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Number of presents: 38 persons

Agenda:

- Speech of president
- Speech of secretary
- Speech of treasurer
- Quality control
- Webpage (status and further development)
- Education (next basic course)
- Questions.

Welcome from the President Siegfried Jaeger:

- From March 2009 to September 2010 no major activities have been carried out by EAS, due to the big amount of work in the different working groups as we will see later, and the large efforts on threshold with the Cost ES0603 action.
- The EAS web pages are on hand but are note fully satisfactory Sevcan Celenk needs your contributions.
- The number of members is not sufficient, and it is a fact we need nearly one year to solve the problem of transfer of the bank account from Switzerland to Austria. Now it is right and all subscription may be done without any difficulty.
- A few discussions about the status of the data. J.Buters thinks that it will be necessary to have two different fares: one academic price and one private price.
- A WG will be created on this subject coordinate by Uwe Berger with Sevcan Celenk, Jeroen Buters and Aslög Dahl.



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<u>The general secretary</u> wants to thank all members who were in Buenos Aires for a constructive meeting, the minutes were send to all participants and are on the EAS website. The different website addresses are still paid by RNSA for the next two years. The secretary will send a letter to all the representative persons of national society of aerobiology and/or allergy to ask them to become member of EAS.

<u>The treasurer</u> presents a document regarding all membership fees (29 individual members and 2 societies). There are no expenses, EAS has still not paid IAA for common fees and has also to pay the company responsible for programming the web pages.

Many comments about the economical relationship with IAA. Three solutions are in discussion and we ask Guiseppe Franguelli, who is the new president of IAA (congratulations), to make out with the board of IAA, what is their choice:

- EAS continue to call the fees for EAS, IAA and Aerobiologia as it was in the statutes of our association. The problem is that a couple of national societies prefer to pay IAA and don't pay EAS,
- Fees for EAS and IAA are completely separated. It is not a good solution because both societies should stand close together.
- IAA collects the fees for IAA, Aerobiologia and EAS. The fees will be collected taking into account the bank transfer cost. This option must be accepted by IAA, and we will have to define the periodicity of the fees.

One major problem for IAA and EAS, is that many organisation units are in crisis and don't want to pay two different associations. We must explain what the advantages to pay fees for the two associations is. M.Thibaudon thinks that for courses and for congresses, we must have some different fares: local fares, IAA or EAS fares and not IAA or EAS fares. In this last case, the sub cost must be superior of the EAS/IAA fares + fees.

It is important to do this soon if we want to increase the number of members.

Working Group Quality Control (Carmen Galan)

Presentation of the work done during the last 18 months, including the results and further guideline presented at the WP meeting in November 2009 in Perugia, of the recommendations which are on the IAA newsletter and on the EAS website. Siegfried Jaeger insist on the necessity to add the the data in the QC, Uwe Berger will be in charge of this aspect.

Necessity to organize the ring test inter countries as in Spain, Italy, Switzerland and France. In the next "Basic Courses", there is a necessity to propose a practical session for the use of the EAN database.

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Working Group Web pages (Sevcan Celenk)

After a check of all content that is online we thought we must give to each topic an optimum of information. We must also pay the web company for expand the content of EAS web pages. Sevcan Celenk want ton produce on the webpage for the EAS members only a "Trombinoscope", that means a page with for each member its photo, mail address and some personal information he agree. Carmen Galan wants also to produce a lexicon.

Working Group on regulatory (Michel Thibaudon)

MT informs the assembly on the fact that in France, since 2010 July 12th, the biological particles are added in the French law, that means that the survey must be made. But there is still a long way to define some standard and thresholds! It would be helpful if two or three other European countries may have a role of vanguards for defining legal suggestions for pollen and moulds survey with the goal of threshold definitions, to propose a European legislation.

Siegfried Jaeger shows us the possibilities which are done with the PHD to obtain some correlation between symptoms and pollen contents.

Working Group on basic course (Guiseppe Franguelli)

There are two proposals:

- Proposal for Denmark by Jane Sommer: nice proposal, the date must be July 11-24th,
- Proposal for Ukraine by Victoria Rodinkova in Vinnitsa in August.

The members of the WG want to decide in a few weeks. They think that we have to discuss about a classic basic course and perhaps a continue formation course with more different pollens, database, moulds and some different aspect in aerobiology.

Giuseppe Franguelli will send them the different specifications and will be happy to receive the new proposal very soon.

Demission of Bernard Clot solely as committee member. At the time of EAS constitution, Bernard explained us that he accepts to be on committee member on the first committee but he will send his demission in 2010. Siegfried Jaeger informs the members that he has the candidature of Roberto Albertini.

He is elected at the unanimity. Welcome!

Michel Thibaudon Secretary General Siegfried Jäger President