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Agenda 51st EFOSA General Assembly Meeting

18:00 June 10th 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

Attendance Limited to National Delegates and Invited Guests

1. Opening and welcome
2. The assembly held a minutes silence to remember Charles Bolender, one of the EFOSA founders. He passed away in February 2020 at the age of 86 and will be commemorated with honour.
3. Apologies for absence and introduction of delegates and guests.

France and Norway have sent their apologies for absence.

Martin Brock	Austria
Bart Vande Vannet	Belgium
Georgia Sofronio	Cyprus
Stathis Efstathiou	Cyprus
Ivo Marek	Czech
Eva Sramkova	Czech
Morten Borchorst	Denmark
Valentina Kulak	Estonia
Anu Kiukkonen	Finland
Jaana Ohtonen	Finland
Christian Scherer	Germany
Kristin Heimisdottir	Iceland
Sinead O Hanrahan	Ireland
Giorgio Iodice	Italy
Odile Hutereau	Luxembourg
Michelle Konig	Netherlands
Marteen Raadsheer	Netherlands
Melissa Disse	Netherlands
Beata Walawska	Poland
Ewa Czochrowska	Poland
Leonor Muelas	Spain
Ana Papadogeorgaki	Greece

Kostadinov Paradissis	Greece
Heidrun Kjellberg	Sweden
Jan Danz	Switzerland
Alison Murray	UK
Jonathan Sandler	UK
Julian O'Neill	UK

4. Changes and amendments to the Agenda.

5. Reports from the Council

5a. Report from President: Julian O'Neill attended the EOS-council meeting in February and also a second one in May, where the main issue was the cancellation of the EOS congress in Hamburg. This is a big issue for EOS, not only for this year but also because of other congresses that were not financially successful. One other issue is regarding cybercrime scams carried out by international fraudsters. Unfortunately members of EFOSA have received mails, asking for payments and sadly, two members have transferred considerable amounts of money to Spanish accounts. A warning has been sent out to delegates, emphasizing that nothing should ever be paid to EFOSA, except for the annual membership fees requested by Christian Scherer, the treasurer.

5b. Report from the Secretary, including minutes of 50th GAM, Nice, 2019. As always, it is a lot of work to keep track of current e-mail addresses. However, most of the secretary's e-mails seem to arrive – at least in recipient's spam folders. It was agreed that it was a good idea to create the Whatsapp group for country delegates – it is easy to communicate short messages (or longer ones) if mails have been sent out. This has been particularly helpful and informative during Covid19.

4c. Report from the Treasurer: Status of Account / Resources, membership dues and budget 2020-2021. No change in yearly fees is suggested. The countries that have paid their fees are: Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Austria, Luxembourg and Spain.



6.

Auditors' report and discharge of the Council regarding the responsibilities concerning the accounts of the past. The auditors, Odile Hutereau and Owen Crotty have accepted the accounts. The accounts were then accepted by all delegates following a vote.

7. Election of new auditors: Jonathan Sandler and Odile Hutereau (serving her second year). Following a vote, this was accepted unanimously.

8. Membership status (Spain, Austria, Croatia)

Membership update: Some advances have been made in Austria where orthodontics is now recognised as a specialty. It is suggested that it is only a matter of time until the final steps are taken. However, Covid19 has postponed meetings with the Ministry of Health and therefore, there has been no further recent progress.

This would leave Spain as the only European country that does not recognise orthodontics as a dental specialty. JO has written letters to various Spanish politicians and Health officials on three occasions in order to help them, but there has been a change in government and therefore, this might be needed to repeated yet again.

A contact person has been found in Croatia and JO and KH will work further to make contact with the new Croatian society.

Action JO, KH

9. Covid 19: All countries have experienced lockdowns and restrictions to some extent. This is probably least so in Sweden, where the regulations were less strict. Protocols differ between countries and some countries are still struggling. Most private practices were closed from the middle / end of March and most of them re-opened at the beginning of May, except for the UK which opened for routine dentistry on 8th of June but where hospital dentistry departments were still closed at the time of this meeting.

In many countries life is returning towards normal – however, schools are still closed in the UK and Ireland. The fear of a second wave is very real and expected in the autumn. Some countries like Luxembourg, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, the UK and Iceland are giving a lot of support to companies that were forced to close, but other countries did not provide this. Borders are slowly opening up and travelling allowed, at least for some countries. All of us hope for the best for the EOS Congress in Cyprus 2021.

10. EFOSA and webinars: During Covid19 a lot of excellent webinars were held by different groups, such as the Angle Society of Europe in conjunction with Angle East in the USA. One idea proposed would be to put future webinars on the EFOSA website for members to attend, where this is permitted by the organisers. This will be taken further by BVV.

Action BVV

11. ESAS: Working party report Meeting with Skype: Jari Taghhave, Melissa Disse, Michelle Konig, Bart Vande Vannet. The aim is to make ESAS more user-friendly by simplifying. Apart from one university in Sweden (Jönköping), only the Dutch are using ESAS. Bart showed some suggestions towards simplifying ESAS, i.e. by reducing number of questions to the patient.

12. EFOSA Radiation Guidelines publications and website: The first article is already published. EFOSA has paid for open access for a link on EFOSA website, which is now accessible.

13. NEBEOP update

28 active members and 19 provisional members.

14. EFOSA website

Some concerns were raised because of the recent fraud, using information on the website. Either all e-mail addresses should be removed except for the society's official address. One other suggestion would be to have all information on the countries' password locked. It is important to be able for individual members to continue to update their country's information on the website, but this must be able to be carried out securely. This will be taken further by the council. **Action Council**

15. Platform for Better Oral Health

Dirk Bister is the representative for EOS and will probably continue in this role. Bart Vande Vannet represents EFOSA.

16. ADEE update

17. EU CPD directive Different programmes in different countries regarding – Ivo Marek

18. Public education re orthodontics in the EU: At a recent EOS Council meeting, Chris Laspos (Cyprus) asked JO if EFOSA was doing enough in preventing general dentists from carrying out orthodontics. The AAO campaign was discussed as a model for raising public awareness about this issue. This is difficult for EFOSA, since we represent 28 EU different countries compared to the AAO which is nationwide in the USA. One way forward would be to increase number of post-graduate positions in the EU and to inform the public about the difference between a specialist and general dentists. JO will produce a plan in summer to be presented at council meeting November. **Action JO**

19. Spelling change to constitution article 11

Article 11 will be worded as below:

Article 11

The President convenes the Council each time he feels it necessary.

The Council may also be called together by petition signed by two Councillors. The notice must be mailed by letter at least one month in advance. It should include an agenda. In the case of an emergency the Council may be convened by telephone or e-mail with 5 days notice.

Decisions are made by a simple majority vote. In case of a split vote, the vote of the President is decisive. Decisions are transcribed to a register of minutes and signed by the Chairman and Councilors who attended the meeting.

Copies of such decisions, signed by the Chairman or by the Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, serve as authentic documents before the courts and otherwise.

Three Councillors constitute a quorum. One absent Councillor can give a nominal proxy to a colleague on the Council to vote in his name.

These minor spelling changes were suggested and passed by a unanimous vote.

20. Status of council membership:

Since it is important not to have all the council members change simultaneously, which would occur in 2022, Julian O'Neill, EFOSA president and Kristin Heimisdottir, EFOSA secretary have decided to step down one year earlier than their full 4 year term. They will step down in Cyprus in June 2021. It was suggested that Bart Vande Vannet, EFOSA Vice-President and Chris Scherer, EFOSA Treasurer would complete their terms of office and this would ensure continuity. In addition, BVV is involved in a number of important EFOSA projects. The nomination committee thus needs to appoint successors for JO and KH. The nomination committee will also be renewed and according to the bylaws, all at once. The council suggested that for the GAM 2021, the nomination committee should only change one member yearly on a rolling basis and the senior member of that committee becomes the Chairperson. The nomination committee currently consists of Ewa Czochrowska, Eva Sramkova and Odile Hutereau.

21. Any other business: Stathis suggested that there should be a position of immediate past-president

22. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

May 31st – June 4th 2020, Limmassol, Cyprus

Council and get together 30th of May, GAM 31st of May

23. Closure of Meeting.