

**EASDEC Annual General Meeting
2013 Conference Meeting
Barcelona, 23rd May 2013**

Present: Conference participants

Meeting started: 4.45 pm at Barcelona World Trade Centre, Barcelona, Spain

1. Minutes of the previous AGM have been approved
2. No matters arising from the 2012 meeting and so the 2012 meeting is now closed.
3. EASDEC Meeting 2013: finances and progress
220 people registered, including 80 by Novartis Spain
4 accompanying persons
Thursday night symposium went well
Best abstract prize to commemorate Anne Katrin Sjolie: AGM voted in favour,
therefore from 2014 this prize will be named after AKS
4. EASDEC Meeting at Padova, Thursday to Saturday, the 15th – 17th May 2014 –
Padova – Local hosts: Professor Edoardo Midena and Dr Stela Vujosevic.
 - a. 2015 – Turkey presented their bid and AGM voted in favour to have the meeting in Istanbul, Turkey in 2015.
 - b. 2016 – Manchester, UK presented their bid and the AGM voted in favour for EASDec to be held in Manchester, UK in 2016.
 - c. The Board would like to achieve a 3-year planning period. This would make it easier for the local organisers to plan and also for the web designer and secretary to keep to timelines. AGM agreed
 - d. 2017 onwards: bids invited to be presented to the Secretary of EASDec
5. Election of Officers: Reiner Schlingermann to be co-opted as Adjunct secretary, motion accepted by AGM.

6. Finances:

- a. SH detailed the finances of EASDec: it is now in good shape and the Study Group is now in a position of think about funding some extra activities (grants?/study? – thoughts are invited)

7. TP updated the AGM on EVI and EPHA meetings:

- a. It has been identified that eye research is underfunded in Europe. EVI has office and personnel in Brussels for lobbying, but they are in need of more money and also more support from European association in order to achieve the much needed impact. AGM voted in favour in principle to be involved. TP to report back to EVI. Yearly review is a must.
- b. EPHA: TP is working with EPHA (European Public Health Agency) to highlight the lack of eye related indicators to be included amongst the European eye indicators.

Any other business

MP thanked the Board and TP for their work

Francesco Bandello raised the issue of the small number of diabetologists attending. This has been noted and the local organisers are always mindful of this, and try their best to attract not only ophthalmologists.

Meeting closed: 5.25 pm