
General Assembly report – 28 August 2016

President report

Prof Grobbee welcomed the participants and invited everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of Prof Pantaleo Giannuzzi, EACPR 2010-2012 President and past-editor in chief of the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology.

Prof Grobbee presented the 2016-2018 EACPR Board and the key highlights of 2016. Phase 2 of the ESC Prevention of CVD Programme is now supported by AMGEN, AstraZeneca, Ferrer, Sanofi and Regeneron, the EACPR membership programme now counts three different levels with associated benefits, and a EuroPrevent meeting was held in June at the European Heart House, with over 200 participants.

Prof Grobbee noted that the decision to cancel EuroPrevent 2016 was a difficult and painful one to take. Financials are being assessed with ESC and the impact will be known in October 2016.

The Association contributed to the 2016 Update of the European Guidelines on CVD Prevention in Clinical Practice, and Prof. Arno Hoes, co-chair of the Guideline's Task Force will now be leading the EACPR Prevention Implementation Committee.

Prof. Grobbee concluded his presidential report with a call for candidates for the position of editor-in-chief of the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology (EJPC) open until 15 September 2016.

Finance report

Prof Guazzi presented the Actuals of Fiscal Year 2016 (1st April 2015- 31st March 2016) which resulted in a positive balance for the Association, thanks to the financial results of EuroPrevent 2015, held in Lisbon, and the EJPC royalties. The Budget of Fiscal Year 2017 (1st April 2016- 31st March 2017) has been approved by the ESC Board, and will be reassessed at the Forecast in October, when the final costs of the congress cancellation will be known.

The question of taxes was raised by the participants. Prof. Grobbee explained that the financial accounts are consolidated with the ESC, which is the sole legal entity. Taxes are due by EACPR only if both EACPR and ESC consolidated accounts present a positive balance.

Constitution update

P Dendale presented the updated constitution, revised with the template prepared by the ESC Association Forum, to harmonise the Association's constitutions. The major points were already present in the previous constitution, except for the following:

- Additional criteria: President must belong to one of the National Cardiac Societies or belong to one of the Constituent Bodies of the ESC, and be a Fellow of the ESC or/and EACPR.
- Voting rights: granted according to the membership category & Reserved to members from ESC member countries (with an exception for elections & vote in 2016 : open to all members)
- Mandate duration : Extended to 3 mandates maximum for Board positions
- Conditions for extraordinary elections (in case of resignation, expulsion or death)
- Conditions in case of tied vote / quorum not met (General Assemblies & Board)
- Rules for merge / integration with other ESC constituent bodies
- Role & responsibilities : Board, Executive Committee, ESC Team

Questions from the audience:

Prof. Goto (Japan) asked about the article 2 "Purpose and Means" in which the field of activity is described as "primary and secondary prevention" – Prof. Goto asked why rehabilitation is not cited in this article.

Prof Dendale explained that the constitution is a governance document, and the objective was to be as broad as possible when describing the purpose and means. Therefore, Primary and Secondary prevention were chosen to align with the EACPR mission statement. This does not mean that Rehabilitation, Exercise, or sports cardiology will not be covered. Rehabilitation is essential to achieve secondary prevention.

Prof Dendale invited the participants to vote upon the new constitution. The new constitution was accepted unanimously by the voting members present.



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Name change

Prof Grobbee presented the rationale for the name change proposal, which was voted by the EACPR Board and is supported by ESC leadership. The current name represents the historic background of the Association, but is too long and difficult to remember and is not aligned with the journal's name. The objective of this proposal is to find a short, meaningful and compelling way to present the full spectrum of the Association's activities, and ensure consistency with the journal and the congress in the long term.

Question from the Audience: Prof. Papadakis (UK) asked if the EACPR sections could find a way to be more visible (ie with a dedicated logo). Prof. Grobbee explained that the ESC is currently assessing its branding and EACPR will follow the lead in this matter.

Prof Halle (Germany) noted that sports cardiology is a very strong section within EACPR and the other pillars need to be a strongly represented. Prof Grobbee noted that an organizational review is part of the Association's strategic objectives, to clarify and strengthen the structure.

Prof Perk asked about other associations with similar acronyms – Prof Grobbee indicated that in the end, it is the full name which will be used mostly for marketing purposes, and domain names will be claimed.

Prof. Grobbee invited the participants to vote on the name change. The new name "European Association of Preventive Cardiology" was accepted with 86% of the votes.

EuroPrevent 2017

Prof Schmid presented the key reasons to attend EuroPrevent 2017, which will be held from 6-8 April in Malaga, Spain.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 13:45, Prof. Grobbee thanked all participants.

The next General Assembly will be held during EuroPrevent in Malaga