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Agenda 50th EFOSA General Assembly Meeting

09.00 June 18th 2019

Acropolis Conference Centre, Nice, France

Attendance Limited to National Delegates and Invited Guests

AM session

1. Opening and welcome from our hosts.
2. Apologies for absence and introduction of delegates and guests.

Sweden, Austria, Greece have sent their apologies for absence.

Bart Vande Vannet	Belgium
Yiangos Yiangou	Cyprus
Stathis Efstathion	Cyprus
Ivo Marek	Czech
Eva Sramkova	Czech
Morten Borchorst	Denmark
Reet Karelson	Estonia
Valentina Kulak	Estonia
Anu Kiukkonen	Finland
Jessica Juslin	Finland
Yves Trin	France
Alain Viglie du Cayla	France
Christian Scherer	Germany
Kristin Heimisdottir	Iceland
Sinead O Hanrahan	Ireland
Cezaro Luzi	Italy
Daniela Lupini	Italy
Odile Hutereau	Luxembourg
Michelle Konig	Netherlands
Martin Radsheer	Netherlands
Melissa Disse	Netherlands
Beata Walawska	Poland
Ewa Czochrowska	Poland
Figueiredo Christina	Portugal
Marian Sabo	Slovakia

Marta Perez Torices	Spain
Miriam Alexandrova	Slovak
Viera Viznerova	Slovak
Serdar Usumez	Turkey
Ilhan Ramoglu	Turkey
Claudius Wiedmer	Switzerland
Alison Murray	UK
Jonathan Sandler	UK
Julian O'Neill	UK

Dirk Bister Co-opted EOS

Silvia Allegrini and Paul Karvelas from FEO were invited guests and attending.

Some issues regarding a publication from Jens Türp, a professor in Basel raising the question if orthodontics should be considered evidence based dentistry. Authorities have therefore asked themselves if public money should be used for orthodontics. Although Prof. Türp is a professor in Base, Switzerland, this does not seem to affect the Swiss, since orthodontics is mostly privately financed. Germany is more concerned.

3. Changes and amendments to the Agenda.

4. Reports from the Council

4a. Report from President and correspondence. Christian Scherer attendened the AAO meeting in May 2019. Julian O'Neill attended the EOS-council meeting in February – a question came up by Chris Laspos asking JO if EFOSA was doing enough in stopping general dentists in doing orthodontics, referring to AAO- campaign. It's difficult for EFOSA, since it represents different countries different from i.e. the USA. Important to increase number of post-graduate positions and to inform the public about the difference between a specialist and general dentists. A question from Ireland regarding recognition of British education in Ireland after Brexit:

“This has 3 implications for Specialist Orthodontics in Ireland for EFOSA to consider.

- Where our future Consultants, academics and trainers can be trained.
- How can we ensure we are complying with 2005/36/EC if we have no equivalent qualification or definition for this?
- The barrier between Specialists and Consultant grades is potentially undermining the quality and scope of practice of Specialist Orthodontics.”

It probably will need bilateral agreements after Brexit – a lack of clarity until Brexit. Not

possible for EFOSA to give an answer.

Membership update: Some improvements have been made in Austria by recognizing orthodontics as a specialty and it seems that it is only a matter of time, when the final steps will be taken. A letter from Martin Brock, president of the Austrian orthodontic society says i.e.: “To make a long story short, the status quo is: it was finally possible to negotiate agreement between all stakeholders so the Minister herself released the legal implementation. The only open question now is the deadline for automatic recognition within the EU”.

That would leave Spain as the only european country that does not approve orthodontics as a dental specialty. JO has written a few letters in order to help them, but there has been a change in government and therefore, this might be needed to repeted.

4b. Report from the Secretary, including minutes of 49th GAM, Edinburgh, 2018.

Secretary: Like always, it is difficult to keep track on e-mail addresses. However, most of the e-mails seem to turn up – or at least in the spam. Might be a good idea to make a Whatsapp-group for the delegates – accepted to send telephone-numbers to Kristin, who makes an EFOSA Whatsapp group.

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4c. Report from the Treasurer: Status of Account / Resources, membership dues and budget 2019-2020. No change in yearly fees suggested.



5. Auditors' report and discharge of the Council regarding the responsibilities concerning the accounts of the past Ivo and Owen have accepted the accounting. The accounts were accepted by all votes.
6. Membership status (Spain, Austria.) see earlier

7. Update on Masters courses - Ace Ortho Diploma

Technique d'Arc Droit

Not much to report – private courses in Paris and Nice.

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee

8. ESAS: Working party report Meeting with Skype: Jari Taghhave, Melissa Disse, Michelle Koning, Bart van de 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.
9. EFOSA Radiation Guidelines publications and website: first article already published. EFOSA has paid for open access for a link on EFOSA-website, which is already accessible.

12.00

Visit by Gary Inman AAO President, Chris Roberts, AAO President-elect

and Lynne Thomas Gordon, AAO Executive Director

The AAO have been active in making consumer awareness programs and some marketing material, which encourages the patient to go to a specialist. Last year AAO spent 6.7 million dollars on consumers programs. These programs are available on the internet and the links will be sent to EFOSA-members. EFOSA members are free to use them in their countries. AAO has also been supporting innovative orthodontics. AAO has been completely changed from giving in cases to an exam with scenario cases. One of the first AAO-members to complete that exam was Chris Roberts, the president-elect of AAO. There has been some reduction in orthodontists working for corporates, but still 13% plan on working for corporates. This is explained by high fares for the specialty education, although young people seem to think differently nowadays. Not willing to shoot roots to early.

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

PM session

10. EPSOS presentation (scheduled for 14.00) cancelled Vasileios Zymperdikas

11. NEBEOP presentation (scheduled for 14.30)

Stavros Kiliarides last visit to EFOSA, as he is stepping down from the NEBEOP board. Only one new approved member: Barcelona Spain and only one application from Krakow, Poland. Although NEBEOP has now 28 full members, 21 provisional members in 17 countries, there is slight disappointment with some countries, that barely enroll in the program despite many orthodontic postgraduate programs.

12. EFOSA and NEBEOP – developments

1. Proposal for Continuous Professional Development project joint working with FEO EU directive on CPD – continuing professional development. This project has already been started by Silvia Allegrini and Paul Karvelas FEO by survey monkey collecting information on requirements in different european countries. Silvia Allegrini gave a short presentation on the project.

13. EFOSA Website

EFOSA directory should be removed since it is not only outdated, but most likely illegal. Connection should be https. Alain Viglie du Cayla takes care of that.

14. Platform for Better Oral Health

Dirk Bister is the representative for EOS and will probably continue.

15. ADEEupdate

16. EU CPD directive

This project has already been started by Silvia Allegrini and Paul Karvelas FEO It might be interesting for EFOSA to liase with their project by submitting information to EFOSA

members.

17. Change to Constitution articles 5 and 7:

After some discussions and amendments, it was voted on if the final version of the changes should be voted on at this GAM or postponed to GAM 2020. Accepted to vote at GAM 2019. Final version:

Article 5

Active membership is confined to professional associations or groups of orthodontic specialists exclusively, from countries within the EU and the European Economic Area (EEA), and those which have entered into an agreement with the EU regarding freedom of movement of professionals. Active member countries must also have regulated the profession in accordance with the EU directive of 2005/36 and maintain an official register of specialists. The above also applies to countries on the basis of mutual orthodontic specialty recognition.

Provisional membership is confined to professional associations or groups of practitioners, who have a comparable education and working conditions as orthodontic specialists, from countries within the EU and the European Economic Area, but whose government has not yet provided official orthodontic specialty recognition and professional regulation in accordance with the EU directive of 2005/36.

Affiliated membership is confined to professional orthodontic associations or groups from Europe in countries that fulfil the requirements of article 5 paragraph 1 or 2, but in countries that do not belong to the EU and the European Economic Area or do not have an arrangement of free movement and the right of free establishment within the EU and the European Economic Area on the basis of mutual orthodontic specialty recognition.

Only one professional association or group may function as the representative of a country.

Approved with all votes.

Article 7

Members who cease to meet the conditions in article 5, paragraph 1 above, will lose their status of active membership. Members who fail to meet their obligations to the Federation and to the goals it pursues may be excluded from the Federation.

Expulsion is effected by proposal of the Council on a simple majority vote, followed by an Assembly vote with a two-thirds majority. The member country which is the object of the proposed exclusion cannot take part in this vote.

Approved with all votes.

18. Any other business

19. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

June 10-14th 2020, Hamburg, Germany

Council and get together 9th of June, GAM 10th of June

20. Closure of Meeting.