



EEMS General Assembly

Tuesday August 25, 2015

14.00 -15.30 CLARION CONGRESS HOTEL PRAGUE

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Welcome words from the former President Dr. Leon Mullenders.

2. President's report

Dr. Leon Mullenders presented a summary of activities carried out in the last year:

- Executive Committee:
 - Board meeting in Lancaster, about 2015 meeting.
 - Telephone conferences, about new constitution, 2015 meeting, EEMS account.
 - Telephone conferences with councilors, about society name, Vice-president, new constitution.
- Name of the Society (current status).
- New constitution (current status).
- EEMS account.
- Annual meeting 2015 Prague: contributions to the program, young scientists session and travel grants, awards.
- EEMS 2016 meeting: state of the matter.
- New President: Lisbeth E. Knudsen (former vice-president); new vice-president (proposed): Simon Reed.

3. Vice President's report

Dr. Lisbeth E. Knudsen informed about:

- Organization of the travel awards: the young scientists awarded will present their work orally during the conference (5min talk). She encourages young people to apply to these awards.
- Next meetings:
 - 2016, August 14-18: Copenhagen, organized by NordEMS with support from the Journal BCPT to host a young scientist scientific promotion with Nordic moderators and further sessions of regulatory and scientific interest. Funds must be raised for these sessions. Location at the

Panum Institute with accommodation on nearby hotels and hostels.

- 2017: UKEMS / BEEMS host a joint meeting in Leuven, as ICEM meeting in Korea. In Leuven there will be a EEMS General Assembly, but no separate meeting not to interfere with the Korea meeting.
- 2021: possible ICEM in Prague to be proposed by the Czech/Slovak society and supported by EEMS.

4. Treasurer's report

Dr. Roland Froetschl presented the state of the society finances. Both the total funds carried forward and the balance remaining corresponding to 2014 are lower than the ones corresponding to 2013. He encourages all national societies to make their payments in due time. In general, the expenditure was higher than the income. The financial audit is mandatory by the UK law for entities like ours.

5. Secretary's report

The Secretary (Dr. Madeleine Nivard) was not present.

The GA raised some doubts on the conformity with the constitution of President's proposal to avoid a new formal, but lengthy Vice President election procedure at a very short interval from the previous one, and to alternatively nominate Simon Reed in the position. However, the Assembly agreed on the need to reinforce the executive committee as soon as possible in a delicate transition phase of the society and proposed to co-opt Simon Reed in the ExCom to assist the President and Past-President especially in the transition to SCIO and also in the organization of the future congress.

6. New Constitution

Roland Froetschl presented a historical overview of the Society status and the diverse options explored. The auditors recommended to re-ignite the transition to SCIO, and to have a trustee in UK to manage bank account once it has been transferred.

7. EEMS: change of name

There was unanimity in all forum consulted about changing the society name to European Environmental Mutagenesis and Genomics (EEMGS) Society.

8. 2016 EEMGS meeting

As mentioned above, 2016 EEMGS meeting will take place in Copenhagen. Lisbeth Knudsen presented a tentative preliminary program to be extended with further sessions of regulatory and scientific interest. Funds must be raised for these sessions.

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

The minutes were written by Blanca Laffon. Thank you very much to Blanca.