



Minutes from the ELC Annual Members' Assembly September 9th, 2020, 16:00

Venue: Tutzing, Evangelische Akademie, Musiksaal and Auditorium

The assembly was chaired by the Chairman of the ELC, Patrick Rensen. Patrick thanked everyone for coming here, the OC members for putting together this meeting. This year, 97 abstracts were submitted, only one abstract per person allowed. Due to Covid-19, we had to restrict the attendance to a maximum of 64 participants. All abstracts were blinded by the EAS/ELC office, abstracts with score ≥ 3.60 were selected for oral presentations, abstracts with score < 3.60 and ≥ 2.0 were set on the waiting list. Due to early cancellation we could invite 18 from the waiting list. Since poster session had to be cancelled due to lack of social distancing during a poster session, 51 abstracts were accepted for oral presentations; 32 young scientists (63%) competed for three oral presentation prize awards. Due to 4 late cancellations and 1 no-show, the number of participants for this year's meeting was 55 from 10 countries (including 8 organizing committee members, 3 invited speakers and 1 sponsor delegate). One sustained goal is reaching out to new research groups who will submit abstracts in the following years. Everyone was invited to provide suggestions.

Patrick thanked all our sponsors (Astra Zeneca, Akcea, Silence Therapeutics, NovoNordisk, Sable Systems, Lipigon, Biosfer Teslab, Numares). Special thanks was given to the EAS, the sustained sponsor and co-organizer, and Anki Frencken from the EAS office who took over the duties from Malou Runnemo after Charlotta Johansson left the EAS. EAS is represented by Ruth Frikke-Schmidt, who is a member of the ELC Organizing Committee. Patrick announced the 27th Annual Meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Atherosclerosis Research in Humlebaek (April 7-10, 2021) (no registration fee), the 88th online EAS Congress, and the 89th EAS Congress in Helsinki (May 30 – June 2, 2021). Participants of this year's ELC meeting will get a code sent by Anki to sign up for free as EAS members. Patrick encouraged ELC members to vote for new EAS committee members in the EAS society elections 2020 (Sept 1 – 30).

The date for the 44th ELC meeting (September 6-9, 2021), Philip Shaul (Dallas, USA) and Miriyam Aouadi (Stockholm, Sweden) as invited speakers and deadline for submission of abstracts (May 1st, 2021) were presented. Schedule of the program and registration costs will be kept the same as this year.

Patrick explained the General Data and Protection Regulation. All delegates at the annual meeting automatically become members of the ELC with a possibility to opt out. ELC Statutes declare that "Every participant at the annual meeting becomes a member of the Club" (Article 3). The statutes have not been changed.

Election of a new member of the organizing committee (OC): The list of current OC members was presented and Patrick thanked the outgoing members Katariina Öörni (Finland) and Nicola Ferri (Italy). As the current treasurer Dagmar Kratky has to leave the committee in 2022, the organizing committee voted for Nicola Ferri as Treasurer Elect for 2021 and as Treasurer for 2022-2026. Patrick then explained the nomination and election process of one new committee member. ELC members nominated four candidates, the OC selected three candidates (Pirkka-Pekka Laurila, Finland; Bart van de Sluis, The Netherlands; Noam Zelcer, The Netherlands). In a ballot voting, Bart van de Sluis was elected as new OC member (2021 – 2025), with 31 out of 51 votes, of which one blank.

The three oral presentation awards were given to Cristy Verzijl, Isabel Reinisch, and Venetia Bazioti. In the end, Patrick thanked everyone again for coming, the OC members, all invited speakers, as well as Robin van Eenige and Sander Kooijman for the technical support.

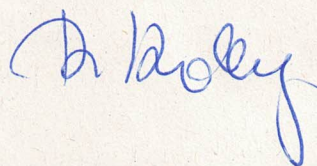
The Assembly Meeting minutes will be available on the ELC website within a month after the meeting.

Looking forward seeing everyone again next year!

Tutzing, September 9th, 2020



Patrick Rensen
Chairman



Dagmar Kratky
Treasurer

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