

# Minutes

## General Assembly

### 28 March 2008

#### 16:00-17:00


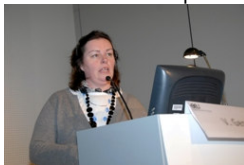
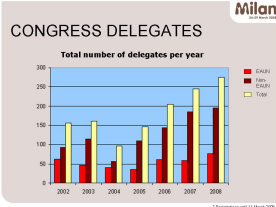
### Board Attendees:


Jensen	<b>Bente Thoft</b>
Slappendel	<b>Patricia</b>
Geng	<b>Veronika</b>

*Chair*

Fitzpatrick	<b>Kate</b>
Pieters	<b>Ronny</b>
Christiansen	<b>Tina</b>
Lurvink	Hanneke

*Minutes*

		Decisions
	<b>Welcome by the chair</b>	
<p>Bente Thoft Jensen presenting</p> 	Bente Thoft Jensen welcomes the attending members (16) and the board.	
	<b>Installation of new member</b>	
<p>Kate Fitzpatrick</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kate Fitzpatrick, Ireland is accepted by the EAUN members present to the EAUN board in a vote</li> <li>Klaus Dieter Plothe, Germany, has left the Board</li> <li>Ulla Lindström, Sweden, is on temporary leave.</li> <li>Tina Christiansen, Sweden, is a new temporary board member</li> </ul>	ACCEPTED
	<b>Minutes General Assembly 2007</b>	
	The minutes of last year's General Assembly were accepted	ACCEPTED
	<b>Achievements 2007/2008</b>	
	<p>The chair showed a PowerPoint including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Membership:</b> the membership has increased with 66 members! In many countries we still want to grow stronger.</li> <li><b>Geographic spread:</b> Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands and United Kingdom are best represented</li> <li><b>Congress delegates:</b> the number is clearly growing</li> <li><b>Bylaws:</b> they were adapted this year and the members are asked to vote: they approve the bylaws</li> <li><b>Contact with other associations improved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First meeting with European National Urological Nurses Societies in Berlin will be repeated in Milan</li> <li>First meeting with the Global Alliance of Urology Nurses (<a href="http://www.thegaun.org">www.thegaun.org</a>) took place last September in the USA.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Fellowship:</b> New hosting hospitals in London and Amsterdam were added to the programme.</li> <li><b>Sponsoring:</b> We found 2 new sponsors, but the total amount of sponsoring did not increase, although we tried hard to achieve this.</li> <li><b>Mobile booth:</b> The booth was used at conferences in Ireland, Denmark, Holland and Belgium this year and can also be used by members at a National congress to promote EAUN.</li> </ul>	ACCEPTED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research plan competition:</b> A prize of € 2,500 was awarded to the best plan. The chair stresses how important it is to share your experience in research with others.</li> <li>• A lot of <b>support</b> was received this year from the EAU and de urologists</li> </ul>	
<b>Goals 2008/2009</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guidelines:</b> This year in Milan “The Male External Catheter” booklet was introduced, members will receive this after the congress. More booklets will be produced in the coming years in cooperation with members.</li> <li>• <b>Abstracts:</b> EAUN wants to increase the number of submitted abstracts.</li> <li>• <b>Research Plans session:</b> This session will be improved in the coming year.</li> <li>• <b>Position EAUN:</b> We have financial and administrative assistance from the EAU and have not reached the point of being self supporting 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.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting with chairs National Nurses Societies:</b> We have organised a meeting in Milan to be able to exchange knowledge and expectations and become a more useful organisation. All representatives are welcome.</li> <li>• <b>Membership:</b> We intend to increase the membership, higher membership will also lead to higher sponsorship and therefore to more means to be of service to the members</li> <li>• <b>Master plan:</b> We have made a master plan 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.</li> <li>• <b>Growth targets:</b> We will set targets to have something to navigate for.</li> <li>• <b>Scientific sessions:</b> we managed 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.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Call for ideas:</b> The chair calls for ideas on topics for the next congress. They can be sent to EAUN by e-mail (<a href="mailto:eaun@uroweb.org">eaun@uroweb.org</a>)</p> <p>Also for the BAUN in November the EAUN is invited to present and the chair welcomes suggestions from the members on what to present.</p>	

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	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>There were comments from the audience about the organisation: on arrival in the congress centre it was not clear <b>where the nurses' meeting room was</b>. It was explained this was a mistake during the production of the EAU programme book. It was overlooked how important it was for nurses <i>and doctors</i> (as the audience commented) to have this information on arrival and later on. It was promised this will not happen again.</p> <p>Another point was the <b>admittance of doctors</b> in the nurses meeting room. This is not encouraged, because the size of the meeting room is tailored to the number of nurses that register, but it is considered very important by the participants.</p> <p>The organisation is asked to broaden the possibilities for doctors to join the nurses' sessions.</p>	
	<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	
	<p>The audience is kindly requested to mention the possibility of fellowship, research competition and abstract submission to colleagues.</p> <p>The chair closes the meeting with the remark that the EAUN Board feels this was a good congress and hope to see everyone again next year in Stockholm.</p>	

