

## Minutes of the EAS General Assembly – Online November 19th, 2020

*Present: 63 members*

- Ingrida opens the meeting
- The agenda was slightly amended and subsequently accepted
- Ingrida gave an overview of the activities of the EAS in the past 2 years
- Regula gave a financial overview: the projected bank balance after the symposium will be €5026,52. The report sent by the auditors (Sevcan Celenk and Bernard Clot) showing their approval was read and both, the overview and the report were accepted by the General Assembly.  
The new membership payment procedure will be by bank transfer. Details will be presented on the EAS website.
- Leaders of the EAS Working groups gave an overview of their activities
  1. *Working group Quality control - Branko Sikoparija:*
    - i. *Exercise with fungal spores (Carmen Galan, submitted the paper to Aerobiologia); quality control using virtual slides (Smith & Sikoparija in Grana); active in other research programmes: COST ADOPT, EUMetNet Autopollen, CMA23-WP5; discussions with Jordina on the possibility for certificates for Aerobiological Laboratories.*
  2. *Working group Education - Giuseppe Frenquelli*
    - i. *2 basic courses: BCS2017 in Fiskebäckskil, Sweden (Aslog Dahl) with 15 participants; BCA2019 in Lyon, France (RNSA)) with 21 participants; 2 grants selected for the advanced Course in Payerne. Nicolas Bruffaerts will organize next Basic course 2021 in Brussels.*
  3. *Working group Legislation - Michel Thibaudon:*
    4. *The Working Group for European Legislation of EAS follows the evolution of the different legislations on biological air quality and allergies known from different countries. Up to now we stayed in touch with EFA (European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patient's Associations) about the pollen topic. There has been a discussion about some evolution of the regulation in France for allergy and aerobiology, EFA and EAS added the necessity to try to have an European legislation during the meeting of the IG "Asthma and allergy" which was organized at the European parliament on April 19th 2017.  
The main points were:– Legislation for airborne biological particles in Ireland– New Health Law in France in 2016 with integration of biological particles in the airborne pollution Survey.– Some letters with EC about the urban plants which may be considered as anthropic so, possibly pollutant.– General assembly of EFA in Florence 2017 May 22nd.– Opportunity with some task in WHO. – Seize the opportunity of renewing the European directive on air quality in 2019; no result. s-Proposal for a legislation in Germany presenting the French model to the German Environment Agency with the report intitled: Perspectives for a nationwide pollen monitoring in Germany. The German interdisciplinary working group "National Pollen Monitoring" Berlin, Germany. -In the*

*beginning of September 2020, a new French legislation about the necessity of information of the public before to buy in a shop or in the web about the risk of toxicity or allergy due to some species.*

5. Working group European Symposium - Carmen Galan
  - i. Expresses her thanks to all active colleagues who helped in the organisation of this ESA2020. She mentions that in this ESA there is a high percentage of young researchers and very active and interesting discussions. She is happy to see the active participation of the whole "EAS family".
6. Nicolas Bruffaerts presents the location of Brussels for the next Basic course **5-9 July 2021**. There will be soon a website with all the information. Please all, pass this information to students that can attend this course!
7. There was an amendment in the Statutes of the EAS concerning the treasurer. It is recommended to have the treasurer stay for more than two consecutive terms since this function is connected to the bank account. After a small change proposed by Bernard Clot the amendment accepted (47 votes, 100% approved).
8. During an online election procedure performed in the beginning of 2020, 75% of all members voted for the composition of a new EAS committee. This new committee consists of: Jordina Belmonte, Maira Bonini, Nicolas Bruffaerts, Athanasios Damialis, Björn Gedda, Regula Gehrig, Agnieszka Grinn-Gofroń, Susanne Jochner-Oette, José María Maya-Manzano, Gilles Oliver, José Oteros, Rosa Pérez Badía, Helena Ribeiro, Carsten Ambelas Skjøth, Laura Šukienė. This new committee was approved by the GA (47 votes 100% of the vote approved).
9. New auditors for the next 2 years are nominated: Poliana Leru and Branko Sikoparija. Both auditors are accepted (47 votes 100% and 98% respectively)
10. Ingrida announced the nomination of two honorary members for their outstanding efforts for Aerobiology: Carmen Galan and Michel Thibaudon. Ingrida expressed the gratitude of the EAS community for their hard work in science, for EAS and to improve the relevance of Aerobiology at governmental levels. Also, some members had warm words for the two nominees. The nomination was approved by the GA (47 votes, 100 and 98%).
11. Elsa Caeiro (University of Evora) and Lukash Grewling (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland) presented their proposals to organize the basic course in 2023 and in 2025, respectively. Both proposals were accepted (47 votes, 98%).
12. Laura Šukienė presented the bid to organize the ESA 2024 in Vilnius in Lithuania. Some members heartily supported the nomination for Vilnius after which the nomination was accepted (47 votes, 100%)
13. Ingrida expressed her gratitude to by naming all EAS board members and working group members for the nice collaborations in the past 4 years and Carmen Galan and her team for this great ESA2020. Finally, she mentioned that tomorrow the prize for best poster and best presentation with a €200, = award will be announced.
14. Ingrida closes the meeting.