

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of THE EUROPEAN VENOUS FORUM held on Friday 1 July 2022 at 14.00, Venice, Italy

Professor Nicolaides and Prof Maleti welcomed all members.

1. **Present (Appendix I):**
Apologies were received from:
Michel Perrin
Athanasios Giannoukas
Stephen Black
JJ Guex
2. **Minutes** of the last Meeting of the EVF Executive and Board held on 25 June 2021 via Zoom conference platform were approved and signed by the Chairman (**Appendix II**)
3. **Matters Arising.**
No matters arising.
4. **Secretary's Report (Athanasios Giannoukas)**
Thanks were expressed to Prof Maleti and the scientific committee on the excellent meeting maintaining the quality of the presentations.
There are currently 148 members plus Honorary members. Twenty new applications received this year.
5. **President's Report (Oscar Maleti)**
Over 600 delegates registered, of which 165 are virtual. OM reported that the meeting will be a great success. This is the first In Person meeting after COVID.
6. **Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts 2021 (Appendix III) (Marianne Vandendriessche)**
European Venous Forum Ltd
Turnover (income) for the year 2021 is increased from 2020 at £316,611. Source:
Membership (£5,145), conference income (£311,466).
Expenditure was also increased from 2020 at £246,160. Mainly: conference expenditure £109,182, staff costs (£51,694), General expenses (£24,098) and legal and professional fees of £60,052.
Net Profit £70,073 (£471 paid in corporation tax).
The accounts 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
It was agreed that the auditors, Nicholas Peters and Co be re-appointed.
7. **Report from Sub-Committees**
 - i. **Nominations Committee.** *Chair: Michel Perrin* (reported by Andrew Nicolaides)
Two Honorary Members: Professor Ismail Elalamy (France) and Dr Sabina Villalta (Italy) were proposed by Oscar Maleti. Approved
 - ii. **International Relations Committee.** *Chair: Armando Mansilha*
The relationship with the AVF continues with joint sessions at each of the respective annual meeting.

The EVF will work with and support the **UEMS Board of Phlebology** in establishing the Examinations in phlebology. The aim of the examination is that candidates will receive a European (EUMS) recognised Diploma – Fellow of the European Board of Phlebology.

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

Competency Course with Augmented Reality was organised by Oscar Maleti and Marzia Lugli, the programme is based on the syllabus of the UEMS Board of Phlebology and under the auspices of the EVF. Attendees (approx 100) had distance learning with virtual screens and handsets to view the operating room.

Virtual Webinar on Thermal Tumescence was held in March 2022, organised by Tomasz Urbanek. Very successful, with over 600 delegates registering (registration was free). Excellent platform from DMC Poland.

Additional Webinars. Imre Bihari is organising a webinar in October/November 2022 on “What is not in the Guidelines”. Erika Mendoza proposed a virtual workshop on ultrasound. Armando Mansilha proposed a webinar on sclerotherapy.

To be discussed further at the Executive meetings.

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

The Foundation supported the EVF Ltd during the pandemic with a loan to cover the costs incurred during the pandemic, without the usual source of income.

8. EVF HOW/HOW Plus (Andrew Nicolaidis)

11th EVF HOW was cancelled in 2020 and postponed to 2021 then to 2022. It is now planned for October 2023. Provisional dates 5-7 October 2023.

EVF HOW Plus courses are starting again. Course on Sclerotherapy to be organised by Dominik Heim in Thun in late 2022. Courses will also be organised by Oscar Maleti and Marzia Lugli in early 2023.

9. Report from President Elect: Berlin 2023 (President: Erika Mendoza)

Dates: 22-24 June 2023 at Bolle Faste, situated in the centre of Berlin in collaboration with the German Society of Phlebology.

10. Future Meetings

2024 – Paris, France under the Presidency of Prof A Benemou in collaboration with the French Society of Phlebology and French Academy of Surgery). Approved.

2025 – Krakow, Poland under Presidency of Prof Tomasz Urbanek, in collaboration with the Polish Society of Phlebology. Approved.

11. AOB

None