

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the EUROPEAN VENOUS FORUM held on Friday 27th June 2025 at 18.00
held in Krakow, Poland during the EVF annual meeting

Professor Urbanek opened the meeting welcoming all members.

1. **Present (Appendix I):**
Apologies were received from:
Athanasios Giannoukas
Oscar Maleti (represented by Marzia Lugli)
Efthymios Avgerinos
2. **Minutes** of the last Meeting of the AGM held on 28th June 2024 held in Athens, Greece were approved and signed by the Chairman (**Appendix II**)
3. **Matters Arising.**
None
4. **President's Report (Tomas Urbanek).**
Professor Urbanek welcomed everyone to Krakow and thanked all for their support of the meeting.
Over 600 registered attendees from over 60 countries.
New sessions introduced – Meet the Experts Sessions and Case Presentations. Proposed that these are considered for future meetings.
Large exhibition area so income from industry higher
Congress dinner to be held in the historic Aviation Museum. Hopes everyone can join.
Possible break-even budget.
5. **Secretary's Report (Andrew Nicolaides)**
Currently 200 active members. 35 are due payments for 2024 and 2025. Anne Taft is following up with them. New member applications for 2025: 18.
6. **Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts 2024 (Appendix IV) (Marianne Vandendriessche)**
European Venous Forum Ltd
Turnover (income) for the year 2024 is £229,298, an increase from 2023 (£180,745). Source: Membership and conference income.
Expenditure is £206,200 a decrease from 2023 (235,088). Profit of £23,098.
The EVF Foundation has given a loan to EVF Ltd totalling £150,000. Agreed to return £50,000 by 31 December 2025.
The accounts 2024 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.**
Tomasz Urbanek proposed Professor Tomasz Drażkiewicz as Honorary Member.
Approved.
 - ii. **International Relations Committee.** *Chair: Armando Mansilha*

The successful relationship with the AVF and JSP continues. This year we have a session with the AVF and the Latin American Venous Forum. There is also ongoing relationship with the ESVS.

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

2024: Two EVF HOW Plus courses were organised in January and October.

EVF Webinar held in April 2024.

EVF Annual meeting held in Athens, Greece in June 2024.

In addition to the meetings, a number of publications were produced including the International Guidelines on Prevention and Management of Venous Thromboembolism published in International Angiology.

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

The Foundation continues to support the EVF. A sum of £95,000 is ring-fenced to support the educational activities of EVF HOW/EVF HOW Plus courses.

The remaining approx £688,000 is to be spent on educational activities to support the EVF and future meetings.

EVF Ltd owes the Foundation a loan. It was agreed by the Board to return €50,000 this year

8. Constitution

The ad-hoc committee (members: Niels Baekgaard, Armando Mansilha, Dominik Heim and Marzia Lugli) reviewed the Constitution, especially points 10c and 10d raised in 2024.

Point 10c. The committee have recommended that no changes to the constitution be made. The term for Board members will remain.

Point 10d. A junior membership of the Board category was proposed. Members should be under 35 years of age and interested in venous disease. The junior member would then be eligible to become a full member of the Board. An Ad-Hoc committee of Dominik Heim, Niels Baekgaard and Tomasz Urbanek would establish the criteria and report back to the Board.

9. EVF HOW/HOW Plus (Andrew Nicolaides)

The 12th EVF HOW is being held in Baden, Switzerland from 2-4 October 2025.

Baden is approx 30 mins by train from Zurich. The lecture rooms and workshop stations are all on the one floor.

New this year is the Swiss Corner – small exhibition area for Swiss companies.

Professor Nicolaides has proposed that Tomasz Urbanek will be Chair of the Organising Committee from 2026. Approved.

EVF HOW Plus Course on Thrombolysis is planned for 12-13 November 2025 at St Thomas' Hospital, London.

10. Report from President Elect: Versailles 2026 (President: Albert-Claude Benhamou)

Dates: 25-27 June 2026 at the Versailles Conference Centre in collaboration with the French Society of Phlebology and the National Academy of Surgery.

Large lecture theatre and exhibition area. Additional rooms available for ePosters, Meet the Experts sessions, video sessions etc. AV is provided by the centre.

Hotel agency appointed to source accommodation. Options for congress dinner to be reviewed.

The budget is currently negative (€113,000). It has agreed by the Board to raise the registration fee by €100.

Site Visit with Professor Nicolaides, Professor Benhamou, Anne Taft and Dawn Bond planned for September 2025.

Professor Benhamou proposed new initiatives for 2026 including:

International Phlebology 4.00 Today and Tomorrow, an online, open access journal with the best papers from meetings published. Supported by EVF without financial commitment. Bio-Regenerative Surgery in phlebology. Approved.
Professor Benhamou will update the Board with further details once available.

11. **Future Meetings**

24-26 June 2027 – Budapest, Hungary under the Presidency of Prof Imre Bihari.

Unanimously approved.

2028. Athens under presidency of Efthymios Avgerinos. Same venue as in 2024 so should ensure a good profit.

12. **Nominations for Chairman of the Board**

Professor Andrew Nicolaides is retiring as Chairman of the Board from 2026.

Professor Armando Mansilha was elected unanimously by the Board as the new Chairman, starting his tenure from June 2026.

13. **AOB**

International Angiology (Armando Mansilha)

Impact factor remains at 1.8. The VTE guidelines has been published Feb 43(1) 2024

In 2025 two special editions on carotids will be published which should raise the impact factor.

Meeting closed at 18.55