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Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Society for Muscle Research held on the 22th of September 2021 at the First Virtual European Muscle Conference organized from Warsaw, Poland. The meeting was held online using the Zoom platform.

§1 The chairman of the European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR), Prof Wolfgang Linke, welcomed the assembly to the meeting and explained the nature of the ESMR as well as its relationship to the European Muscle Conferences. He expressed gratitude to Dr. Jolanta Redowicz and the ESMR board members for organizing a successful, first-ever, virtual EMC and Dr. Paweł Pomorski and team from the Polish Biochemical Society for their support of the meeting.

§2 Prof Linke proposed Dr. Chiara Tesi (Florence, Italy) to be appointed to take the minutes of the General Assembly. Prof. Olga Mayans (Konstanz, Germany) was appointed as accountant on minutes.

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

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

**Wolfgang Linke**, *Chair*, University of Münster, Germany (elected 2017)

**Anders Arner**, *Treasurer*, Lund University, Sweden (2017)

**Steven Marston**, *Secretary*, Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK (2017)

**Laurence Stevens**, Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France (2017)

**Kristina Djinić -Carugo**, University of Vienna, Austria (2018)

**Elisabeth Ehler**, King's College London, UK (2018)

**Chiara Tesi**, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (2018)

**Maria Jolanta Redowicz**, Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Warsaw, Poland (2019)

**Coen Ottenheijm**, Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands (2019)

§4 The minutes of the previous meeting in Canterbury 2019 (keeper of the minutes: Prof. Elisabeth Ehler; accountant: Prof. Mihály Kovács) had been available at the Society homepage ([www.esmr.org](http://www.esmr.org)). No further comments were made and the minutes **were approved**.

§5 Prof Linke reported on the activities of the board.

Since Sept 2012, the ESMR has been registered as a charitable organization (“ideell förening”) in Sweden (Organizational number 802467-4528) and a bank account has

been opened to keep the Society funds. The funds are kept in Swedish crowns (SEK). Currently, 100 SEK is about 9.50 EUR.

The economical statement of 2019-21 was presented (reported by Prof. Anders Arner 2021-09-17). The Society funds originate from membership fees. Before the last General Assembly (September 2019) society funds were 335,964.84 SEK. During the last two years the society has received membership fees from the 2019 meeting in UK (24,791.89 – bank fee 22.00 SEK; in June 2020). The funds have thus increased to 360,734.73 SEK (about **38,000 EUR**). The society has not had any expenses from the ESMR accounts. However, the society expects to compensate the Prague 2020 organizers for part of their expenses made in preparation of that cancelled meeting (**3,286 EUR**). Tax declarations were submitted in 2019 and 2020 for the years 2018 and 2019; they were approved and the society did not have any tax to pay. A new tax declaration for the year 2020 has been submitted in June 2021. Auditors **Dr. Martina Krüger** (Germany) and **Dr. Stefan Galler** (Austria) have approved the economic report.

This Assembly **granted discharge of liability** for the ESMR 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 this proposal**.

## §6 Elections, Members of the ESMR board

Several ESMR Board members are due for re-election in 2021. However, Prof. Wolfgang Linke proposed that, because of the pandemic situation, which also caused the postponement of the ESMR annual meeting, the (re-)elections be postponed by one year, to 2022. The current board members will remain in charge until the next membership assembly in 2022. The proposal was approved by the assembly.

§7. Drs. Christina Karatzaferi (Greece) and Jorge Alegre-Cebollada (Spain) were elected auditor and deputy auditor for 2021/22.

§8. Dr. Joanna Moraczewski invited the assembly to attend the “Actin and actin-binding proteins” conference.

§9. Other issues were discussed. Prof. Linke directed the attention of the assembly to the new website of the society, which however is accessible under the old address [www.esmr.org](http://www.esmr.org)

Other discussions concerned the proposal to create a new ESMR webinar series and the activities of young muscle researchers. It was agreed that proposals for webinars can be made to the society board.

§10. The plans for the annual meeting 2022 to take place from 22-26 September in Prague, Czech Republic were presented by Dr. Jitka Zurmanova.

Dr. Chiara Tesi was asked to make plans together with Dr. Marco Linari and Dr. Barbara Colombini for the meeting in 2023 in Florence, Italy.

The Assembly was closed.

Dr. Chiara Tesi

Date 1 October 2021

Dr. Olga Mayans

Date 1 October 2021