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Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Society for Muscle Research held September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the XLVI European Muscle Conference, in Potsdam, Germany.

§1 The chairman of the European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR), Professor Anders Arner, welcomed the assembly to the meeting and explained the nature of the ESMR as well as its relationship to the European Muscle Conferences. He expressed gratitude to Wolfgang Linke and his colleagues for organizing a successful meeting. He also informed the delegates about the sad news that Prof. Bernhard Brenner passed away. Prof Brenner was a member of the ESMR board, organizer of EMC meetings, an excellent scientist and a good friend to many of the ESMR members. He will be missed by all.

§2 Prof Arner proposed Dr Elisabeth Ehler to be appointed to take the minutes of the General Assembly.

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

§3 The members of the Board of the Society during 2016/17 were presented.  
**Anders Arner**, *Chairman*, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden (elected 2013)  
**Bernhard Brenner**, Medizinische Hochschule, Hannover, Germany (2013)  
**Laurence Stevens**, Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France (2013)  
**Steven Marston**, *Secretary*, Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK (2013)  
**Marcus C. Schaub**, University of Zurich, Switzerland (2013)  
**Ger Stienen**, *Treasurer*, VUmc, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (2013)  
**Wolfgang Linke**, Bochum, Germany (2013)  
**Elisabeth Ehler**, King's College London, UK (2014)  
**Chiara Tesi**, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (2014)  
**Jolanta Redowicz**, Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Warsaw, Poland (2015)

§4 The minutes of the previous meeting in Montpellier 2016 had been available at the Society homepage ([www.esmr.org](http://www.esmr.org)). No further comments were made and the minutes were **approved**.

§5 Prof Arner reported on the activities of the board. The Society is registered as a charitable organization (“ideell förening”, Organizational number 802467-4528) in Sweden and a bank account has been opened to keep the Society funds. The tax declaration has been submitted in Sweden.

The economical statement of 2016/17 was presented. The Society funds

(SEK 297 439.70 SEK; approximately 29 000 EUR by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017) originate from membership fees. The auditors (Profs Alf Månsson and Stefan Galler, elected 2016) had reviewed the economical statement and had no objections.

The Assembly **granted discharge of liability** for the Board.

The **annual membership fee was decided to be 10 EUR/year**, paid by meeting delegates as a part of the registration fee. The assembly **approved that part of the membership fees are used to support young scientist symposia**.

§6 The following **election was made**.

Re-elections (2017) were made to the ESMR board which will have the following members

**Anders Arner**, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, (election 2017)

**Laurence Stevens**, Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France, (2017)

**Steven Marston**, Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK, (2017)

**Marcus C. Schaub**, University of Zurich, Switzerland, (2017)

**Wolfgang Linke**, Univ. Bochum, Germany, (2017)

and

**Elisabeth Ehler**, King's College London, UK (elected 2014)

**Chiara Tesi**, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (elected 2014)

**Jolanta Redowicz**, Nencki Inst. of Experimental Biol., Warsaw, Poland (elected 2015)

**These proposed elections and board members were approved by the assembly.**

The chairman of the Society Prof. Anders Arner, announced last year that he plans to resign after serving as chair since 2004. Prof. Wolfgang Linke, Bochum, Germany was elected “chairman elect” last year and has agreed to accept the chairmanship.

**The assembly elected Prof. Wolfgang Linke, Bochum, Germany as chairman of the ESMR from Sept 2017. The assembly decided that the chair Wolfgang Linke can sign for administrative and economical matters on behalf of the Society. Prof Linke expressed that he was honored to be chairman and thanked Prof Arner for his work in the ESMR.**

**Wolfgang Linke was asked to register the ESMR in Germany as “eingetragener Verein” and to open a bank account on behalf of the Society. Anders Arner will terminate the registration as charitable organization in Sweden, close the bank account, transfer the Society resources to the bank account in Germany and make final tax declarations. The assembly decided that Wolfgang Linke and Anders Arner can independently sign for the Society regarding these matters.**

§7. Profs Fatima Pedrosa-Domellöf, Umeå (Sweden) and Miklós Kellermayer, Budapest, (Hungary) were elected auditor and deputy auditor for 2017/18.

§8. Elisabeth Ehler on behalf of Mathias Gautel presented the activities of the JMRCM.

§9. No other issues were raised.

§10. The plans for the annual meeting 2018 in Budapest (Miklós Kellermayer) were presented and Elisabeth Ehler and Michael Geeves were asked to make plans for the meeting in 2019 in the UK.

The Assembly was closed.



Dr Elisabeth Ehler

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