

Minutes of the ESOT General Assembly

Milan, 30 August 2021

1. President Vassilios Papalois welcomed participants and opened the meeting. He presented a report on his activity as President of ESOT and provided an overview of the developments in the past two years. The Covid-19 pandemic presented an unprecedented challenge to ESOT, but the Society responded well thanks to the hard work of its leaders and staff. He extended a special thanks to the chairs of the 2021 edition of the Congress, Luciano Potena and Umberto Cillo, and to the Congress manager, Devi Mey, for their proactive approach to a congress unlike any other. He then highlighted the work done in the previous three years to diversify the ESOT portfolio and the importance of the pan-European registry, which represents a major investment and brings great scientific potential. ESOT expanded its collaboration with European institutions and societies and established a network with patient associations.

2a. The minutes of the previous General Assembly in Copenhagen on the 16th of September 2019 were approved without any suggestions for changes.

2b. The ESOT President, Vassilios Papalois, announced the results of the recent election of the President-elect: Gabriel Oniscu was elected unopposed as the new President-elect. The ESOT Secretary, Gabriel Oniscu, announced that Umberto Cillo is the new Secretary, and that four new Councillors – Ekaterine Berishvili, Frank Dor, Geir Mjoen (unopposed), and Chloë Ballesté Delpierre – were elected. The Assembly ratified the elections.

2c. The Secretary presented an update about the ESOT Grants programme and the new ESOT Global Grants programme, aimed at professionals residing outside Europe, and reported on the winners of the 2020 and 2021 ESOT Fellowship.

2d. Finally, the Secretary provided an update on the ESOT Sections and Committees, including updated regulations, newly appointed Board members, and any activities and challenges.

3. The ESOT Treasurer, Olivier Thauant, presented an update on the financial status of the Society highlighting a loss of 500K EUR for 2020. This is not particularly concerning, as non-congress years typically show losses, but ESOT is working on diversifying its activities and fundraising to ensure a good result even in non-congress years. The expected result of 2021 is positive, although due to the unusual circumstances of this year's edition of the ESOT congress, the estimate is lower than normal congress years. Altogether, the financial status of the Society is healthy.

4a. The President-elect, Luciano Potena, presented an update on the 2021 Congress including the hybrid format and virtual platform, the main novelties in the scientific

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programme, the joint sessions with other societies, and innovations in the organization. He then illustrated data about registrations and abstracts.

4b. The ESOT Secretary, Gabriel Oniscu, presented the new rules for the selection of the ESOT Congress host city and explained the main reasons that motivated the change, which will allow for a more technical assessment of the candidate cities and the optimisation of financial results. He then illustrated the new bidding process. The Assembly ratified the new process.

4c. Gabriel Oniscu and Joannis Boletis, co-chairs of the ESOT Congress 2023, illustrated preliminary plans for the next edition of the Congress, which will take place in Athens and will focus on the theme “Disruptive innovation, trusted care”.

5. Raj Thuraisingham and Luca Toti, respectively the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, presented the new ESOT Education strategy, which was developed with three main goals: to reorganize the ESOT educational offer and thus highlight available educational opportunities; to establish a closer interaction with the ESOT Sections and Committees; to restructure the Education Committee. An educational needs assessment was conducted with the Boards of all Sections and Committees; the results of this assessment guided the work of the Education Committee in redesigning the strategy regarding education.

6. Thierry Berney, the Editor-in-Chief of Transplant International, presented the new Editorial Board and a general update on the journal. He thanked outgoing Editors-in-Chief Rainer Oberbauer and Thomas Wekerle. The goal of the new Editorial Board is to expand the impact and reputation of Transplant International by introducing new content and formats, by further connecting the journal with the other activities of the Society, and by renewing the branding of the journal. The move to a new publisher and to gold open access is a major change, which is expected to contribute to the accessibility and success of the journal.

7. The CEO, Luca Segantini, and the President-elect, Luciano Potena, presented an update on the new vision for the collaboration with industry and the ongoing projects in this context. In the past few years, general support by the industry dramatically decreased, which prompted a reflection on how to adapt and change the ESOT strategy. The expansion of the Society’s portfolio beyond educational events and meetings and new collaborations with the industry on specific projects have been key component of this new strategy. On the other hand, ESOT aims to increase its relevance in the community by fostering public awareness of organ transplantation, acting as an advisor to European health authorities, and supporting young investigators to ensure that organ transplantation remains at the forefront of research.

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8. The ESOT Secretary, Gabriel Oniscu, presented an update on the ESOT registry platform. The goal of this project is to strengthen the collection of data on organ transplantation at the European level and on all organs. He illustrated the steps completed so far and informed the Assembly that negotiations with the company that will most likely be chosen to manage the platform.

9. No other business

10. Luciano Potena, new ESOT President, thanked Vassilios Papalois on behalf of all members for his important contribution and service to the Society and promised to work closely with the ESOT Executive, Council, and all members of ESOT to promote the causes of the Society. LP thanked participants and brought the General Assembly to a close.

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