

MINUTES OF THE  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of THE EUROPEAN VENOUS FORUM held on Friday 25 June 2021 at 14.00 BST  
via Zoom Video platform

Imre Bihari welcomed all members. Professor Nicolaides Chaired the meeting.

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

Apologies were received from:

Michel Perrin

Jawed Fareed

Tomasz Urbanek

Joseph Raffetto

Armando Mansilha

JJ Guex

2. **Minutes** of the last Meeting of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 October 2020 via Zoom conference platform were approved and will be signed by the President

3. **Matters Arising.**

Item 3 Research projects. ANN reported that both projects have been delayed due to Covid. F Lurie has sent an interim report. Eliete Bouskela will send a report shortly

Item 11. Collaboration with the AVF. Dominik Heim reported that the collaboration with the AVF is working well. There are joint sessions at each meeting and the best papers have been presented at each meeting. This will continue for the 2022 meetings. An invitation has been received by the AVF to join them in a joint session during their meeting in 2022.

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

Meeting is a great success. Well done and thank you to the Organising Committee.

Strong links continue with other societies, including the AVF and the Balkan Venous Forum.

EVF is highly respected organisation within Europe and the rest of the World.

Currently 150 members (including 31 Honorary members). 10 members applied for membership this year.

5. **President's Report (IB)**

IB thanked Anne Taft, Dawn Bond and the team who all worked together for the meeting.

Over 776 registrations from 60 countries and 10 exhibitors. Great to welcome Professor Peter Gloviczki as the EVF Invited Lecturer. Over 100 abstracts were submitted, and 28 were selected for oral presentation, 27 for Poster presenters. There are 4 didactic sessions, one with the American Venous Forum and one with the Baltic Venous Forum and 3 industry sessions.

6. **Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts 2020 (Appendix) (MV)  
European Venous Forum Ltd**

Turnover (income) for the year 2020 is greatly reduced from 2019 at £39,024. Source: Membership (£5,182), conference income (£20,448) and part return of deposit on the Hungary 2020 venue (£13,394).

Expenditure was also reduced from 2019 at £148,280. Mainly: conference expenditure £71,500, staff costs (£47,631), General expenses (£31,726) and legal and professional fees of £45,054.

Total loss in 2020: £140,103.  
This is underwritten by the European Venous Foundation.  
Accounts were approved.  
It was agreed that the auditors, Nicholas Peters and Co be re-appointed.

7. **Report from Sub-Committees**

i. **Nominations Committee.** *Chair: Michel Perrin (ANN)*

Two Honorary Members were approved by the Board: Dr Tamas Sandor (Hungary) and Dr Zoltan Varady (Hungary and Germany).

Two Board members have resigned: Professor Andrew Bradbury and Dr Marc Vulysteke.

Proposals for two Board Member were received:

Professor Stephen Black (UK) and Professor Makis Avgerinos (Greece).

Both were unanimously approved by the Board

ii. **International Relations Committee.** *Chair: Armando Mansilha*

Continued good relations with the AVF. Working with the UEMS Board of Phlebology with JJ Guex.

iii. **Research, Education and Publications Committee.** *Chair: Marzia Lugli*

Planned Competency Course in July 2021 with augmented reality (AR). All Competency courses are under auspices of the EVF.

Publications: 1) Publication on Congestion Syndrome lead by the AVF with 2 representatives of the EVF 2) The AVF are reviewing the Caprini Score. Two EVF members are represented 3) AVF have proposed joint Guidelines.

iv. **European Venous Foundation (EVFdn).** *Chair: Andrew Nicolaidis*

At 31 December 2020, there was £749,372 in the account of which £97,299 is committed to EVF HOW activities. £100,000 was transferred to EVF Ltd in 2021. There are sufficient funds to support the EVF for 2 years.

8. **EVF HOW (Mdm) (Appendix)**

11<sup>th</sup> EVF HOW was originally planned for October 2020. Postponed to October 2021. However, in view of the pandemic, it has been postponed to 13-15 October 2022. No EVF HOW Plus courses are planned for 2021. Courses in early 2022 are being considered.

9. **Report from President Elect: Venice 2022 (OM)**

Plans for a hybrid meeting at the Laguna Palace Hotel, on the outskirts of Venice 30 June – 2 July 2022.

Venue prepared for Covid restrictions. Large auditorium that can seat 600 with 1m social distancing. Cancellation date is December 2021 without cancellation fees. Final decision on format of the meeting to be made then.

Italian College of Phlebology has platform for a hybrid meeting. This will be used at the October 2021 meeting of the ICP in Rome in October 2021.

Call for Abstracts in September - October 2021.

10. **Future Meetings**

2023 – 22-24 June 2023 – in Berlin, Germany

2024 - French Society of Phlebology have proposed a meeting for 2024. Board have approved. Spain to be considered for 2025.

11. **AOB**

None

Meeting ended at 14.45