

Minutes from the ELC Annual Member's Assembly September 8th, 2021, 16:20

Venue: Tutzing, Evangelische Akademie, Musiksaal

The assembly was chaired by the Chairman of the ELC, Patrick Rensen. Patrick started by explaining that 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).

This year, 124 abstracts (after rejection multiple submissions) were submitted. All abstracts were blinded by the ELC administrator and graded by all OC members. Of these 124 abstracts, 78 applicants were invited to attend. Number of participants had to be restricted because of places in the restaurant and Kavaliersgebäude due to the Covid-19 regulations. 2 applicants and 3 invited speakers canceled due to Covid-19 regulations. One additional speaker (Stephan Herzig) was invited. We had 75 presentations (46 oral and 29 posters) and 3 invited talks; 25 young scientists (54%) competed for two oral and 17 (59%) for 2 poster prize awards. The number of participants for this year's meeting was 86 from 11 countries.

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. The goal of the ELC outreach is to attract all groups in Europe interested in lipid-related science.

Patrick thanked all our sponsors (Akcea, AstraZeneca, New Amsterdam Pharma, Silence Therapeutics, Sable Systems, Lipigon, Biosfer Teslab, Numares) and especially the EAS for the sustained support, which hopefully will be continued over the following years. Special thanks to the help from the EAS office, especially to Anna Hermansson who serves as the ELC administrator. He announced the 90th EAS Congress in Milan (May 22 – 25, 2022) for which ELC members will get a promo code sent by Anna Hermansson to sign up as EAS members. The annual meeting of the

Scandinavian Society of Atherosclerosis Research in Humlebaek (April 6 - 9, 2022) was also announced and people were invited to send their abstracts (deadline Jan 17th, 2022).

The date for the 45^{th} ELC meeting (September 5 – 8, 2022), Jens Brüning as keynote speaker, the four invited speakers (Minna Kaikkonen, Giovanni D'Angelo, Ronit Shiri-Sverdlov, Fredrik Bäckhed) and deadline for submission of abstracts (April 24, 2022; only one abstract per presenter) were presented. Schedule of the program and registration costs will be kept the same as this year.

The chairman then introduced the organizing committee (OC), presented the current OC members and thanked the outgoing members Dagmar Kratky (treasurer, Austria) and Thorsten Hornemann (Switzerland). Patrick explained the nomination and election process. ELC members nominated four candidates, the OC selected three candidates (Nuria Amigo, Spain; Pirkka-Pekka Laurila, Finland; Herbert Stangl, Austria). Nuria Amigo and Pirkka-Pekka Laurila were elected as new OC members (2022 – 2026) by the attendants of the General Assembly.

The statutes have not been changed. The Assembly Meeting minutes will be available on the ELC website within a month after the meeting.

Finally, Patrick presented and congratulated the winners of the oral (Iuliia Karavaeva, Michelle Jaeckstein) and poster (Olivia Sveidahl Johansen, Isabel Reinisch) presentations.

The General Assembly was closed at 17:00.

Looking forward seeing everyone again next year!

Tutzing, September 8th, 2021

Patrick Rensen

Chairman

Dagmar Kratky

Treasurer

