**26th GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESPMH**

**Nazareth, Israel, 23 August 2011, 16.30-17.30 hrs**

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**Final report**

**Attendants (23):**

Ana Borovechi (Croatia), Augusto J. Henriques (Portugal), Hillel Braude (Canada), Luciana Caenazzo (Italy), Theo de Decker, (Belgium), Ignaas Devisch (Belgium), Bert Gordijn (Ireland), Martin Gunderson (USA), Matti Hayry (UK), Peter Kakuk (Hungary), Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands), Fuat Oduncu (Germany), Kyoichi Ozaki (Japan), Georgios Papagouno (Grece), Renzo Pegoraro (Italy), Joanna Rozynska (Poland), Stephan Sahm (Germany), Aiko Sawada (Japan), Sebastian Schleidgen (Germany), Frida Simonstein (Israel), Tuija Takala (Finland), Jochen Vollmann (Germany)

1. **Draft report of the 25th General Assembly of the ESPMH Zurich, Switzerland, Friday, 19 August 2011**

The report is approved without any correction.

1. **Report of the ESPMH Board over 2011**
2. **The secretary: membership; activities**

During the last year the ESPMH membership has increased with 18 members from 268 to 286. Most of the time of the secretariat was spent in preparing this year’s conference in Nazareth. Several mailings were sent to the members. Moreover, together with Bernice Elger, first preparations have been made for the 2013 conference in Basel (Switzerland). The Basel call for abstracts has been launched. There have also been talks with Peter Kakuk and Ignaas Devisch to organise the 2014 conference in Debrecen (Hungary) and the 2015 conference in Ghent (Belgium) respectively. Both proposals are on the agenda. Again, a lot of work has been done on the ESPMH homepage ([www.espmh.org](http://www.espmh.org)). The site is currently under development to enable online conference registration and abstract submission for Basel. The Event page as well as the Bioethics Jobs list are updated regularly (see <http://espmh.org/events/> and <http://espmh.org/jobs.php> respectively).

1. **The treasurer: final account for 2011**

The ESPMH board has decided to comtninue with the strict cancelling policy with regard to the membership. Members who - after a reminder email - do not pay their membership fee will be cancelled, meaning that they will not receive the society’s journal any more. Unfortunately, there is an unaccounted amount of € 40,-.

**Year Account ESPMH 2011**

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| **Overview** | **accounts 2011** |  |  |  |  |
| **INCOME** |  |  | **EXPENSES** |  |  |
| Membership |  |  | Bank costs |  |  |
| General acc | 5,700.29 |  | Gen acc | 254.78 |  |
| Conf acc | 480.00 |  | Conf acc | 80.84 |  |
| Postal Giro | 120.00 |  | Post Giro | 42.32 |  |
|  | 6,300.29 | 6,300.29 |  | 377.94 | 377.94 |
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| Conference |  |  | Ogone |  | 499.53 |
| General acc | 34,462.95 |  | Cardcie’s |  | 1369.42 |
| Conf acc | 19,620.00 |  | Ch of comm |  | 26.64 |
| Post acc | 720.00 |  | Treasury |  | 2,000.00 |
|  | 54,802.95 | 54,802.95 | Zurich |  | 21,000.00 |
| Interest |  | 361.50 | Board costs |  | 1,768.00 |
| Refund secr. |  | 6,932.00 | Refunds |  | 1,640.00 |
|  |  |  | **Totals** |  | 28,681.53 |
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|  |  |  | **Pos Saldo** |  | **39,755.21** |
|  |  |  | Unacc. for. |  | -40.00 |
| **Totals** |  | **68,396.74** |  |  | **68,396.74** |

1. **Report of the Financial Review Committee over 2011**

David Badcott and Bjørn Hofmann have assessed the ESPMH accounts over 2011. Via email to the treasurer and the secretary they have stated that they too were not able to locate the unaccounted amount of € 40,-. However, apart from that, they found everything in order. The Financial Account over 2011 – including the missing amount - is approved by the GA.

1. **Election of Financial Review Committee over 201**

Both David Badcott and Bjørn Hofmann have declared to be willing to continue as members of the Financial Review Committee. They are re-elected as members.

1. **Membership fee**

The Board proposes that the annual membership fee remains 60 Euros for individuals and 250 Euros for Institutions. This is approved by the GA.

1. **Preliminary budget 2013**

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| **Budget 2013** |  |  |  |
| **INCOME** |  | **EXPENSES** |  |
| Membership fees 200 x 60 | 12000 | Bank costs | 500 |
| Conference fees  120 x 350 | 42000 | Card comp | 2000 |
| Interest | 500 | Ch of comm. | 30 |
|  |  | Printing | 2500 |
|  |  | Secretariat | 8000 |
|  |  | Conference | 24000 |
|  |  | Journal | 8000 |
|  |  | Board costs | 2000 |
|  |  | **Total** | 49030 |
|  |  | **Pos saldo** | **5470** |
| **Totals** | **54500** |  | **54500** |

The budget proposal is approved by the General Assembly.

1. **Election Members of the ESPMH Board**

In a letter from 9 December 2011 the ESPMH members were invited to nominate candidates for two positions in the Board of the ESPMH. The three-year term of office of two board members will finish by the end of this year (Bert Gordijn, Secretary and Fuat Oduncu, regular board member). This means that their positions were open for election during the General Assembly in Nazareth. Subsequent to the invitation to propose candidates for these two positions, the Board did receive no response. However, both Bert Gordijn and Fuat Oduncu indicated that they are willing to serve yet another term. Thus, the Board’s election proposal was as follows:

Secretary of the ESPMH: Bert Gordijn

Regular Board Member: Fuat Oduncu

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 General Assembly unanimously agrees.

The General Assembly does indeed unanimously agree. Thus both Bert Gordijn and Fuat Oduncu have been elected to serve yet another term.

1. **Number of board members with respect to the next elections**

According to the Statutes, the number of positions in the Board has to be settled by the GA. There is no proposal to change the current number of seats. That means that the society continues to have 9 board positions. The GA approves that the ESPMH continues to have 9 board members.

1. **Future conferences**

* 2013 ESPMH conference in Basel (Switzerland): Sabrina Engel and Laura Cabrera give a short presentation about the upcoming conference in Basel.
* 2014 ESPMH conference in Debrecen (Hungary): Peter Kakuk presents his proposal to host the 2014 conference in Debrecen. His proposal is accepted by the GA
* 2015 ESPMH conference in Ghent (Belgium): Ignaas Devisch presents his proposal to host the 2015 conference in Ghent. His proposal is accepted by the GA
* Further plans: The ESPMH board is planning to organise a world conference to celebrate its 30th anniversary. A host for the meeting has yet to be found. The secretary invites interesting proposals.

1. **Journal *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy***

The journal “Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy” is doing very well. Its impact factor has gone up from 0.726 in 2010 to 0.906 in 2011. The manuscript flow is very good. The secretary thanks all the members of the ESPMH on behalf of the editorial team for their great work as authors and reviewers. The success of the journal is a sign of the viability of the ESPMH. The enlargement of the editorial team with Stefano Simplici (Italy) and Ana Borovechi (Croatia) has resulted in more contributions from Southern Europe (especially the Mediterranean region).

1. **A.O.B.**

There were no further remarks from the GA.