

Minutes of General Assembly of the EBMG

2 June 2014, 10:00hrs

Venue: Milano Congress, Milan, Italy.

Present:

Heather Skirton, Hans Scheffer, Bert Bakker, Ulf Kristoffersson, Ramona Moldovan, Inga Bjernevoll, Isabel Carreira, Myrto Poulou, Ana Carrio, Irene Feroce, Helena Kaääriäinen, Lina Florentin, Milena Paneque, Jerome del Picchia (part of the meeting), Domenico Coviello, Barbara Marques, Bela Melegh, Jorge Sequeiros (part meeting), Christophe Cordier (part meeting).

Apologies: Thomas Liehr, Jacqueline Schoumanns.

1. The Chair (Skirton) welcomed all present.

2. Members and post-holders

The statutes were unanimously agreed, all the present agreed to be members and the following people were appointed to the following posts:

Chair- Heather Skirton

Vice Chairs: Ulf Kristoffersson, Thomas Liehr/ Isabel Carreira

Secretary General: Domenico Coviello

Deputy Sec General: Milena Paneque

Treasurer: Bert Bakker.

Three members of the board are to be nominated by the ESHG. Members voted to accept those nominations when we are advised of them.

The Board therefore consists of:

Heather Skirton

Ulf Kristoffersson

Thomas Liehr

Isabel Carreira

Domenico Coviello

Milena Paneque

Bert Bakker

and three further members nominated by ESHG, to be named.

3. Clinical Laboratory Geneticist Professional Branch Board

PBB members include:

Thomas Liehr and Isabel Carreira (co-Chairs)

Hans Scheffer

Bert Bakker

Lina Florentin

Ana Corrio

Domenico Coviello.

The activities were discussed and the following action plan agreed:

- a. Finalise the curriculum for CLG training and publish on website: TL/ IC by 15.10.2014.
- b. Determine the levels of education/assessment needed to ensure safe practice of CLGs and publish document . TL/ IC by 15.01.2015
- c. Determine how those who will qualify (including those under the grandfather clause) can apply for registration and finalise all document to launch the registration process. TL/ IC by 01/06/2015.
- d. Heather Skirton encouraged the Division to hold a 2 day meeting face to face if needed to enable significant progress to be made.

4. Medical Professional Branch Board

A UEMS section for Clinical genetics has been established. The activities of UEMS section and EBMG medical PBB must be collaborative.

Ulf Kristoffersson suggested a route to collaboration with the UEMS.

- Board of UEMS suggests members of the medical division.
- UEMS commissions EBMG examinations according to UEMS criteria
- UEMS reviews those who qualify and approves them
- EBMG registers the applicant to for 5 years and is responsible for re-registration (according to UEMS criteria).

The following action plan was agreed:

- a. Ulf Kristoffersson will send Heather the names of those who will be EBMG division members. UK by 1/10/14

- b. The division will work on the syllabus for specialist medical training including defining type and need for courses.
- c. The division will on a longer term work on a plan for re-registration of medical geneticists.

5. Genetic Nurse and Counsellor Professional Branch Board.

The first cohort of 18 counsellors has been registered.

Applications now open for the 2014/2015 cohort.

Irene Feroce and Deborah Lambert, newly registered genetic counsellors, have been asked to join the Division.

PBB members are:

Heather Skirton and Milena Paneque (Co-Chairs)

Inga Bjornevoll

Christophe Cordier

Clara Serra

Ramona Moldovan

Irene Feroce

Deborah Lambert.

6. Ulf Kristoffersson and Heather Skirton thanked the ESHG for their continued support.

7. The meeting closed at 12.05hrs.

Post script

Following the meeting, the ESHG Council proposed Feliciano Ramos, Inga Bjornevoll and Ana Carrio as members of the Executive Board and they were duly accepted.