will be presented by Mike Ferenczi. The accounts are audited by Sam Rogoff and Co. The balance is currently £231k plus £50k in a Treasury Deposit Bond.

The 2013 Congress requested €60k and had received €14k by 31/3/13. The bursaries were given out in the form of (Registration Fee plus accommodation) for 51 students (value of €500 each), and Registration Fee only for 9 PDRAs (value of €350 each).

The National Societies' subscription status was highlighted, showing that most are up to date, but a few are way behind in their payments.

There will be a Report from Springer on the European Biophysics Journal at a meeting at 12.45 on Tuesday in the Meeting Room. László warned the EC that some authors are perverting the refereeing process by setting up fake email accounts for genuine referees, and supplying these to journals upon manuscript submission, as suggested referees.

László explained the mechanism for Election of the new members of the Executive Committee. Each candidate will have up to 2 minutes to introduce themselves at the

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EBSA General Assembly. Each voting member will get a slip with the names of all of the candidates. The marked slips will be collected for counting.

Manuel and Manuela gave an overview of the Lisbon EBSA Congress preparation. They complimented the Chairs for their efficiency in selecting Abstracts for Oral presentation. They also emphasised that Eric Quiniou was instrumental in preparing the Abstracts book, which is produced for free by Springer.

There are 820 participants at the Congress: 56% researchers, 42% students, and 2% exhibitors. 54% are Society members, and 46% are non-members.

There were 691 Abstracts submitted, and 617 Posters presented, of which 354 are eligible for Awards. There is a large variation in the numbers of posters between the different sessions.

4 Satellite Meetings are being held.

Funding of €33,700 was received from 18 companies and from the Luso-American Foundation. There are 3 company talks. The EBSA contribution in total was €61,660.

The provisional figures for EBSA 2013 are: Outgoings: €245k; Funds in: €272k; Net surplus: €27k.

The final surplus will be divided equally between EBSA and the Portuguese Society.

Helmut gave a brief overview of the preparations for the EBSA Congress in Dresden, 18 – 22 July 2015. There was discussion of the need to engage as early as possible with the National Societies for speaker suggestions, and to draw up a detailed planning timetable (to be discussed at the next EC meeting). The Congress website is already functioning. It was noted that Speakers from Lisbon should not normally be selected as Speakers for Dresden. Also Chairs should not choose themselves.

Provisionally, the Registration Fees for members will be €390 (Full) and €220 (Student). The estimated revenues are €352K / €425K / €523K for 750 / 1,000 / 1,250 participants.

Once the new EC is in place after the General Assembly, it can co-opt up to 4 additional EC members.

Although there will be a presentation at the General Assembly from the Turkish Society in connection with the 2019 EBSA Congress, it will be the responsibility of the EC to make the selection, not the General Assembly.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of setting up a European Biophysics Institute, but it was agreed that in the present financial climate, this was probably not the time to pursue this.
