



**ESB General Assembly
23rd European Conference on Biomaterials
Sep 15, 2010
Tampere, Finland**

Minutes

1. Confirmation of Agenda

Agreed

2. President's Report (LA)

Professor Luigi Ambrosio attended the EU-China Science & Technology week, World Expo June 210. He informed that a Press conference had been organised by Health & NMP on June 16, 2010, where both he and Prof. Zhang highlighted the importance of collaboration of both societies with respect to future initiatives.

ESB has endorsed the following conferences:

- UK Society for Biomaterials, Glasgow, 1-2 July 2010. Scotland
- BIOSPINE 3 – 3rd Congress of Biotechnologies for Spinal Surgery, Amsterdam, September 1–4, 2010 , Netherlands
- 4th International Conference “Biomaterials, Tissue Engineering & Medical Devices” BiomMedD’2010, September 23-25, 2010, Sinaia, Romania
- 3rd Chinese-Europe Symposium on Biomaterials in Regenerative Medicine (CESB 2011)
- Adult Progenitor Cell Standardization, Rome, 1-3 December 2010

New Affiliated Societies; in progress:

- Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering Society of Slovenia
- Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering Society of Turkey

Sister Societies

International Society for Ceramics in Medicine -Opportunities to increase the collaboration with the ESB.
International Society of Endovascular Society- Request collaboration of Joint session at the International Congress for Endovascular Specialist, 13-17, 2011. Phoenix.

ESB sessions at in International Conferences

- TERMIS 2010, June 12-17, 2010, Galway.
- Adriatic Vascular Summit Meeting (ISES satellite meeting). 6-8/09/2010, Split, Croatia.
- Adult Progenitor Cell Standardization Conference. 1-3/12/2010, Rome

Future Conferences

ESB2011 – 4-9 Sept 2011 - Dublin – Ireland
9th WBC - 1-5 June 2012 – Chengdu - China

3. Treasurer & Membership Secretary Report (PG)

The ESB accounts are now held in Porto; Millennium BCP Bank- used for current Treasurer business (bank transfers, etc). The other account in Rome- Deutsch Bank was closed in April 2010.

There has been an increase in expenses, this was due to; Two loans (20,000 €), Two years secretariat payment, an increase in Rudolf Cimdins Scholarships and awards, increase in expenditure with YSF, expenses incurred with ESB-China. A decrease in income was seen as a result of non- returned loans and the fact that fee collection was still in progress.

Problems with Worldpay- required ca. 6,240 € (£5,153) to change the country's account (from Italy to Portugal), which was considered unreasonable. Trying to set up a new account, with alternative service provider

Membership Fees not raised for > 10 years. No fee changes for membership levels.

ESB membership as of July 2010, 642 members of which 414 are laboratory members, 180 are full members with small number of other types of membership. These are from 33 countries, with the highest numbers; 109 UK, 96 Germany, 93 Italy, 56 France.). Of total membership: 93.8% from Europe, 3.1% Asia, 2.5% North America.

The accounts for 2009 were; expenditure of 19,549.67 €; 10,079.38 Website management, 4,000 ESB Scholarships and awards, 2,500 advertising and remainder for secretariat, bank expenses and YSF.

Website

A New web site has been set up with the objectives to provide a better service to ESB members. It has an improved Members area including payments information, etc. It also aims to provide more detailed and new information, with news menu, YSF menu, etc, thus making it more dynamic and functional.

New e-mail addresses:

President : president@eubiomaterials.eu

Secretary: secretary@eubiomaterials.eu

Treasurer: treasurer@eubiomaterials.eu

Young Scientists Forum: ysf@eubiomaterials.eu

Auditors' Report

The books and balances were examined by Prof Pentti Tengvall and Dr Rachel Williams and found to be in good order. To the best of their knowledge they confirmed that the balance and accounts to be accurate. The auditors will submit a written report.

4. Secretary's Report (LDS)

Members were reminded of the awards made by the ESB; Jean Leray & George Winter Awards (Nominations deadline December 31, 2010), EDA (European Doctoral Awards), ESB Best Oral & Best Poster Awards, ESB Rudolf Cimdin Scholarship Awards

Two new awards were introduced this year; The United Kingdom Society for Biomaterials award- for the best oral presentation by a UK based student and an award sponsored by the Swiss Society for Biomaterials ESB Translational Research Awards (open to any young scientist attending the ESB).

Awards: Honorary Membership of the ESB awarded for long term and excellent contribution to the field of Biomaterials), Professor Luigi Nicolais, Professor Marcus Textor.

19 Rudolf Cimdins Scholarships awarded 2010 (4 Czech republic, 4 Iran, 3 Romania, 2 Turkey, 2 Latvia, one from Poland, Greece, India & New Zealand.

EDA (European Doctoral Awards)- Dr Giuseppe Cama, Dr Felicia Suska

Future Conferences

24th European Conference on Biomaterial

The annual conference on the European Society for Biomaterials, Dublin, Ireland, 4th – 9th September 2011, www.esb2011.org

5. JMS:MiM Editor Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine (JAP, MS)

The new Editorial Board comprises Prof. Mario Barbosa, Dr. Pierre Layrolle, Prof. Ivan Martin, Prof. Antonio Merolli, Dr. Véronique Migonney, Prof. Bruce Milthorpe, Prof Paulo Netti, Prof. John Nicholson, Prof. Abhay Pandit, Prof. Julio San Roman, Prof. Elizabeth Tanner, Prof. Pekka Valittu, Prof. Xingdong Zhang

The New Aims and Scope of the journal is to have issue line-ups; Biomaterials Synthesis and Characterisation, Engineering and Nano-Engineering Approaches for Medical Devices, Drug Delivery Systems, Biocompatibility Studies, Tissue Engineering Constructs and Cell Substrates , Clinical Applications of Biomaterials . Proposed

changes include; reference style, cover photo of the year competition and invited Review papers (starting from 2010).
In addition, a new Associate Editor has been appointed ,Dr. Gabriela Voskerician.

A.O.B- Non reported

L. Di Silvio
Secretary ESB

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. Di Silvio', written in a cursive style.