



Minutes of the 5th General Assembly

22 July 2016, Lyon (France)

Attendances: 33 members
Chairperson: Michel Thibaudon
Secretary: Ingrida Šaulienė

AGENDA

09:00 - 09:05	Opening and general information
09:05 – 09:15	Speech of EAS President
09:15 – 09:25	Amendments of EAS Statute
09:25 – 09:45	Presentations of working groups
09:45 – 10:00	EAS-EAN cooperation and management
10:00 – 10:20	Proposals to next basic/advanced course on aerobiology, and next ESA
10:20 – 10:25	Announcement of new composition of the EAS committee and the board.
10:25 – 10:30	Miscellaneous

Opening and Speech of the President:

Michel Thibaudon welcomed the Assembly and expressed his satisfaction that the EAS community works actively especially in the several working groups:

- On quality control
- On the European Legislation resulting in a working group within the CEN that created a Technical Sheet
- Working groups on the Basic Course (EAS) and the Advanced Course (IAA)

One negative point: there has not been a call for fees during 2013-14 and 2015-16

Amendments of the statutes:

- Article 12 addition: the past president is ex-officio member of the committee for the next 4 years.

Accepted

- Skip Articles 13: no use of auditors

Denied: Articles 13: Auditors will stay in the statutes

Presentation of the Working Groups by Carmen Galan

Several tasks have been performed, like the minimal requirements for pollen monitoring (published in *Aerobiologia* (2014) 30:385) and a second Quality Control exercise on Ambrosia recognition, coordinated by Branko Sikoparija (under review *Aerobiologia*).

New tasks to be implemented: minimum requirements for counting fungal spores, carry out a 3rd External Exercise of staff involved in fungal spores counting from various national networks in order to examine between analysts reproducibility and to publish these results. New task that may be

implemented are (1) to carry out QC External Exercise for identification and counting (2) Quality control in education: survey for students and teachers. Furthermore a proposal was shown to unify some of the terminology that is being used within aerobiology. This could be a subject for a new Working group.

EAS finances by the Treasurer (Regula Gehrig)

Regula gives an overview of the finances in the period 2015-2016. Currently there are 67 individual members, 8 retired/student members and 5 societies are registered. In February 2016 when Regula took over the treasury from Uwe Berger the bank account had not changed since the last General assembly (10 Nov 2014).

February 2016 EUR 2863.98

Membership dues EUR 1814.40

Balance June 2016 EUR 4678.30

Expenses include the contribution the EAS grants (EUR 2550,=) which results in a final balance of EUR 2128.30

Currently the dues of IAA and EAS are combined. With the membership of IAA the code for Aerobiologia is included. Among the members present approx. 10 used the code. It was proposed during the IAA meeting to split the fees, resulting in $2 \times \text{€}20 = \text{€}40$ for 2 years for EAS membership alone. This proposal was approved.

Regula reports on the collaboration between EAN and EAS. EPI Ltd was closed down by Uwe Berger in nov 2015. In November 2014 an advisory board was founded with EAS EAN board: Roberto Albertini, Carmen Galan, Regula Gehrig, Michel Thibaudon, Uwe Berger, Mikhail Sofiev, Karl-Christian Bergmann, Ondřej Rybníček as members. In June 2016 the members received a proposition for the statues for an Association to be founded to which the data providers will be all members. Uwe wants to complete these statues by the September. Since the Advisory board can comments on the Statues Regula asks to send in suggestions and items that are relevant for the data providers before the end of August.

Next Basic Course

Aslóg Dahl gave an overview of the possibilities for giving the next Basic Course in Bohuslän in Sweden. The possible location is Kristineberg Research Station 120 km North of Gothenburg. Besides learning to recognize 30 pollen types and 12 fungal species, the course includes lectures on determinants of the pollen season, origin and fate of aerosols, pollen allergy, working with aerosol data (statistics and GIS), aerobiology and plant pathology. Possible date 25-31 July 2017.

This proposal was approved.

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There were two candidates: Viktoria Rodinkova made a proposition to have the next ESA in Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine. Carmen Galan made a proposal for the University of Cordoba in Spain. By voting the majority chose for Cordoba.

EAS committee and EAS Board

The 15 delegates for the EAS committee that were chosen by electronic election were approved. Finally the new board of the EAS was elected: Ingrida Šaulienė for President; Jordina Belmonte for Vice-president; Regula Gehrig for Treasurer; Letty de Weger for Secretary General; Gilles Olivier for Webmaster and as auditors Bernard Clot and Sevcan Celenk were appointed.

Question from audience

Finally Dorota Myszkowska asked whether the EAS could help to create a certificate for good aerobiological measurements for laboratories.

Michel Thibaudon thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Chairman / President

Secretary General

Michel Thibaudon

Ingrida Šaulienė