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Participants: 40 EAS members.

Chairperson: Michel Thibaudon

Secretary: Ingrida Šaulienė

Agenda:

- speech of president
- speech of secretary
- working groups
- speech of treasurer
- next basic course and ESA
- statute lecture and proposals
- composition of the committee after the elections
- questions.

Speech of the president

Siegfried Jäger thanked for the given time to talk and presented the main activities during the first society working period. He stated that during the reporting period, all planned activities have been implemented. The big part of the planned activities was accomplished by the working groups. He focused his attention to the Quality Control group's (Carmen Galan, Giuseppe Frenguelli, Regula Gehrig, Michel Thibaudon, Uwe Berger, Matt Smith) efforts for the preparation of minimum requirements for sampling and analysis, reading slides (intra- and inter-laboratory tests) and data consistency check-up in the EAN database. He thanked the Education group (Giuseppe Frenguelli, Rui Brandao, Branko Sikoparija) and Janne Sommer for a well-organised Basic Course in Denmark. As well, he informed about the creation of the IT

group works on Patient's Hay fever Diary (PHD) and thresholds measurements. The creation, development and maintenance of the EAS homepage by Sevcan Celenk was evaluated as appropriate. He concluded that problems with dual memberships of IAA and EAS concerning payment and free online access to AEROBIOLOGIA are still unresolved.

Speech of secretary

Michel Thibaudon focused attention on working group activities regarding European Legislation (Mikhail Sofiev, Michel Thibaudon, Chantal Dechamp, Despoina Vokou). He indicated a big gap in airborne biological particles legislation. No legislation about pollen survey exist in Spain, Turkey, Austria, Belgium, Macedonia, Finland, Portugal, Germany, Hungary, Island, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Ukrainian, Slovenia, Switzerland, UK, Russia. Only Belarus has special documents on protection of the atmospheric air from pollen. Since July 2010 a new environment code was expected in France but no application is submitted yet.

Normalisation was established in Italy (UNI 11180-2004), Germany (VDI 4330 (OGM pollen)) and is in progress in France and Spain. The activities on formation of the documents on ragweed management are resolved in Switzerland, and are in progress in France.

Working groups

Carmen Galan presented activities of the QC group (C. Galán, G. Frenguelli, R. Gehrig, A.M. Pessi, C. Rogers, M. Saar, M. Smith, D. Zühlke). Information about group activities is being periodically published in IAA newsletter (issues 67-69, 72, 73). QC group prepared the minimum requirements and organized an external Quality Control survey. All the Network coordinators were asked to participate but only 17 (from Austria, Croatia, Poland, Serbia, Ukraine, Finland, Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Turkey) countries participated. Two slides with moderate values have been supplied to the participating sites. The Medical University of Vienna presented two slides, one containing birch and one containing grass pollen to sites in Northern Europe. The University of Córdoba presented two slides, one containing olive and one containing grass pollen to sites in Southern Europe. The results of analysed slides were presented to participants. Carmen Galan invited to continue the discussion on QC and made a suggestion to publish obtained data. The chairman Michel Thibaudon supported this idea and encouraged other countries to take part in QC.

Sevcan Celenk presented how often and what articles were published on the web page of the European Aerobiology Society (<http://eas.polleninfo.org/>). She noted that the European project and the Mission statement are the most visited pages. She made access to EAS on Facebook. In the middle of August the web page was registered on Google analytics.

Speech of treasurer

The EAS treasurer Uwe Berger was absent therefore the chairman asked Siegfried Jäger to present the financial part of EAS. The EAS financial statement of the period starting from the end of 2010 till 2012-08-12 was positive:

Income	712,91 €
Expenses (bank fees)	346,43 €
Profit	366,48 €

The main discussion points included the problem with combined fees of IAA and EAS, the Aerobiologia access codes and the payment procedure of IAA fees.

Next basic course and ESA symposium

Viktorija Rodnikova returned to her proposal that was made during the EAS Committee meeting in Vienna, September 19th, 2010. She offered to hold the 11th European Course on Basic Aerobiology in Vinnytsya, Ukraine in 2013. Vinnytsya National Pirogov Memorial Medical University is considered to be one of the best in Ukraine for training in medicine. The university has a new building and a fully refurbished old one with large auditoria and a few small laboratories. The web page where the information can be found is <http://11bca.vnmu.vn.ua>. Lecturers that are leading European experts in aerobiology will cover their main topic areas: Aerodynamics and dispersal of airborne particles, Sampling technologies of bioaerosols and aeroallergens, Pollen biology, structure, function, morphology, Fungal spores: production and release, Microscopic techniques in aerobiology, Statistical techniques applied to aerobiology, Plant taxonomy and identification, The European Pollen Information system (databases and software) and the European Allergen Network, Quality control in Aerobiological Analysis.

The chairmen asked participants to give ideas where the Basic Aerobiology course could be held in 2015, as well as, when and where the Advanced course will be held.

Michel Thibaudon mentioned that RNSA, AFEDA and Claude Bernard Lyon 1 University welcome all for the 6th European Symposium on Aerobiology of the European Aerobiology Society in Lyon in 13-16 July, 2016. The main points of the program will include: the Aerobiology session – monitoring, modelling forecasting, Botany, Phenology, Melissopalynology, Agriculture, Ragweed day in partnership with IRS (International Ragweed Society), Fungal spores (outdoor, indoor), Pollen and moulds allergy, diagnostic, prevention, therapy, Climate change, Environmental studies – air pollutants, meteorology and etc. interesting places in Lyon were presented as well.

Voting	Against	0
	Abstention	0
	Approved	40

Next committee meeting will be held in Sydney in 2014 during the 10th International Congress on Aerobiology. 4th General Assembly of EAS will be held in Lyon in 2016 during the 6th European Symposium on Aerobiology.

Statute lecture and proposals

Due to the statute was prepared for the EAS foundation there is a need to make some corrections. Michel Thibaudon asked Bernard Clod to write the necessary changes in the

statute and participants were invited to discuss every paragraph. The statute with marked changes is attached to these minutes.

- Changes in the paragraphs 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17 were accepted without any comments.
- In paragraph No. 12 the maximum number of 15 persons of EC members was indicated. Despoina Vokou wondered about the possibility to return to the EC for a second turn after 4 years of absences in the EC. The opportunity was accepted.
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The assembly chairman asked how the participants would like to vote for the offered changes. Consensus was reached that there is no point to send corrected documents to every participant and wait for another three months.

No one from the participants was against or abstained because of the changes therefore the Modifications of the statutes were approved.

Composition of the committee after the elections

Michel Thibaudon presented the new EAS Executive Committee Members (elected by e-mails) in the alphabetical order: R. Albertini, U. Berger, R. Brandao, S. Celenk, L. De Weger, G. Frenguelli, C. Galan, R. Gehrig, V. Rodinkova, I. Sauliene, E. Severova, B. Sikoparija, M. Smith, J. Sommer, M. Thibaudon.

New Board of EAS elected during the EC meeting 3rd September, 2012:

President:	Michel Thibaudon
Vice-President:	Regula Gehrig
General Secretary:	Ingrida Sauliene
Treasurer:	Uwe Berger/Rui Brandao
Webmaster:	Sevcan Celenk
Auditor	Mikhail Sofijev

The honourous members elected during the EC meeting 3rd September, 2012 were announced:

Professor Jean Emberlin, University of Worcester, United Kingdom

Professor Siegfried Jäger, HNO Klinik, Austria

Senior researcher Paolo Mandrioli, Institute of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Italy

Professor Frits Spijksma, University Hospital in Leiden, Netherlands

Questions

Carmen Galan asked if it is possible to make a change in the QC working group, suggesting Matt Smith to be the leader of the QC group. Sevcan Celenk expressed an interest to participate in this QC working group. Bernard Clot informed that it is possible to join the WG any time and it is not a point of General Assembly.

Letty De Weger expressed the interested in what the IT WG does. Siegfried Jäger answered that IT WG activities are focused on Pollen Information Diary and computing.

Chairman of the General Assembly thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

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The Chairman
Michel Thibaudon

General Secretary
Ingrida Šaulienė

Annex list of participants, statute with changes