

# **Minutes from the ELC Annual Member's Assembly**

## **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 15:15**

**Venue: Tutzing, Evangelische Akademie, Auditorium**

The assembly was chaired by Alexander Bartelt. Alexander 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). "All ELC members can vote for the next OC members" (Article 7).

Anne Tybjærg Hansen presented EAS society to the audience. EAS celebrates 60 years of excellence. In 1999 atherosclerosis became the official journal of the EAS. Since 2010 EAS consensus Position Papers have been published. In 2014 EAS started to give the certificate of excellence in Lipidology. FH studies collaboration started in 2015. Lipid clinic network started in 2021 and in 2024 was instituted the LIPRA registry. The mission of the EAS was presented by Anne Tybjærg Hansen. EAS achieved their goals with publications, educational activities, communities & collaborators including by supporting the ELC. The young fellows of EAS programme started three years ago and has been shown to be very competitive. The 93<sup>rd</sup> EAS Congress will be in Glasgow, Scotland (May 4-7, 2025). All ELC members will get a promo code sent by Tania Börjesson to sign up as EAS members. Two fellows of the EAS Young Fellows program have been invited to give talks at this meeting.

Alex presented the ELC Organizing Committee and explained that everyone can nominate themselves to become OC member.

This year, 100 abstracts were submitted. All abstracts were blinded by the ELC administrator and graded by all OC members (1-5 with 5 best). (Score  $\geq$  3.8 oral presentation, Score  $\leq$  3.8 poster presentation). This year we had 72 selected abstracts (36 oral, 36 poster), 11 OC members, 5 invited speakers, 2 EAS Yfs, 3 discussants, and 2 sponsors – 95 participants. YIA candidates were 26/36 for oral (72%) and 28/36 for poster (78%). We had representatives from 18 countries. 69% junior were female, 40% invited speakers were female, 45% of OC members were females.

Alexander showed the survey results of 2023. Briefly, 83% of participants found the meeting excellent, 96% indicated that likely to attend in 2024. Suggestions: program more translational, more time for poster, diversified program.

Alexander explained the General Data and Protection Regulation.

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

Alexander thanked all the sponsors (Akcea Therapeutics, AstraZeneca, Biosfer Teslab, DFG, Lipigon, NewAmsterdam Pharma, Numares Health, Sable Systems Europe GmbH, Menarini) and especially the EAS for the sustained support. Special thanks to the help from the EAS office, especially to Tania Börjesson who serves as the ELC administrator.

Alex showed the changes of the statutes including the code of conduct compliance. The assembly approved. The Assembly Meeting minutes will be available on the ELC website within a month after the meeting.

Finally, Alexander will communicate the winners of the oral and poster presentations after the dinner.

The annual meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Atherosclerosis Research in Humlebaek (April 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2025) was also announced and people were invited to send their abstracts (deadline beginning of January 2025).

Alexander communicated that the 48<sup>th</sup> ELC meeting will be on Sep 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Keynote Speaker will be Philip Scherer. Invited speakers: Ana Paula Arruda, Claudia Monaco, Oliver Bruns, Antje Körner. The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Schedule of the program and registration costs will be kept the same as this year. No option to choose between oral or poster presentation.

Alexander explains also how to move to the Restaurant for the social event.

The General Assembly was closed at 15:50.

Looking forward seeing everyone again next year!  
Tutzing, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Alexander Bartelt

Chairman



Nicola Ferri

Treasurer

