

Final report

**31TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESPMH
BELGRADE, SERBIA, FRIDAY 18 AUGUST, 2017
16.30-17.30 HRS**

VENUE:
HOTEL-M BELGRADE
BULEVAR OSLOBODENJA 56A
11000 BELGRADE

Attendants (38):

Johanna Ahola-Launonen (Finland), Gardar Arnason (Germany), David Badcott (UK), Antonio Barbosa (Portugal), Anna Blum (Australia), Ana Borovechi (Croatia), Anto Čartolovni (Croatia), Ignaas Devisch (Belgium), Steven Firth (Canada), Petra Gelhaus (Sweden), Eugenijus Gefenas (Lithuania), Bert Gordijn (Ireland), Eleonora Gregori Ferri (Italy), Bjørn Hofmann (Norway), Søren Holm (UK), Péter Kakuk (Hungary), Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands), Nancy King (USA), Pierre Mallia (Malta), Johan Melse (Netherlands), Igor Milinkovic (Bosnia Herzegovina), Sofia Morberg-Jamterud (Sweden), Ivars Neiders (Latvia), Floor Oosting (Netherlands), Renzo Pegoraro (Italy), Vojin Rakic (Serbia), Christoph Rehmann-Sutter (Germany), Aiko Sawada (Japan), Wayne Shandera (USA), Frida Simonstein (Israel), Martha Spranzi (France), Fredrik Svenaeus (Sweden), Jacques Tamin (UK), Stephen Tyreman (UK), Stephan Sahm (Germany), Bert Vanderhaegen (Belgium), Kristin Zeiler (Sweden), Hub Zwart (Netherlands)

1. Draft report of the 30th General Assembly of the ESPMH in Zagreb, Croatia, Friday 19 August 2016 (16.30-17.30 hrs)

Unanimously accepted

2. Report of the ESPMH Board over 2016

a. The secretary: membership, activities

Members 2017: 327 (from 330 in 2016). Most of the secretary's time and energy was focused on this year's conference in Belgrade. The collaboration went smooth and without any problems. As to the future conferences there is the following lineup (all already approved by the General Assembly):

- Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (August, 2018). Contact persons are Antonio Barbosa and Carlos Branco, Faculty of Medicine (<http://www.medicina.ulisboa.pt/en/>), University of Lisbon, Portugal. Antonio will present at the General Assembly in order to advertise the upcoming conference in Lisbon.
- Conference in Oslo, Norway (August, 2019). Contact persons are Søren Holm, Bjørn Hofmann, Jan Helge Solbakk & Per Nortvedt from the Centre for Medical Ethics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway. Søren will present at the General assembly to advertise the 2019 conference in Oslo.
- Conference in Warsaw, Poland (August, 2020). Contact person is Joanna Rozynska. Institute of Philosophy, Department of Ethics, University of Warsaw, Poland.
- Conference in Riga, Latvia (August, 2021). Contact person is Ivars Neiders, Department of Humanities, Riga Stradins University, Latvia.

b. The treasurer: Final account for 2016

Year account ESPMH 2016

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Overview	Accounts 2016		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
General acc	34,040.00	Bank costs	161.11
Conf acc	18,238.00	Card Comp	1,283.93
Sav. acc: inter	381.24	Ingenico	489.64
		Conferences	24,812.58
		Springer journal	12,168.80
		Secretariat	16,039.99
		Treasury	4,000.00
		Refunds	2,616.50
	52,659.24	Board costs	502.79
Negative saldo	9,416.10		
Totals	62,075.34		62,075.34

3. Report of the Financial Review Committee over 2016

Hub Zwart and Maartje Schermer have assessed the ESPMH accounts over the year 2016. Hub Zwart reports and reads a message from Maartje Schermer. According to their report in the General Assembly everything is in good order.

4. Election of Financial Review Committee over 2016

We need two new members for the Financial Review Committee. Søren Holm and Pierre Mallia volunteer and the General Assembly accept their candidature.

5. Membership fee

The Board proposes that the annual membership fee remain €60 for individuals and €250 for Institutions. This is approved by the General Assembly.

6. Preliminary budget 2018

Budget 2018			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership fees (200 x 60)	12,000.00	Bank costs	200
Conference fees (100 x 450)	45,000	Card comp	1,500
Interest	300	Ingenico	600
		Conferences	30,000
		Secretariat	8,000
		Board costs	600
		Treasury	4,000
		Journal	12,000
		Positive saldo	400
Totals	57,300		57,300

The budget proposal is approved by the General Assembly.

7. Election Members of the ESPMH Board

a. Election procedure:

The three-year term of office of two Board members will finish by the end of this year (Gerrit Kimsma and Eugenijus Gefenas). This means that these two board positions are be up for election during this General Assembly.

In our email from 13 December 2016 we invited nominations of candidates for these two positions in the Board of the ESPMH. Subsequent to the invitation to propose candidates, we have not received any nominations. However, both Gerrit Kimsma and Eugenijus Gefenas have indicated to be willing to serve yet another term in their respective positions, Treasurer and Regular Board Member.

Accordingly, the Board's election proposal is as follows:

Treasurer: Gerrit Kimsma

Regular Board Member: Eugenijus Gefenas

According to the by-laws concerning the election procedure, a candidate can be elected without ballots if there is only one candidate for a position and the members at the General Assembly unanimously agree.

b. Election results

The members unanimously agree with the ESPMH board's proposal. They are appointed by acclamation:

Regular member: Eugenijus Gefenas

Treasurer: Gerrit Kimsma

8. Number of board members with respect to the next election

According to the Statutes, the number of positions in the Board has to be settled by the General Assembly. However, there is no proposal to change the current number of seats and the General Assembly approves the current number of board positions. Consequently, the society continues to have 9 board positions.

9. Future conferences

There is a presentation by Antonio Barbosa about the upcoming conference in Lisbon, Portugal, 22nd – 25th August 2018. In addition, Søren Holm gives a brief presentation on the 2019 conference in Oslo, scheduled 7th – 10th August.

10. Journal *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* (MHEP)

Floor Oosting, Senior Publishing Editor from Springer, says a few words about the journal. MHEP is doing well, the manuscript flow is good, and rejection rate is 60%. She also presents a few other metrics. Most manuscripts come from Europe and the US. The impact factor of 2016 is 1.067. It has gone up from 0.974 in 2015 (in 2014 it was 0.7). The number of downloads has gone up significantly as well.

11. A.O.B.

- John Harris has cancelled his attendance. So, there will be no keynote lecture tomorrow, Saturday 19 August.
- The assembly holds one minute of silence for the victims of the Barcelona attack.