



## ESRA Annual General Assembly (AGA)

Friday, 13 September 2019  
Bilbao, Spain

### **60 attendees:**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Function</u></b>
Dr.	Jose	Aguirre	Board member
Dr.	Henning Lykke	Andersen	Member
Dr.	Stefan	Bakalov	Member
Dr.	Enrico	Barbara	Board member
Dr.	Thomas Fichtner	Bendtsen	Council member
Prof.	Jens	Børglum	Member
Mrs.	Panagiota	Brattou	Member
Dr.	Steve	Coppens	Member
Prof.	Jose	De Andres	Past President
Dr.	Grazia	De Angelis	Member
Dr.	Laurent	Delaunay	Member
Dr.	Alain	Delbos	President
Dr.	Torsten	Dickert	Member
Dr.	Dan Sebastian	Dirzu	Board member
Prof.	Claude	Ecoffey	Member
Mrs.	Eleana	Garini	Member
Dr.	Slobodan	Gligorijevic	Member
Dr.	Alexandre	Gnaho	Member
Dr.	Jose	Goldar	Member
Dr.	Paolo	Grossi	Member
Dr.	Andrej	Hostnik	Member
Dr.	Marek	Janiak	Member
Dr.	Mirko	Klaric	Member
Mr.	Ivan	Kostadinov	Member
Prof.	Clara	Lobo	Board member
Mr.	Florian	Locatelli	CEO (non-voting attendee)
Dr.	Alexandros	Makris	Member
Dr.	Luc	Mercadal	Member
Dr.	Eleni	Moka	Treasurer
Dr.	Louise	Moran	Board member
Dr.	Valeria	Mossetti	Member
Dr.	Patrick	Narchi	Council member

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Dr.	Marcus	Neumüller	Council member
Dr.	Barry	Nicholls	Member
Dr.	Leila	Oppezzi	Member
Prof.	Brian Patrick	Pezzutti	Member
Prof.	Narinder	Rawal	Member
Dr.	Humberto	Rebelo	Council member
Dr.	Martina	Rekatsina	Member
Dr.	Vladimir	Reyes Lozano	Member
Dr.	Raffaele	Russo	Member
Dr.	Sevim	Sahinbas	Member
Prof.	Katarina	Sakic	Council member
Dr.	Livija	Sakic	Member
Dr.	Axel	Sauter	Member
Dr.	Alexandra	Schyns-van den Berg	Member
Dr.	Luc	Sermeus	Council member
Dr.	Ioanna	Siafaka	Member
Dr.	Markus	Stevens	Council member
Ms.	Maria	Stoica	Member
Dr.	Pekka	Tarkkila	Member
Dr.	Kassiani	Theodoraki	Council member
Prof.	Athina	Vadalouka	Member
Dr.	Luis Fernando	Valdés Vilches	Council member
Prof.	Marc	Van De Velde	Member
Mr.	Javier	Vera	Member
Dr.	Ward	Verfaillie	Member
Prof.	Thomas	Volk	General Secretary
Dr.	Morné	Wolmarans	Board member
Dr.	Oya	Yalcin Cok	Member

## Minutes

### 1. Opening of the AGA

The President welcomed all members.

### 2. Review and Approval of Minutes 2018

The minutes and action points were reviewed. No remark was made, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### 3. Presidential Report

The President mentioned that he was starting his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Presidency and gave a report. His full report is available here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/lj1nt1v2r2ng4k5/AGA%20Bilbao%202019\\_Presidential%20report.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/lj1nt1v2r2ng4k5/AGA%20Bilbao%202019_Presidential%20report.pdf?dl=0)

He was proud to announce that the society was going very well with 5'400 members. According to him it was the biggest anaesthesiology society in Europe, with real active members. The President also underlined that 2/3 of congress attendees were ESRA members which showed that the members were more active than in the past. He also mentioned that more and more attendees were coming from outside Europe and stressed that the enthusiasm of a number of ESRA zones was very important. Thanks to it even small countries could have a big number of ESRA members.

Another fact reported was that by taking all the ESRA events organised during the year, the society reached 1'000 more attendees in 2019 than in 2018.

The President also explained that the relation with ASRA changed with a clear agreement for the RAPM journal. He mentioned that ASRA accepted to decrease the fees for the journal and that thanks to it ESRA was able to decrease the membership fees for some categories and to offer an online only option.

The President announced that a new ESRA academy will be launched soon, which will be more user friendly and that a new tool was available for free to all members, the USabcd eLearning platform.

The other points reported by the Presidents were the importance of the Prospect recommendations and the guidelines developed by the society. He also mentioned the impact of the PCO and the necessity to have competition.

To conclude his report the President reported that the Carl Koller award 2020 had been awarded to Marc Van de Velde and that Luc Mercadal had been selected for the recognition of education in regional anaesthesia award.

The President thanked the ESRA Office, the Board and Council members and the diploma Boards. José De Andrés was specifically thanked for his 33 years in the ESRA Board.

#### **4. Secretarial Report**

The General Secretary gave his report which is available here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/ee31auay09ba5i7/ESRA\\_Gen\\_Sec\\_Report\\_AGA\\_2019.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ee31auay09ba5i7/ESRA_Gen_Sec_Report_AGA_2019.pdf?dl=0)

He reported that the terms of reference for the committees were updated and presented the Chairs of all ESRA committees. Another topic covered by the General Secretary was the bylaws 2019. He reminded that all members received the suggested changes before the meeting but reported a discussion that took place during the Council meeting. The General Secretary presented the bylaws with the suggested changes and explained that they were all regarding the position of the Residents & Trainees representative in the Board. He added that the voting rights for this position were intensively discussed during the Council meeting and that all Council members agreed that it was logical that all Board members would have the same power and therefore the Residents & Trainees representative in the Board should also have voting rights. A vote to accept the changes in the bylaws took place and the changes were unanimously approved.

## 5. Elections 2019

The General Secretary went on by announcing the elections that took place during the Council Meeting that needed to be approved by the General Assembly. He reported a gap in the bylaws regarding the voting rights which will need to be corrected as Council members elected by the zones to represent them had voting rights, the Board members were elected by and from the Council but the question was whether the Board members should have voting rights in addition to the Councillors or not. He mentioned that after discussion it was agreed at the Council meeting for this election period to give all Board members 1 vote but to clarify it for the next General Assembly.

He announced that the results of the elections were:

President-Elect: Thomas Volk, Germany

Secretary General: Clara Lobo, Portugal

Board Members:

- Morné Wolmarans, United Kingdom (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Yavuz Gurkan, Turkey (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Philippe Gautier, Belgium (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Dan-Sebastian Dirzu, Romania

A vote to approve the elections took place and all elections were unanimously agreed by the general assembly.

## 6. Financial Report

The Treasurer presented the financial report 2018 and the budget for 2019, it is available here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gubrfj1lcw3hzo/ESRA%20Financial%20Report%202018%20-%20AGA%20-%20Eleni%20Moka%2001.09.2019.pdf?dl=0>

She mentioned that the former Treasurer Geert Jan Van Geffen helped her to prepare the 2018 report as he was still Treasurer in 2018 but that unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting as he was currently at a workshop.

The Treasurer reminded that the 2 main sources of income for the society were the congress and the membership revenues. She explained that the congress in Dublin was very successful but the costs were higher and that in 2018 the membership revenues increased but because part of the income was already received in 2017 when the membership registration started in October and part of it was still received in 2019, the membership revenue 2018 decreased in the accounts.

She reported that the costs for the Office increased since an additional person was working in the secretariat, the costs for the meetings increased as well as the Council had more members, more countries were involved and many more activities were taking place. She further mentioned that the costs for members also increased due to the higher number of members and the diplomas costs increased as well because the diplomas expended, the format changed and more meetings were necessary but that it was something positive for the society. The Treasurer reminded that the purpose of the society was not to deposit money in a bank account but to use it for educational activities.

The Treasurer went on by presenting the budget for 2019. She explained that 2019 will be a better year with a higher income from the membership and the congress as well as some income from the bank products. She added that the membership costs will decrease thanks to the new contract with

the RAPM and announced that a profit of about 200'000 Euros was expected which the society will be able to invest in future activities.

A vote to approve the 2018 financial report took place, the report was unanimously accepted. The Treasurer was thanked and congratulated for the very clear report.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

No other topic was discussed.

## **8. Questions and Remarks**

A question was raised about the decisions for investments, it was asked who was taking the decisions. The Treasurer answered that until this day the Major Officers were taking the decisions after having received the advice from the bank but that for the future the Board should decide and that she wanted to have a financial advisor. It was mentioned that the society could either be conservative or risky with its investments and that until now it was conservative. The Treasurer added that the society was in the process to look for other banks to compare the different offers available. It was mentioned that Belgium was the only country where negative interest rates were prohibited by law.

No other question or remark was made. All members were thanked for their attendance.