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Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Society for Muscle Research held on the 25th of September 2022 at the 49th European Muscle Conference in Prague, Czechia.

§1 The chairman of the European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR), Prof. Wolfgang Linke, 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 Dr. Jitka Zurmanova and her team for organizing a successful EMC in Prague/Czechia, which (due to the pandemic) needed to be postponed from 2020 to 2021 to finally 2022.

§2 Prof. Linke proposed Dr. **Elisabeth Ehler** (London, UK) to be appointed to take the minutes of the General Assembly. Dr. **Chiara Tesi** (Florence, Italy) was appointed accountant on the minutes.

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

§3 The current members of the Board of the Society were presented:

Wolfgang Linke, *Chair*, University of Münster, Germany (elected 2017)

Anders Arner, *Treasurer*, Lund University, Sweden (2017)

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

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

Kristina Djinović -Carugo, University of Vienna, Austria (2018)

Elisabeth Ehler, King's College London, UK (2018)

Chiara Tesi, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (2018)

Maria Jolanta Redowicz, Nencki Institute of Experim. Biology, Warsaw, Poland (2019)

Coen Ottenheijm, Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands (2019)

§4 The minutes of the previous online EMC meeting in 2021 (accountants: Dr. **Chiara Tesi**, Italy; Dr. **Olga Mayans**, Germany) had been available at the Society homepage (www.esmr.org). No further comments were made and the minutes **were approved**.

§5 Wolfgang Linke reported on the activities of the board.

Since Sept 2012, the ESMR has been registered as a charitable organization (“ideell förening”) in Sweden (Organizational number 802467-4528) and a bank account has been opened to keep the Society funds. ESMR funds are deposited in the Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) and are kept in Swedish crowns (SEK).

The economical statement for the last fiscal year was presented (reported by Dr. **Anders Arner** on 2022-08-08). At the end of the previous fiscal year (before the last general

assembly in Sept 2021) our funds were **360,734.73 SEK**. The Society funds originate from membership fees. During the last year we have received membership fees from the 2021 on-line meeting handled from Poland (28,751.55 – bank fee 70.00; SEK; in Dec 2021). We have also, after negotiations and a written agreement, paid part of the costs for the cancelled meeting in Prague 2020 (3,286 EUR = 32,759.43 – bank fee 60.00; SEK). The funds are thus currently **356,596.85 SEK (about 32,000 EUR)** in the two bank accounts. We have not had any further expenses from the ESMR accounts. The Tax declaration for 2021 was approved and we did not have any tax. A new tax declaration was submitted in July 2022. The auditors, Dr. **Jorge Alegre-Cebollada** (Spain) and Dr. **Christina Karatzaferi** (Greece), received copies of the last bank status report (Aug 8th 2022, payment to Czech Republic and receipt for membership fees from Poland) and a copy of last year's economic report. Both auditors approved the economic report.

This Assembly **granted discharge of liability** for the ESMR 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 this proposal**.

§6 Election of the Auditors

Dr. **Stefan Galler** (Austria) and Dr. **Alf Mansson** (Sweden) were proposed as the auditor and deputy auditor for 2022/23, and were approved by the membership.

§7 Re-elections of members of the ESMR board

Several ESMR Board members were due for re-election in 2021. However, because of the pandemic situation, it was decided at the last membership assembly in 2021 that the re-elections be postponed by one year to 2022. The board members remained in charge.

Two longtime board members, Dr. **Steven Marston** (Imperial College London, UK) and Dr. **Laurence Stevens** (Univ. Lille, France), had indicated that they will not run again for board membership. On behalf of the membership, the chairman thanked both board members for their contributions and support of the ESMR over the many years of service.

Re-election was proposed for the following board members:

Wolfgang Linke, University of Münster, Germany

Anders Arner, Lund University, Sweden

Kristina Djinović -Carugo, EMBL Grenoble, France

Elisabeth Ehler, King's College London, UK

Chiara Tesi, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy

All five board members were unanimously re-elected by the membership. The term of service is 4 years, with the possibility of renewing board membership.

Election of new board member(s) is planned for 2023.

§8. Dr. **Elisabeth Ehler** reported on the activities and standing of the Journal of Muscle Research and Cell Motility

§9. Other issues were discussed.

Prof. Linke directed the attention of the assembly to the society website (www.esmr.org). The chair reported that the previously discussed proposal to create a new ESMR webinar series was not met with sufficient interest among the members, so this activity has been suspended.

A young muscle researcher community has been founded thanks to the invitation by Dr. **Christine Loescher** (Muenster, Germany). The young muscle researchers met during the Prague ESMR meeting and it is planned that they will increase their activities and visibility in subsequent meetings.

§10. The plans for the annual meeting 2023 to take place in Florence, Italy, September 02-06, were presented by Dr. **Chiara Tesi** together with Dr. **Marco Linari** and Dr. **Barbara Colombini**.

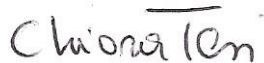
Dr. **Sergej Pirkmajer** kindly agreed to organize the ESMR annual meeting in 2024 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The Assembly was closed.



Dr. Elisabeth Ehler

Date: 4 October 2022



Dr. Chiara Tesi

Date: 4 October 2022