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Minutes:

Place / Date	5 th ESMINT Congress 2013 – Acropolis Convention Centre, 5 September 2013, 18:30
Participants	Members
Excused	
Minutes	Mike Iliopoulos (MI)
Next GA	During the 6 th ESMINT Congress 2014

Topic	Action
1 Introduction	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christophe Cognard (CC) welcomes all members. CC chairs the GA. 	
2 2012 General Assembly Minutes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC presents the 2012 GA Minutes which are available for all members on the ESMINT website. • Minutes are accepted by the GA. 	
3 General Secretary's Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Istvan Szikora (IS) gives a summary of last year's Board and Committee activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At CC's initiation, the 1st ESMINT Seminar was organised in Budapest in Spring 2013. The seminar aim was to develop better communication models. • The website has been further developed. Members and participants of the Congress may view of it during the meeting and at the ESMINT booth. • The ESMINT Device Directory has been created; physicians can review and extract all device information and industry news. Six reviewers are exploring the directory. The directory is now working in a beta-version. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision to create new Executive Committees was taken; voting before the GA, with results presented later. • A stronger collaboration with EANS is initiated, which results in a joint meeting on Wednesday of EANS and ESMINT. • A Stroke task force is active and resulted in a review published in EJMINT. A proposal for the “ideal” RCT is in process as well as a possible ESMINT controlled RCT. 	
4	Treasurer’s Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel Wanke (IW) reports that the Financial Statement is administrated according to Swiss law and the numbers are in Swiss Francs. • IW presents the Balance Sheet of the Society with its assets and liabilities. The Society’s third fiscal year ends with a small debit. The revenues are already invested into projects like the eJournal EJMINT. • The GA approves the Financial Statement for fiscal year 2012. • The annual subscription for 2013/2014 remains unchanged at 50€. • IW encourages all to become members by joining online at www.esmint.eu. 	
5	President’s Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC reports on Society achievements. The overall intent is to have more people join the Society. • CC presents the Society’s future projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A long-term collaboration with EANS should be established with EANS-ESMINT joint meetings. • Collaboration with ESO, beginning with a joint Winter course. • An UEMS Training Charter should be agreed. The aim is to establish a 4-week course to cover all topics and to meet UEMS requirements. • A better way to evaluate new products should be established. 	

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6	<p>Proposal to amend the constitution</p> <p>A proposal by the ExBoard and ExCom is made to amend the Constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to establish the ESMINT Foundation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Byrne (JB) reports that the Society wants to create a Foundation with a mission: "to further the field of minimally invasive neurological therapy". • This topic has been discussed over the past 2-3 years. Not-for-profit-organisations who see donations from companies find it more convenient. The Society as well as the companies pay less tax. It also helps the companies to donate money (compliance reasons). • One of the problems is to ensure that the Foundation aims agree with and support Society aims. The Foundation has to protect Society funds, but should not control the Society; the Board should do that. • The proposal is to create a foundation with 6 Board members: 3 of them will be from ESMINT who have an active role there. Past Presidents may also be on the Board for continuity. The Foundation should be founded in Bern, Switzerland. • It is proposed that the GA gives power to the ESMINT board to establish the Foundation and take all necessary decisions to that end. • The proposal is accepted by the GA. • Proposal to establish new Executive Committees and Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LINNC Relations Committee • Eastern Countries Committee for INR development in Eastern Europe • Clinical Research Committee • New Product Introduction/Evaluation Committee • Ethis Committee • Electronic Media Committee • UEMS Committee
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8	Proposal for election of the Honorary Member for 2013 and 2014																																									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olof Flodmark has been proposed for 2013. Jacques Moret and Charles Kerber have been proposed for 2014. 																																									
9	Voting for the Honorary Member for 2013 and 2014																																									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed persons have been accepted as Honorary Member by the GA. The certificate for Olof Flodmark awarded during his speech on Friday. 																																									
10	Any Other Business																																									
	None																																									
	The GA ends 19:05.																																									

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Mike Niopoulos
Keeper, Minutes

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Christophe Cognard
President