



# ESMINT

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## Minutes of the ESMINT General Assembly 2019:

Place / Date	12 <sup>th</sup> ESMINT Congress 2020, via Zoom / 9 September 2019, 18.30 (CEST)
Participants	Members
Excused	
Minutes	Liz Derow (LD)
Next GA	During the 13 <sup>th</sup> ESMINT Congress 2020

Topic	Action
<b>1 Apologies for absence</b>	PB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	
<b>2 2019 General Assembly Minutes</b>	PB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PB indicates that the 2019 GA Minutes are available to all members on the ESMINT website.</li><li>• One member had not approved in the vote, but then expressed approval in the chat function of Zoom.</li><li>• The minutes are accepted by the GA.</li></ul>	
<b>3 Treasurer's Report</b>	ZK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ZK presents the financial closing of the fiscal year 2019/2020 (01.07.19 – 30.06.20).</li><li>• The GA approves the Financial Statement for 07/2019 – 06/2020.</li></ul>	
<b>4 General Secretary's Report</b>	JF



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Jens Fiehler (JF) updates the members about activities of the Executive Committees of the past year:

- Rules Committee (Jan Gralla): no major activities – minor rules Q/A to the Committee
- Membership Committee (Anne Christine Januel):
  - Important to highlight membership benefits: access to a huge network, ESMINT webinars, JNIS, 50 euro discount for ESMINT Congress, create / participate in projects, new Ad hoc Committees (full members only), ESMINT@ Siilo
  - Proposals for new membership concepts (to be discussed), such as loyalty for long-term membership, 'propose a friend' and receive a reduction in membership fee, membership as a 'reward'
  - How to keep our members happy? Everyone is encouraged to offer feedback
- Education Committee (Shelley Renowden):
  - Report for 2019/2020
  - ECMINT 3rd cycle, 100+ delegates (with additional waiting list)
    - 3.4 June 2020 cancellation (COVID)
    - 3.4 Virtual delivery in preparation for December 2020
    - Course feedback – very positive, appreciative, and complimentary
    - Ortrac/Orzone – working on an APP
  - Continued important interaction with the Examination Committee
- Examination Committee (Tommy Andersson, with Matthias Gawlitz, Pasquale Mordasini):
  - Planning and execution of ECMINT and EXMINT 2019 Diploma Examinations
  - Helping with course examinations in Oxford and Prague
  - Close collaboration with Orzone – development and implementation of examination tools and systems
- Guidelines Committee (Phil White):
  - COVID-19 – led by Mo Aggour, published JNIS April 7th
  - **FD** – PICOs under development, 6 volunteers to be PICO leads, Deputy Chair Francis T, PW left as chair (no volunteers), 12 other volunteers (2 SNIS), Delayed by COVID-19 & still pending approval of extra funding required
  - **Core lab** position statement/guideline – under development
  - **Other** Planned/pending projects: Liaison with SNIS via Standards Chair & President – mutual co-authorship by co-option of 1-2 members from each organisation onto working groups/manuscripts. Agreed
  - **European Training Requirements in INR:** Agreement on joint



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	<p>UEMS/ESMINT/ESNR Standards for (Szikora lead – supported Brouwer/White/Cognard) - simultaneous publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Thrombectomy in AIS:</b> Feedback/revision of manuscripts for joint ESO/ESMINT Support of other subcommittees as required</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Research Committee (Francis Turjman):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Evaluation of the response to various therapeutic approaches in the management of vertebro-basilar dolichoectasia <b> EVAL-VBD</b> Retrospective, multi-centre registry, no formal sponsor, coordinated by ESMINT, e-CRF, data base self-funded in France, 10/15 centres in Europe, 5-10 centers in North America, others: FOR, Lyon, Buffalo, Bern (J. Gralla), Hamburg willing to participate, supported by SFNR, Number of patients: Target 200</li><li>○ Proposal for mono APT and flow diverter implantation</li></ul></li><li>● New Product Committee (Christian Taschner):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Established an ESMINT quality label for clinical trials and defined a process for ESMINT trial endorsement</li><li>○ Reviewed various study protocols for ESMINT trial endorsement</li><li>○ Organized a session on the European commission Medical Device Directive (MDD) at the 2019 ESMINT congress</li><li>○ Appointed member of European Commission expert panel for the revised MDD CE mark certification process for medical devices (Expamed)</li></ul></li><li>● Eastern European Committee (Stefanita Dima):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ EastMINT Project – together with Jens Fiehler and Istvan Szikora</li><li>○ As of 1st August we have 2 centers from Bucarest, Romania connected with Hamburg, Germany for live remote proctoring for the stroke cases</li><li>○ A 3rd one from Targu Mures, Romania will be connected with Budapest, Hungary at the end of this year</li><li>○ Will continue with others from the East Europe INR Centers</li></ul></li><li>● Professional Liaison Committee (Saleh Lamin):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ New vision and plans for combined funding the educational activities (support for ECMINT + EXMINT, altogether 4 courses/year). There will be a platinum, gold, silver, bronze &amp; supporter level</li><li>○ During the ESMINT congress 2019 a meeting occurred on the Friday labelled 'industry asks ESMINT": during this meeting our industry partners were encouraged to engage and ask questions and seek clarifications from the Board</li><li>○ During the WFITN meeting in Naples, the Chair of the Professional Liaison Committee met with several industry representative and reiterated the concept</li><li>○ On Monday the 27th of April 2020, a virtual meeting was conducted with industry to discuss the potential virtual format of the ESMINT Congress; the Board encouraged industry to engage in ideas on how make this possible and successful</li></ul></li></ul>	
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- UEMS (Alessandra Biondi):
  - Online meeting of the Division of Neuroradiology, held on March 12, 2020
  - Recent survey with Division of Neuroradiology and dedicated to Interventional Neuroradiology in Europe (which was helpful for the preparation of the *Training Curriculum in Interventional Neuroradiology* – the latter published in Neuroradiology and JNIS) ; an additional paper published in Insights into Imaging: Neuroradiology training in EU: international survey of 31 countries within UEMS frame. 2nd survey launched in February 2019 by the Section to investigate the evolving situation of CME-CPD in Europe
  - Upcoming elections for the UEMS Division of Neuroradiology in October 2020 (President, Secretary General and Treasurer for 2020-2024)
  - The next Meeting of the Division Delegates will be held online, on October 12th
- EXMINT (Antonin Krajina):
  - Very successful course: EXMINT 2.1 had 45 students and EXMINT 2.2 had 37
  - CIRSE will join the next edition; the goal is to double the number of participants
- Fellowship: (Luca Valvassori):
  - In 2019 there were 13 applicants for 4 fellowships
  - In 2020 16 applicants for 4 fellowships and 2 observerships – the observerships open to applicants from outside Europe
- EYMINT (Aymeric Rouchaud):
  - Aiming to get an EYMINT representative in each country
  - Dedicated EYMINT space in ESMINT@Siilo app
  - EYMINT sessions at 2019 and 2020 Congresses
  - E-fellowship: 32 applicants for the 7 mentors
  - Ideas for the future: webinars with mid-level INR specialists; technology overview; create a collaborative research network; create a forum to guide EYMIT members in their research
- Electronic Media Committee (Jan-Hendrik Buhk with Marios Psychogios, Michael Schönfeld):
  - New website live in 2019, and improvements in social media
  - ESMINT webinars and Industry-sponsored webinars are growing
  - ESMINT@Siilo, secure medical messaging app now live
  - Research into ESMINT app
- Congress Relations (Wim van Zwam with J. Boogaerts - Interventional NS, M. Uyttenboogaart - Interventional NL):
  - Tasked with endorsing events and now able to do so autonomously



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current issue: a decision on ESMINT positioning with regard to 'live case congresses'</li> <li>● Neurosurgery Committee (Andreas Gruber):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Long-term collaborations with the EANS, this year the first joint scientific session with submitted abstracts at the EANS Vascular Section meeting the day before ESMINT Congress, which was very successful</li> <li>○ Joint author on behalf of the EANS: <i>"Interdisciplinary approach to acute ischemic stroke: Training requirements for interventional cardiologists in endovascular stroke treatment"</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Board have created a new ad-hoc committee 'AI &amp; Robotics', chaired by Kamil Zelenak, whose expected role is to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establish with physicians how to use AI in acute stroke (INR) patients</li> <li>○ Prepare a document/memorandum supporting the use of AI</li> <li>○ Create grants for AI applications for ESMINT members</li> <li>○ Support establishment of networks for hospitals / according to funding possibilities of ESMINT Society</li> <li>○ Recommend payment by insurer for additional image reading</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Publication ExCom (Mohamed Aggour):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ESMINT's Award for Best European Publication in JNIS 2020: Dr Emma Griffin, Dublin</li> <li>○ ESMINT's Monthly Publication: a monthly publication on our website and through our email database for our members; will publish every trimester an <i>Editorial</i>, a <i>Debate</i> &amp; a <i>Basic Science Note</i>.</li> <li>○ Basics for EPMINT Project: cCreation of a platform to connect members of the society to propose and participate their research projects</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ETMINT (Adriaan van Es):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hosted the symposium for angiosuite personnel during the WFITN meeting in Naples, October 2019, which was very well attended</li> <li>○ The Chair within the ETMINT group is now Fabienne Menu, Reims</li> <li>○ For 2020 the group did not feel a virtual platform was appropriate for their meeting and will hold their next meeting during the ESMINT 2021 Congress in Nice</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>JF concluded that there were many possibilities but these are only possible with ambitious and committed Committee chairs, and that he was very proud to be part of this team.</p>	
5	<b>President's Report</b>	PB
	<p>Patrick Brouwer (PB) spoke briefly on ESMINT activities during the past year and looked back at his time with ESMINT as his Presidency comes to a close.</p> <p>He opened by expressing how the pandemic with the necessary increase in digital communication has undermined so much human connection. But despite the</p>	



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	<p>destruction brought by the pandemic, ESMINT has shown its resourcefulness in keeping connection flowing with four new initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1. The Siilo app</li><li>○ 2. COVID guidelines</li><li>○ 3. Virtual ESMINT Band with their project to underline the urgency of seeking urgent care for stroke</li><li>○ 4. The virtual Congress</li></ul> <p>He spoke about his own ESMINT history alongside the Society's history, and how the Society has grown and prospered in his 7 + years of involvement, and also praised the commitment and hard work of all the Society Officers – and the “ESMINT spirit”</p> <p>He expressed his gratitude to all those who had supported him in his Presidency, fellow ExBoard members, the ESMINT Office, all of the ExCom members, the Course Directors, the previous Congress presidents and particularly thanks to Wim van Zwam for this year; thanks also to J-HB, MA and AR for their brilliant ideas and initiatives, to Chloe Brown for her support of the Board and for translating insight into strategic plan, and to all his predecessors from whom he learned so much.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Results of the elections for the new Executive Board</b>	PB
	<p>PB presented the results of the ExBoard elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● President: Jens Fiehler Hamburg/DE</li><li>● General Secretary: Zsolt Kulcsar, Zurich/CH</li><li>● Treasurer: Anne Christine Januel, Toulouse/FR</li></ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Results of the elections for the new Executive Committee</b>	PB
	<p>The new President JF thanked PB, and outlined how the Society had grown immensely under his Presidency, notwithstanding the fact that there had been some very difficult times. He also underlined the high level of trust within the ExBoard which had been to the benefit of the Society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● JF then presented a group musical offering as a goodbye song to PB</li><li>● AvE presented the traditional past President's gavel and block to PB (in Haarlem)</li><li>● JF expressed what a positive sign it was to have had so many candidates for the positions. He urged those who had not been elected to be a part of a committee and that their help was urgently required to drive the Society forward</li><li>● JF then presented the General Assembly Election Results<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chair, Rules Committee: Jan Gralla, Bern/CH</li><li>○ Chair, Education Committee: Phil White, Newcastle/UK</li><li>○ Chair, Examination Committee: Matthias Gawlitza, Dresden/DE</li><li>○ Chair, Guidelines Committee: Wim van Zwam, Maastricht/NL</li></ul></li></ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chair, Research Committee: Aymeric Rouchaud, Limoges/FR</li><li>○ Chair, Membership Committee: Elisa Ciceri, Milan/IT</li><li>○ Chair, Multidisciplinary Committee: Laurent Spelle, Paris/FR</li><li>○ Chair, Professional Liaison Committee: Paolo Machi, Geneva/CH</li><li>○ Chair, UEMS Committee: Alessandra Biondi, Besançon/FR</li><li>○ Chair, Eastern Countries Com.: Vladimir Kalousek, Zagreb/HR</li><li>○ Chair, New Product Introduction/Evaluation Committee: Christian Taschner, Freiburg/DE</li><li>○ Chair, Ethics Committee: Kamil Zelenak, Martin/SK</li><li>○ Chair, Electronic Media Committee: Jan-Hendrik Buhk, Hamburg/DE</li><li>○ Chair, Publication Committee: Mohamed Aggour, Saint-Étienne/FR</li></ul> <p>JF expressed his happiness at having such a great team and many new additions, and once again urged all candidates in the elections to stay and get involved and help to drive the Society onwards.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Congress President 2021</b>	PB
	JF presented the election result: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Congress President 2021: Christian Taschner (Freiburg/DE)</li></ul>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Honorary Member 2021</b>	PB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dodi (Edoardo) Boccardi (Milan/IT) was proposed as an honorary member with the proviso that he is not an ESMINT member, nor indeed wanting to be the member of anything. JF introduced the formal live voting.</li><li>● The GA voted that Edoardo Boccardi should be an honorary member</li><li>● It is hoped he will accept</li></ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	The GA ended at 19:35.	

Liz Derow  
Keeper, Minutes

Jens Fiehler  
President