

European Forum for Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR)

Annual General Assembly (AGM)
Ljubljana, Slovenia (Online)

Friday 24th September 2021, 13:00 – 14:00 CEST

Minutes- Draft

Item	Topic
1	<p>Official opening of the EFRR Annual General Assembly (AGM)</p> <p>a. Election of the AGM 2021 Chairperson by EFRR Council. Outcome: President Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner was elected.</p> <p>b. Quorum of the meeting (51 participants) and confirmation of its legality (requirement: AGM has to be announced at least 4 months prior to the conference). The AGM was announced in March 2021. Outcome: the meeting was confirmed to be quorate and legal. [The online voting tool was subsequently tested by EFRR members and its function was found to be satisfactory].</p> <p>c. Approval of the AGM Agenda: Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 100% agreed▪ 0% against▪ 0% abstainedOutcome: the Agenda was approved.</p>
2.	<p>Elections (first step) of AGM officials: secretary; two examiners of the minutes; two vote counters, one scrutinizer of the vote counts. Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Secretary of the meeting: Frederike van Wijck▪ Two examiners of the minutes: Gülseren Akyüz, Matilde Leonardi▪ Two vote counters: Technical team in Ljubljana: Tina Kramberger and Gregor Rogač▪ One scrutinizer of the vote counts: Susanne Weinbrenner. <p>Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 98% agreed▪ 0% against▪ 2% abstainedOutcome: General Assembly officials (first step) elected according to the proposal.</p>
3	<p>Financial accounts and auditor report (EFRR Council and Treasurer)</p>

EFRR year 2019 financial report			
Account beginning of the year 2019			7 980,97
		costs	income
	bank fee	-73,70	
	web site host fee	-84,00	
	web site fee	-125,36	
	membership fees		4 620,00
Account end of the year 2019			12 317,91
6.8.2021			
Stefan Heiskanen			

EFRR year 2020 financial report			
Account beginning of the year 2020			12 317,91
		costs	income
	bank fee	-68,42	
	web site host fee	-84,00	
	web site fee	-18,60	
Account end of the year 2020			12 146,89
6.8.2021			
Stefan Heiskanen			


Revision of accounts of EFRR ry 2020

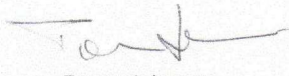
We have gone through the closing of accounts 2019 and 2020 of European Forum for Research in Rehabilitation, EFRR ry. The result of the closing of accounts 2019 is surplus +4336,94 € and 2020 is deficit -171,02 €. Objects in account are coexistent with source documents.

We recommend EFRR ry membership to discharge the EFRR ry administration from liability concerning finance 2019 and 2020.

Lahti 2nd August 2021

Kajaani 3d August 2021


Sirkku Lindstam
auditor


Tuomas Leinonen
auditor

Current account balance € 12.146,89

Vote:

- 93% agreed
- 0% against
- 7% abstained

Outcome: The financial accounts and Auditor report (2019-2020) were **approved**, thereby EFRR Council and Treasurer were **discharged from liability**.

- 4 a. **Annual report and action plan (2019-2020): Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner**
- Skype/Zoom conference on monthly basis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webpage update • EFRR Strategy and EFRR Action Points (on the website) • Support for other Rehabilitation Societies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cooperation with the Global Rehabilitation Alliance (GRA) – Memorandum of Agreement with Mediterranean Forum of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (MFPRM) • Data Protection Regulation Policy for EFRR Membership registry • EFRR supported first online conference ‘Rehabilitation research, practice and education in the era of COVID-19’, hosted by The Society for Research in Rehabilitation (SRR) with the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine (BSRM), the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists for People with Learning Disabilities (ACPPLD) 10-11 November 2020. <p>b. Action plan (2021-2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New website: https://www.efrr.org • Further networking and cooperation with other rehabilitation professional organizations and stakeholders • Support the WHO global strategy „Rehabilitation 2030 – a call for action“ to raise awareness and generate knowledge on rehabilitation in Europe • Develop an action plan aiming to add value of EFRR membership • Improve collaboration with with European and International Organizations e.g. EFNR, ISPRIM, WFNR, WTO, ESPRM, incl. Special Interest Scientific Committees of ESPRM, European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine, some OT societies, ISPO– Scientific Committee. • Provide endorsement to scientific events. <p>c. Membership fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20€ biannually; ▪ Participants in the EFRR Congress are automatically EFRR members for the next two years <p>Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% agreed ▪ 0% against ▪ 0% abstained <p>Outcome: The Annual report, action plans, budget and membership fee were adopted.</p>
5	<p>Elections (second step):</p> <p>a. Election of the new members of EFRR Council by the General Assembly Procedure: In accordance with the EFRR Constitution (https://www.efrr.org/constitution):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call for nominations was done at least 4 months prior to the meeting (open online 15.03.2021) ▪ Deadline for nominations was 15.07.2021 ▪ We received eight applications: Nominated candidates for membership in EFRR Council for the legislature 2021 – 2023: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BURGER Helena SLOVENIA 2. KARADAG-SAYGI Evrim TURKEY 3. LEONARDI Matilde ITALY 4. MARNETOFT Sven-Uno SWEDEN 5. MELKAS Susanna FINLAND 6. VAN WIJCK Frederike UNITED KINGDOM 7. VARJU Cecilia HUNGARY 8. WEINBRENNER Susanne GERMANY

	<p>Nominated candidates then introduced themselves, or were introduced by Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner in their absence (due to technical/ logistical issues). Since there were no more candidates than seats, members were invited to vote for the new Council “en bloc”. Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 96% agreed ▪ 0% against ▪ 4% abstained <p>Outcome: The new EFRR Council was elected en bloc as nominated above.</p> <p>b. Election of the new EFRR President by the AGM. Candidate for Presidency 2021 – 2023: Prof. Helena Burger. Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% agreed ▪ 0% against ▪ 0% abstained <p>Outcome: Prof. Helena Burger was elected as the new EFRR President 2021-2023.</p> <p>c. Election of the EFRR Auditor and Deputy Auditor of operations: Auditor Sirkku Lindstam and Deputy auditor Sari Miettinen were proposed. Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 98% agreed ▪ 0% against ▪ 2% abstained <p>Outcome: EFRR Auditor and Depute Auditor of Operations were elected as nominated above.</p>
6.	<p>Change to the EFRR constitution. Purpose: to improve alignment of definitions between Constitution and Bylaws. Proposal: in Paragraph 7 and 11 of the Constitution „Annual Meeting“. 6.8 Replace „chairperson“ by „president“ as it is defined in the Bylaws. Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 95% agreed ▪ 0% against ▪ 5% abstained <p>Outcome: the proposed change in the EFRR Constitution was approved.</p>
7	<p>Announcement of the next EFRR Congress in 2023 Prof. Gülseren Akyüz presented their proposal for the 17th Congress of EFRR in 2023, to be held in Antalya, Turkey in October 2023. The conference theme is: ‘Rehabilitation across the lifespan: Based on a transdisciplinary approach’</p>
8	<p>Any other business There was no other business.</p>
9	<p>Closing the AGM Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner congratulated the newly elected EFRR President for 2021-2023, Prof. Helena Burger, on an excellent congress, and wished her well for her term in office. Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner also expressed her sincere thanks to Prof. Gülseren Akyüz for her dedication and commitment as long-standing EFRR Council member and past President. She was delighted that Gülseren would remain affiliated as Honorary President of the 17th Congress of EFRR in 2023, supporting Prof. Evrim Karadag Saygi. Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner then thanked the General Assembly, and the newly elected EFRR Council. Prof. Helena Burger thanked, also on behalf of EFRR Council, Dr. Susanne Weinbrenner for her excellent contribution to EFRR as President 2017-2019. The meeting was subsequently closed.</p>