

MINUTES OF THE  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of THE EUROPEAN VENOUS FORUM held on Wednesday 14 October 2020 via Zoom Video platform

Professor Nicolaides opened the meeting

1. **Present (Appendix I):**

Apologies were received from:

Oscar Maleti (Assistant Treasurer)

Michel Perrin (MP) (Chair, Nominations Committee)

Milka Greiner

Armando Mansilha

2. **Minutes** of the last Meeting of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 June 2019 in Zurich, Switzerland were approved and signed by the Chairman. **(Appendix II)**

3. **Matters Arising.**

Item 10. Journals. International Angiology is the official printed journal of the EVF.

Vascular Investigations and Therapy is the official open access journal of the EVF

Item 11. EVF Grants. Two research grants have been delayed due to Covid-19. Interim reports have been sent and second part of payment made.

4. **Postponement of EVF Budapest 2020 to 2021 because of COVID-19**

Budapest June 2020 was postponed to June 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cancellation of the meeting would have incurred a cancellation fee of over €50,000. The scientific programme has been finalised, with flexibility in the programme for new and additional presentations on COVID-19.

The format of the 2020 meeting was discussed. It is hoped to have a live meeting. However, in view of the pandemic and the possible long term affects, e.g. lack of vaccination, delegates and exhibitors being unable to travel, consideration was given to holding the meeting either as Hybrid or Virtual format.

Hybrid: Additional AV costs (venue AV and Streaming software), no guarantee of local delegates able to attend, exhibitors may not be able to attend.

Virtual. Lower breakeven point. Virtual exhibition – more companies may join. More delegates may be able to attend. Cheaper to host than live or hybrid.

It was agreed that the decision would be made in approx one month.

5. **Secretary's Report (AG)**

Collaboration with other societies continues. Joint sessions being arranged with ESVS. EVF continues to be a platform for innovative work to be presented.

6. **Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts 2019 (Appendix III) (MV)**  
**European Venous Forum Ltd**

Turnover (income) for the year 2019: £661,504. Source: conference income and membership. Expenditure: £525,905 (conference expenditure, staff costs).

In view of COVID-19 and reduced income to the society it was agreed not to make a Gift Aid Donation. Gross profit: £79,435, tax £15,100, Net profit: £64,315

Agreed to re-appoint the Accountants Nicholas Peters and Co

7. **Report from Sub-Committees**
- i. **Nominations Committee.** *Chair: Michel Perrin (absent).*  
Proposed: Honorary Membership be awarded to  
Dr Tamas Sandor (Hungary)  
Dr Zoltan Varady (Hungary and Germany)
  - ii. **International Relations Committee.** *Chair: Armando Mansilha*  
No report
  - iii. **Research, Education and Publications Committee.** *Chair: Marzia Lugli*  
A Competency course is planned for May 2021. Format of meeting not yet confirmed (virtual, hybrid).
  - iv. **European Venous Foundation (EVFdn).** *Chair: Andrew Nicolaidis*  
Currently £735,950 in the account, £97,299 committed to EVF HOW activities.  
There are sufficient funds to support the EVF for 2 years.  
The Foundation is supported by the Senior Corporate Members, currently: Cardinal Health, Medtronic, Servier and Sigvaris and Corporate Members: Pierre Fabre.
8. **EVF HOW (Mdm) (Appendix)**  
10<sup>th</sup> EVF HOW 2019 in Jurmala, Latvia successful. However, lower delegate numbers so reduced income and profit.  
11<sup>th</sup> EVF HOW 2020 has been postponed to 2021. Will re-consider format of meeting in New Year.  
Two HOW Plus courses held in late 2019.  
Four EVF HOW Plus courses arranged for 2020 have been postponed to 2021. Dates to be confirmed
9. **Collaboration with American Venous Forum**  
Agreement has been signed with American Venous Forum.  
The following has been agreed:
- a) The AVF will provide the AVF Vein Specialist Newsletter for dissemination to EVF members.
  - b) The AVF will include EVF Members into the AVF Exchange
  - c) The AVF Annual Meeting includes a 90 minute International Session, of which two speakers will be from the EVF; travel costs borne by the EVF.
  - d) The AVF will provide 2 speakers to the EVF meeting for a joint EVF/AVF session; travel costs borne by the AVF
  - e) The "Best Paper" (prizewinning presentation) from each meeting will present at the reciprocal meeting; travel costs borne by the awarding society (not expecting an EVF submission to AVF VENOUS2021 in March due to the EVF meeting the following June)
  - f) Discuss further collaboration such as joint publications and guidelines.
10. **Future Meetings**  
2021. 24-26 June 2010. Budapest, Hungary. Agreed  
2022. Venice, Italy. Agreed. Exact dates to be confirmed  
2023. Berlin, Germany. Agreed. Exact dates to be confirmed
11. **AOB**  
Endorsement: AVLS Classification of Pelvic Venous Disorders. Approved by the Board
- Meeting ended at 18.00