**30th EASDec General Assembly: 6th November 2020 7.30 PM, Virtual meeting, Barcelona, Spain**

Invited: Board of EASDec and attendees of the 30th EASDec conference

Agenda

1. Introduction and agenda of the meeting: prof. Stela Vujosevic, EASDec Secretary

2. Summary of the 2020 Conference

Professor Rafael Simo (President) reported that, despite the great challenges created by the pandemic, the quality of the meeting had been excellent with presentations covering basic science to clinical research. The meeting had been well organized. The discussions were lively and well conducted.

The meeting had been preceded by two satellite symposiums:

* “Update and controversies on the treatment of DR and DME”;
* “Diabetic retinopathy as a biomarker of cardiovascular disease”.

The **Eva Kohner Lecture** had been postponed due to the need to switch to a virtual format for the meeting.

There were 43 oral presentations including one round table and 3 poster sessions with discussions (30 posters)

Members of the Board congratulated Prof Simo for organising an outstanding meeting and expressed their grateful thanks to the support team that had so successfully supported the virtual format.

3.  EASDec Board

Prof. Tunde Peto (Vice President), proposed Prof. Alan Stitt as the next Vice President. The next appointment to the board as described in the constitution needs to be a diabetologist or scientist rather than an ophthalmologist to maintain the broad remit of the Study Group.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Prof. Reinier Schlingemann (Treasurer) reported that the Society is financially healthy, and that £83.000 are available in the bank.

Almost one third of this amount is allocated to EASDec Skills Award.

There had been no further action on transfer of the EASDEc Treasurer’s Account to the EASD. The Board had been assured that funds will remain within the control of the Study Group once transferred.

5. EASDec Skills Transfer Award

Prof. Simon Harding (Past President) reported that the allocation for the awards had not been spent this year and proposed that it should be carried on to the next year. 3 awards had been made to date which are listed on the website. Advertisements will be sent out soon for the next round and will be available on the website.

*Summary of* ***The EASDec Skills Transfer Awards***

*From 2017 onwards, up to 2 awards each year at or around Annual Meeting. The award will allow for members to visit eminent laboratories and/or clinical sites to learn new skills. Awards will be made as a grant to the host institution (no overheads) under the following conditions: agreed timeline, funds transferred from Treasurer’s Account, written report submitted to EASDec Board and results presented to EASDec Annual Meeting*.

6. Next EASDec meetings

The 2021 meeting was confirmed in Odense (organised by Jakob Grauslund). Prof. Grauslund gave a presentation about Odense.

Prof. Peto invited members to propose themselves as organizers for future meetings especially those from Central/East Europe.

Professor Rafael Simo’ proposed to invite diabetologists into the EASDec group.

7.   Farewell.

The General Assembly was closed by Prof. Rafael Simo at 8PM.

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