

Minutes

General Assembly

23 March 2007

16:00-17:00

Board Attendees:

Thoft Jensen	Bente
Slappendel	Patricia
Geng	Veronika

Marley	Jerome
Pieters	Ronny
Lindström	Ulla

		Actions
16:00	Welcome by the chair	
	Ronny Pieters welcomes the attending members (17) and the board	
16:05	Installation of chair	
	<p>Ronny Pieters introduces Bente Thoft Jensen, the new chair of the EAUN, to the members. Nobody objects to her appointment. Bente Thoft now takes over the lectern. Other changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerome Marley has resigned and is thanked for his valuable work for the EAUN from the start. • This year Ulla Lindström (SE), Veronika Geng (DE) and Patricia Slappendel (NL) have joined the board. • Karen Willoughby has changed to a different position outside the EAUN. <p>The EAUN is pleased with the support of Prof. Tarik Esen, chairman of the EAU Professions Allied to Urology Office. More support from the members and the sponsors could further the development of the association.</p>	
16:10	Achievements 2006/2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsoring: there is a positive development in the support from sponsors and the members are invited to inform the board or contact the EAUN by e-mail if they have ideas on possible sponsoring. • Membership: the membership has increased with 39. In many countries we want to grow stronger. • Awards: this year the number of submitted abstracts was not higher, but the quality was: more relevance to nursing, more original topics and better presentations. 	
16:20	Goals 2007/2008	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines: Evidence based is not always possible. We will then base the good practices on empirical evidence. We need colleagues in the field to help with this. Members can join a workgroup. The next booklets are about Male External Catheters and about Incontinence Materials. • Bylaws: Adapting the bylaws is a challenge for the coming time. There was dispute about this in our last General Assembly (GA). We have to act according to the bylaws and adapt them to the current situation. • Abstracts: This year the submitter had an option for poster or oral on submitting on the website. This will remain, but the board will not change this option when judging the abstracts submitted for Milan, because it appeared to be unacceptable for our members. • Position EAUN: We have financial and administrative assistance from the EAU and have not reached the point of being selfsupporting or independent. The EAUN is thankful of the support of Hanneke Lurvink at the EAU central office and the financial support of the EAU. The EAUN Board is confident of the support of the members in future. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with chairs National Nurses Societies: We have organised a meeting in Berlin to be able to exchange knowledge and expectations and become a more useful organisation. • Membership: The advantages of membership were shown on a slide. • Masterplan: We plan to make a masterplan including a new strategy (to recruit more members and sponsors), promotion, more membership advantages and sponsoring options as well as new guidelines and more exchange with National Societies. • Growth targets: We will set targets to have something to navigate for. • Scientific sessions: we plan to include team-work lectures in our programme in Milan, held by a team of a urologist and a nurse from the same urology dept.. 	
16:40	Questionnaire: the chair calls for ideas on topics for the next congress. They can be filled in on the questionnaire.	
16:50	Any other business	
	<p>There are a few comments from the audience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The speaker thinks the EAUN is going in the right direction. Also she thinks that the information of the EAUN is too difficult to find on the website. 2. Mrs. Chr. Groulard from France feels this was a very good congress. She believes it is important to share experiences from our work and thinks it would be a good idea to cooperate with the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) in working towards evidence based guidelines. 2. The chair of the Turkish Association on Urology Nurses, Mrs. N. Kanan, is eager to work together and her association is strongly supporting the EAUN. 3. Dr. Kaufmann has informed our chair that the German nurses now get a special training in incontinence for which they earn a degree. 4. Some members do not receive European Urology Today. They are strongly advised to make sure the EAU membership department has their correct postal address. 	

