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Minutes of the General Assembly of the European Society for Muscle Research held on the 4th of September 2023 at the 50th European Muscle Conference in Florence, Italy.

§1 The chairman of the European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR), Prof. Wolfgang Linke, welcomed the Assembly to the membership meeting, introduced the agenda (which was approved by the Assembly), and explained the nature of the ESMR as well as its relationship to the European Muscle Conferences. He expressed gratitude to Drs. Chiara Tesi, Marco Linari and Barbara Colombini and their team for organizing a very successful EMC in Florence/Italy as the official half-a century-anniversary meeting of the Society.

§2 Prof. Linke proposed **Dr. Jolanta Redowicz** (Warsaw) to be appointed to take the minutes of the General Assembly. **Dr. Kristina Djinovic-Carugo** (Vienna & Grenoble) was appointed as the 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 (re-elected 2022)
Anders Arner, *Treasurer*, Lund University, Sweden (re-elected 2022)
Kristina Djinović-Carugo, University of Vienna, Austria & EMBL Grenoble, France (elected 2018)
Elisabeth Ehler, *Secretary*, King's College London, UK (re-elected 2022)
Chiara Tesi, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (re-elected 2022)
Maria Jolanta Redowicz, Nencki Institute, Warsaw, Poland (re-elected 2019)
Coen Ottenheijm, Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands (elected 2019)

§4 The minutes of the previous EMC meeting in Prague 2022 (accountants: Dr. **Alf Mansson**, Sweden; Dr. **Stefan Galler**, Austria) have been available at the Society homepage (www.esmr.org). In this context, Prof. Linke reported that the society website www.esmr.org had not been accessible for several weeks, so a temporary website was opened at www.titin.info and a backup domain name (www.esmr.site) was acquired (just in case access to www.esmr.org could not be restored); however, access to www.esmr.org was restored in September 2023 and thus remains the society website. No further comments were made and the minutes **were approved**.

§5 Wolfgang Linke reported on the activities of the board. Dr. **Anders Arner** filed (on 2023-08-01) the economical statement of the ESMR, which has been registered as a charitable organization (“ideell förening” #802467-4528) in Sweden since 2012. In this organization form the society has been able to open a bank account to keep funds, receive membership fees and interest without tax. Society funds are kept at the Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB, a respected bank with experience in

societies and foundations) in one low interest account with faster access and one account with 3 months access and fixed interest rate. The interest rate is low (2 and 3.5 % in September 2023) but is the best available without taking risks or binding money for extended times. The funds are kept in Swedish krona (SEK). 100 SEK~8 EUR (09-2023). The chair, Prof. Wolfgang Linke, informed the Assembly that both the Chair and the Treasurer, Prof. Anders Arner, can sign for administrative and economic matters on behalf of the Society.

At the end of the previous fiscal year (Sept 2022) our funds were **356,596.85 SEK (~28,032 EUR)**; July 2023 exchange rate, there was a typing error in last year's economic report: the sum presented was 100 SEK higher). During the last year, we have received interest of 1,941.25 SEK. Thus, the funds currently are **358,538.10 SEK (~28,185 EUR)** in the two bank accounts. We have not had any further expenses from the ESMR accounts. Membership fees from the 2022 Prague meeting were not received yet, but an invoice has been sent (1,700 EUR). The tax declaration for 2021 was approved and we did not have any tax. A new tax declaration for the year 2022 has been submitted in July 2023. The auditors, Dr. **Alf Mansson** (Sweden) and Dr. **Stefan Galler** (Austria), received copies of the latest bank status report (accounts "konto" and interest "ränta") and a copy of the economic report. Both auditors approved the economic report (Aug 29, 2023).

Wolfgang Linke then informed the Assembly that the ESMR board has agreed to move the Society registration from Sweden to the Netherlands, where it should be permanently registered, and to transfer the Society funds from Sweden to a new society bank account in the Netherlands as soon as possible.

On request, the Assembly **granted discharge of liability** for the ESMR Board members.

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. **Katja Gehmlich** (UK) and Dr. **Andras Malnasi-Csizmadia** (Hungary) were proposed as the auditor and deputy auditor for 2023/24 and were approved by the membership.

§7 Elections/Re-elections of members of the ESMR board

As of Sept 2023, the board consisted of the following members:

Wolfgang Linke, Chair, University of Münster, Germany (re-elected 2022)

Anders Arner, Treasurer, Lund University, Sweden (re-elected 2022)

Kristina Djinović -Carugo, University of Vienna, Austria (re-elected 2022)

Elisabeth Ehler, Secretary, King's College London, UK (re-elected 2022)

Chiara Tesi, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (re-elected 2022)

Maria Jolanta Redowicz, Nencki Institute Exp. Biol., Warsaw, Poland (re-elected 2019)

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

The regular interval of service on the board is **4 years**, with the possibility of re-election.

Prof. **Jolanta Redowicz**, Nencki Inst. Experimental Biol. Warsaw, Poland, was proposed for re-election for another four years. The Assembly approved the proposal.

Prof. **Coen Ottenheijm**, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, was proposed for re-election for another four years. The Assembly approved the proposal.

Election of new ESMR board members:

Prof. Alain Lacampagne, Research Director at Inserm CNRS, Montpellier, France, was proposed as a new board member. The Assembly approved the proposal.

Dr. **Josine de Winter**, Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, was proposed as a new ESMR board member. The proposal was approved by the Assembly.

On behalf of the Assembly, Wolfgang Linke congratulated the new board members to their election and welcomed them to the board.

The chair also commented that the society's policy is to usually have one representative, occasionally two representatives, from the same country on the steering board. Because it is planned to permanently register the society and open the bank account in The Netherlands, two representatives from The Netherlands should be members of the board.

§8. Dr. **Michelle Peckham** reported on the activities and standing of the Journal of Muscle Research and Cell Motility, a long-term professional ally of ESMR. A **Special Issue of EMC 2023** was announced, and scientists were invited to submit papers.

§9. Other issues / Young Muscle Researchers

Dr. **Christine Loescher** (Univ. of Münster, Germany) reported on the activities of the **Early Careers Association (ESMR-ECA)**, founded in 2022. The young muscle researchers of ESMR-ECA have developed their own scientific and socializing activities during EMC and plan to hold webinar events throughout the year. They also acquired Travel Award money for EMC 2023 and plan to do so for EMC 2024, which will again feature a Young Investigator symposium on the scientific agenda. ESMR-ECA is also represented on the Society homepage (<https://esmr.org/early-careers.html>).

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§10. The plans for the Annual ESMR Meeting 2024 to take place in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**, September 22-26, were presented by Dr. **Sergej Pirkmajer**.

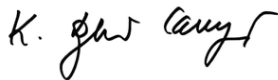
Future plans for EMC events include 2025 Amsterdam and 2026 Vienna.

The Assembly was closed.



Prof. Jolanta Redowicz

Date: 28.05.2024



Prof. Kristina Djinovic-Carugo

Date: 26.05.2024