

MINUTES OF EUPSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EUPSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
La cite des Sciences et de l'Industrie Congress Center, Paris
June 22, 2018, 12.00 – 13.00

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1. Welcome

Prof. Giovanna Riccipetioni, EUPSA President, welcomes all members of the European Paediatric Surgeon Association to the Annual General Assembly (GA).

2. The President announces that the Assembly has the necessary quorum.

The agenda had been previously sent to all members and is now approved by the GA.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

Due to current financial conditions and economic constraints of the Association, I would like to propose an adjustment in the EUPSA annual membership fees. This will be discussed at the end of the Agenda.



4. Minutes of the previous EUPSA General Assembly in Limassol

The Minutes of the GA in Limassol, published on the EUPSA web site, are affirmed and approved by the GA.

5./6. Report of the President (Approval)

EUPSA President Prof. Giovanna Riccipetoni summarized the list of the tasks and accomplishments as follows:

- We are very proud about the activities of our Association. The Offices have been very active; as you will hear during the reports, new young members have been elected.
- We have a new user friendly and innovative website.
- For the Paris Congress we received the highest numbers of abstracts and more than 900 delegates are attending the meeting.
- We had fantastic innovative lectures, an Evidence and Guidelines Roundtable, Sessions for Specific and new topics, Sessions for young surgeons' papers, advanced Courses and a continuous support to our young members through GYPSE.
- Next year we will have a new fantastic event: the 20thEUPSA Annual Meeting will be held in Belgrade between June 12-15, 2019.
- We are planning new fields of activities and collaboration with other international overseas Societies as IPEG to realize in Vienna at the 2020 Congress, a more global meeting and exceptional scientific input to the developments of Pediatric Surgery.
- Nevertheless to improve and maintain all EUPSA activities, we need to increase our income with projects of educational and scientific collaboration with companies and association and with the contribution coming from the membership fees.
- I look forward to your active participation in the future and development of EUPSA.

The GA unanimously approves the report.

7. Report of the Honorary Secretary (Approval)

Honorary Secretary report was presented by Prof. Gonca Topuzlu Tekant .

Update Membership Situation

- During the last year the membership situation has improved. New Members registered in 2017-2018 were 66. At the present time EUPSA has 673 active members that have paid their fees uptil 2017 .
- Presently we have 850 registrations for the Paris Congress and delegates attending are from 72 countries world wide.

Important Information

Starting from January 2016, according to the last deliberation of the EB and By Laws, the active membership will have duration of 1 year only.

The EUPSA Office will send by e-mail to each member the registration form at the beginning of the year, explaining the new rules and inviting to perform the annual registration.

Keep yourself informed by reading EUPSA website, now we have a new Website and a New Members Area including all the information relating to opportunity, facilities for members, educational supports and activities of the Offices.

The personal contact with the members is given by the EUPSA Office, Mrs. Gaia Tamaro (+ 39-3409959717); office@eupsa.info

On behalf of the Executive Board I would like to thank our Secretary Gaia for her kind collaboration and the big effort to assure the successful work of our association.



The GA unanimously approves the report.

8. Report of the Treasurer (Approval)

Treasurer Prof. Arnaud Bonnard presented the Balance of 2017.

EUPSA ACCOUNT		
	Expenses	Proceeds
Forwarded April 2017		14 242,28
Member fees per bank		48 631,04
Member fees cash		3 278,90
Cyprus Congress 2017 profit		33 000,00
refund money to start Cyprus Congress		20 000,00
Various (taxe refund Bern...)		1 755,60
Office administration (T&R, Hanger and Partner...)	18 350,96	
Secretary /phone /Fax	19 421,07	
Travel Expenses EB	7 765,88	
EUPSA support, scholarship, educational activities	3 973,60	
EUPSA website domain	342,00	
EUPSA website redesign	4 000,00	
ATANTO (app Cyprus Congress)	2 282,02	
Various (dropbox, server Monkey, viseca etc...)	1 624,23	
EUPSA congress Milano (Colser)	820,00	
EUPSA Congress Paris (Mercure hotel, Oxford abstract...)	4 094,84	
EUPSA registry	2 490,00	
Transfer money to EUPSA Congress account	10 000,00	
Congress Prices + honorarium	5 807,38	
	80 971,98	120 907,82
Bank Balance as per 07/06/2018		39 935,84

EUPSA CONGRESS ACCOUNT		
	Expenses	Proceeds
Forwarded April 2017		181 020,87
congress fee Cyprus 2017		49 946,25
sponsorship Cyprus 2017		25 123,51
Transfer from EUPSA EUPSA account		10 000,00
Various		1 083,56
course+honorarium	3 680,00	
secretary congress management	3 394,00	
Cyprus congress	159 362,70	
Return Start Money Congress	20 000,00	
VAT for EUPSA congress Via Opus	11 897,78	
OPUS	23 101,67	
Various (CME, taxes...)	2 362,40	
Cyprus Congress 2017 Profit		33876,6
EUPSA Paris 2018 (printer, Flyer...)		2474,28
Atelie Phenix		1676,51
	261 825,94	267 174,19
Bank Balance as per 07/06/2018		5 348,25

Balance 07/06/2018
Arnaud Bonnard
EUPSA Treasurer



EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS' ASSOCIATION (EUPSA)
Proposed Budget 2018

Administration

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Secretary	26642.16	25000.00	20000.00	23500	23500
Office administration	1855.95	2000.00	2000.00	1500	1500
T&R (Registration)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0
T&R (Revision / Advise)	22535.60	5000.00	2500.00	17811	15000
Notary (Registration)	0.00	500.00	500.00	0	0
Website	1510.00	1000.00	1000.00	4342	3000
Atanto				2282	2282
Travel Expenses EB	5203.64	5000.00	3000.00	0	0
Representation costs President	1639.68	2000.00	2000.00	0	0
EB meeting hotel	3502.90	5000.00	5000.00	2860	2500
MCI	1832.60	0.00	0.00	0	0
Six Multipay	699.14	500.00	500.00	500	500
WOFAPS	0.00	500.00	0.00	0	0
Bank expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00	100	100.00
Rehbein Medals (10 years)				3342	0
	65521.67	46600.00	36600.00	56237.00	48382

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Sponsorship

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Congress invited speakers					0
Annual Congress Prizes	5500	5000.00	5000.00	2000	2000
Annual Congress Sponsorship(Low economy countries)	0.00	5000.00	5000.00	2500	0
Education Office	153.82	0	0		0
Eastern Course	1774.14	5000.00	5000.00	6900	2000
Visiting Surgeon	0.00	5000.00	5000.00	0	0
Education Exchange	1757.09	1000.00	1000.00	0	0
Network Office (EA registry)	4601.00	5000.00	5000.00	2490	0
Scientific Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0
	13786.05	26000.00	26000.00	13890	4000

Total	79'771.94	79307.72	62'600.00	70127	52382
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The GA unanimously approves the report.

9. Discharge of the Treasurer

The GA unanimously approves and discharges the Treasurer



10. Discharge of the Executive Board

The GA unanimously approves and discharges the Executive Board

11. Reports of the Chairmen of the Offices:

-Report of the Chairman of the Scientific Office by Prof. Mikko Pakarinen

Scientific Program 2018 - Abstract Selection Process:

The Oxford platform was used for abstract submissions

Abstracts were scored by a total of **52 blinded reviewers**

Each abstract was scored by **4-6 reviewers** according to originality (1-5), methods (1-5), results (1-5) and relevance (1-5) with a total score of 5-20

In total, **1064 abstracts** were submitted

26 abstracts were excluded due to incompleteness/incompliance or were cancelled by the authors

The remaining **1038 abstracts** were reviewed (**Upper GI 83, Lower GI 105, Thoracic 88, Urology 148, Hepato-biliary 49, General 165, Trauma 44, Basic science 76, Oncology 49, Case reports 231**).

Submissions originated from **62 countries**

The countries with most submissions were: **Spain 116, Turkey 115, France 108, Tunisia 79, Italy 78, UK 59 and Canada 37**. There were **28 submissions from Russia**

FINAL PROGRAM

Of the **1038 abstracts**, **438 (42.2%)** were accepted according to the **mean abstract score order** including **127 Oral presentations (12%)**, **23 Case Report** presentations and **288 Poster presentations**

The program consisted of **11 scientific sessions** (Upper GI, Lower GI, Young investigator, General, Thoracic, 2 urology, Hepatobiliary, General-Trauma, Basic science and Oncology), **Case report session** and **24 Poster walks**

In addition there was **Urology symposium, Minimal Invasive Surgery symposium** and **Incontinence symposium** organized by local experts

MEET THE EXPERT

Crohn's disease: Risto Rintala, **CDH:** Paul Losty and **Redo hypospadias:** Alaa El-Ghoneimi

PRIZE JUDGES

1. **Young Investigator Award:** Tomas Wester (chair), Mikko Pakarinen, Juan Tovar, Benno Ure, Risto Rintala, Giovanna Riccipetioni
2. **Poster Prize:** Carmen Mesas Burgos and Paola Midrio
3. **Case Report Prize:** Martin Lacher (chair)

LECTURES AND HONORS

1. **European Congress Lecture:** Jan Deprest
2. **Duhamel Lecture:** Benno Ure
3. **European Journal Lecture:** Sabine Sarnacki

Rehbein medal: Risto Rintala

Honorary membership: Massimo Rivosecchi

LECTURERS FOR THE 2019 CONGRESS:

1. **European Congress Lecture:** Todd Ponsky
2. **Duhamel Lecture:** Alan Flake
3. **European Journal Lecture:** Augusto Zani

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS FOR 2019 CONGRESS

1. Only one table/figure will be allowed to accompany each abstract
2. Total score for each scored abstract should be visible for a reviewer
3. Following sessions should be included in the scientific program:

Complications/controversies session (60-90 minutes) which is run by Paolo De Coppi and Udo Rolle who can invite up to three experts to discuss/present controversial issues/complications. The session should be entertaining and encourage discussion and participation by the audience.



Guidelines session (60-90 min) where the EUPSA evidence and guidelines committee presents their work and receives proposals for new topics.

Members of the Scientific Office:

Mikko Pakarinen, Chairman	2017		
Paolo De Coppi		2013+2016,	finishes 2019
Udo Rolle		2015,	re-elected
Balasz Kutasy		2014+2017,	finishes 2020
Jens Dingemann		2014+2017,	finishes 2020
Igor Sukhotnik		2012+2015,	finished 2018
Carmen Mesas Burgos	2017		
Marc-David Leclair		2012+2015,	finished 2018
Richard Keijzer		2016	
Manuela Hunziker		2016	
Paola Midrio		2017	

3 vacant positions were appointed: Joep P.M. Derikx (Netherlands), Naziha Khen-Dunlop (France) and Annika Mutane (Finland).

The GA unanimously approves the report.

-Report of the Chairman of the Educational Office by Prof. Amulya Saxena

Approved Educational Activities:

EUPSA Courses/Workshops approved in 2017-2018

- STEPS 2017 Experts Forum: Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia, 2nd-3rd September 2017. Madrid, Spain. Local Organizer: Prof. Juan de Agustin
- Advanced minimally invasive pediatric surgery: International workshop and hands-on course on small animal models, 17th-18th November 2017. Berlin, Germany. Local Organizer: Prof. Benno Ure
- Masterclass Pediatric Laparoscopy: Live hands-on skills lab, 7th-9th November 2017. Braga, Portugal. Local Organizer: Prof. Jorge Correia-Pinto
- Master Course: Minimal Invasive Pediatric Surgery, December 2017- October 2018. Bologna, Italy. Organizer: Prof. Mario Lima
- Laparoscopic surgery training: Videosurgery in pediatric urology, 15th-17th March 2018. Strasbourg, France. Local Organizers: Prof. Francois Becmuer, Prof. Ala El Ghoneimi
- 10th International "Spring Workshop" Policlinico: Innovations in fetal therapy- a new population of patients, 12th May 2018. Milan, Italy. Local Organizers: Dr. Ernesto Leva
- Advanced Course: Laparoscopy and robotics in pediatric urology, 31st May- 1st June 2018. Naples, Italy. Organizer: Prof. Ciro Esposito
- Advanced Course: Laparoscopic Neonatal Surgery, 5th-6th July 2018. Naples, Italy. Organizer: Prof. Ciro Esposito
- STEPS 2018: Pediatric Surgical Oncology, 31st August-1st September 2018. Padua, Italy. Local Organizer: Prof. Piergiorgio Gamba
- Advanced minimally invasive pediatric surgery: International workshop and hands-on course on small animal models, 30th November- 1st December 2018. Berlin, Germany. Local Organizers: Prof. Benno Ure

EUPSA Central & Eastern Course

- 11th Central & Eastern European Course: Challenges in neonatal & pediatric surgery, 23rd-24th February 2018. Athens, Greece. Local Organizer: Dr. Alexander Passalides



EUPSA Minimal Access Surgery Program for EUPSA members

-4th EUPSA Laparoscopy Advanced Hands-on Course for Central/Eastern European Trainees: Advanced Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery Skills Lab, 2nd-4th May 2018. Timisoara, Romania.

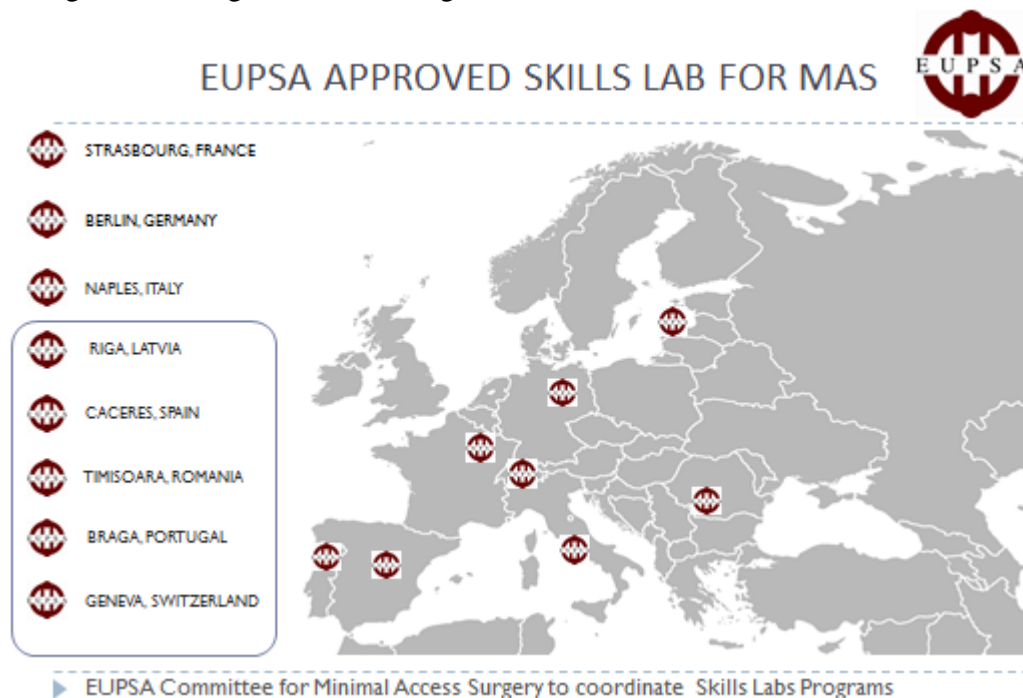
Local Organizer: Prof. Eugen Boia

-EUPSA approved Laparoscopy Hands-on Course: Hands-on skills lab in endoscopic surgery for pediatric surgeons, 15th-16th June 2018. Geneva, Switzerland

-Hands-on Laparoscopy Workshop: Skills Lab-Live Large Model Skills Lab, 12th-13th September 2018. Riga, Latvia. Local Organizers: Dr. Ilona Bundze, Dr. Olaf Volrats

-XII Course of Laparoscopic Pediatric Surgery: Option I: Laparoscopy, Option II: Thoracoscopy, 21st-23rd November 2018. Caceres, Spain. Organizer: Dr. Indalecio Cano

-Masterclass Pediatric Laparoscopy: Live hands-on skills lab, 29th-30th November 2018. Braga, Portugal. Local Organizer: Prof. Jorge Correia-Pinto



Education Office Education Exchange/ Visiting Surgeon Program

- ▶ Program to be developed between host institution & guest
- ▶ Host institutions should fill the forms
- ▶ Forms to be returned to the Education Office
- ▶ Guests should apply directly to the host institution

EUPSA Congress CME Points/ Postgraduate Course



EUPSA CONGRESS 2018 CME POINTS



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Precongress Workshops 2018

- Oncology Course
- Neonatal surgery Course
- Laparoscopy Course (Basic and advanced)

Morning Education Course 2018

- “Child safety and injury prevention”
- Martin Eichelberger, MD (Washington DC, USA)
- Michael Höllwarth, MD (Graz, Austria)
- Sebastian van As, MD (Cape town, South Africa)

Postgraduate Course 2018

- “Gastro-esophageal reflux”
- Juan Tovar, MD (Madrid, Spain)
- Agostino Pierro, MD (Toronto, Canada)
- George Holcomb III, MD (Kansas City, USA)

Education Office Members Tenure

Prof Amulya Saxena stated that his term as Chairman of Scientific Office Chairman is completed and the new Office Chairman elected by the Office and approved by the Executive Board is Prof. Martin Lacher. The 3 new members elected to the vacant positions in the Scientific Office are: Igor Sukhotnik (Haifa), Eugen Boia (Timisoara) and Salvatore Cascio (Dublin).

He thanked all members of the Office and Executive Board for their support throughout his term in the Office.

The GA unanimously approves the report.



-Report of the Chairman of the Network Office by Prof. Ernest Van Heurn

1. Esophageal Atresia Registry:

Francesco Morini is the “registry master”. It’s a big database with 30-35 centers ‘participating’ centres. Individual reminders are sent and 20-25 centers systematically provide data. More than 380 patients are included and first draft manuscripts are ready.

Participants ‘co-author’ publications as member of collaborative study group. Participants may use data for research questions with additional costs for participant. In the future it will be possible to perform:

- Anonymous comparisons of centres
- Defined clinical indicators (indicator committee)
- Medium term follow-up

2. Survey’s:

- CPAM (Morini) was published in 2017.
- Appendicitis (Zani) is submitted for publication.
- Bariatric surgery (Van Heurn) was send out
- Short bowel syndrome (Dariel) and Distended abdomen (Sindjic) are in progress.

- The submission of surveys is open to EUPSA members. Proposals can be done by the Network Office

- Survey rules are guide for EUPSA members how to do a survey

- Network Office chooses survey proposals on relevance, quality, originality

Guidelines for planning and conducting a survey under the auspices of EUPSA

All surveys conducted within EUPSA should be:

- o proposed by a EUPSA member
- o performed by at least one EUPSA member
- o submitted to the EUPSA Network Office for advice and approval prior to being circulated
- o on a topic relevant to pediatric surgery and/or pediatric urology

The survey should:

- o maintain anonymity of responders
- o describe the study background/objectives/methodology
- o address the adequate population to survey

The questionnaire itself should:

- o be accompanied by a EUPSA network cover letter
- o provide information about the responders, maintaining their anonymity
- o be concise, easy to understand and contain specific questions
- o avoid free text responses
- o have a simple lay-out
- o provide an opportunity to give free text comment at the end of the questionnaire
- o be pre-tested within EUPSA Network Office, re-written according to feedback and retested when appropriate

The surveyor should:



- o generate a brief protocol for the proposed survey, which will become available on the EUPSA website when approved by the Network Office
- o choose the appropriate data collection methods
- o check response rate and reliability
- o analyze data
- o interpret the result

Once the analysis is done:

- o the surveyor should provide a written report to the EUPSA Network Office
- o once this report is approved by the EUPSA Network Office the report should be made available in the EUPSA website
- o if surveyors wish to submit the result as abstract/manuscript, they should acknowledge the EUPSA Network Office in their publication for advice and help

Network Office Members:

- Ernest van Heurn (NL)
- Antti Koivusalo (Fin)
- Florian Friedmacher (UK/D)
- Francesco Morini (It)
- Nigel Hall (UK)
- Alessio Pini Prato (It)
- Takashi Doi (Jap)
- Sanja Sindjic (Srb)
- Anne Dariel (F)

-Jan Svensson (S)(New Member elected)

-Leopoldo Martinez (E)(New Member elected)

The GA unanimously approves the report.

12. Report of the Webmaster by Prof. Augusto Zani

-Website:

The new EUPSA web site is: www.eupsa.info

There are no problems with the new domain (.info). Routine updates are made by Gaia. The Annual congress and Abstract book are on the web site. We've asked for feedback and people have been very happy. Please give us feedback so that we can improve the service.

-Conference App:

EUPSA app was downloaded by more than 500 congress participants this year and we will continue the app in future congresses.

-Social Media:

Facebook page constantly updated by Gaia Tamaro.

New members selected at the time of request

Case presentations and patient photos not allowed

Annual congress largely advertised

Notifications on EUPSA sponsored events

Updates on current Pediatric Surgery literature



Best (and most active) platform to interact with members.
May 2017 we had 775 members, now in June 2018 we have 1341 members.

The GA unanimously approves the report.

13. Affirmation: Office Chairmen

Prof Martin Lacher as chairmen to Education Office: Affirmed

14. Elections:

Prof Giovanna Riccipetioni stated that in the first invitation to the GA, members were asked if there were any candidates for these positions. No candidatures were reported to the President or the Honorary Secretary till now. Nevertheless according to our Statutes she asked if anybody attending the Assembly would like to be a candidate.

There were no other proposals by the General Assembly.

-EUPSA Honorary Secretary (Vote)

The EB has decided to nominate Prof Gonca Topuzlu Tekant as Honorary Secretary for a second term. There were no further candidates suggested by the General Assembly and there was no suggestion for a secret vote.

There was nobody against to give a vote.

The GA unanimously agreed for Prof Gonca Topuzlu Tekant as Honorary Secretary.

-EUPSA Treasurer (Vote)

The EB has decided to nominate Prof Arnaud Bonnard as Treasurer for a second term.

There were no further candidates suggested by the General Assembly and there was no suggestion for a secret vote.

There was nobody against to give a vote.

The GA unanimously agreed for Prof Arnaud Bonnard as Treasurer.

-EUPSA Webmaster (Vote)

The EB has decided to nominate Prof Augusto Zani as Webmaster for a second term.

There were no further candidates suggested by the General Assembly and there was no suggestion for a secret vote.

There was nobody against to give a vote.

The GA unanimously agreed for Prof Augusto Zani as Webmaster.

15. Suggested adoptions of the Statues and Bye-laws

EUPSA President Prof. Giovanna Riccipetioni mentioned that the EUPSA Statues and Bye-laws that were approved in 2013 needed some minor revisions to update them to contemporary needs of the Association. The EB has completed these tasks and in order to save time she asked the General Assembly for permission to approve these changes in total.

The GA unanimously approves the suggested adoptions of the Statues and Bye-laws.

16. Budget 2018-2019 (Approval)

There were no objections on the budget.

The GA unanimously approves the report.



17. Future Congresses

Prof Marija Lukac in her presentation invited all members to attend the 20th EUPSA Congress in Belgrade between June 12-15th, 2019 and also to take advantage to attend the Pediatric Colorectal Club 26th International Meeting between June 10-11th, 2019 in Belgrade. She mentioned that Belgrade is a vibrant city, with easy access from around the world and reasonable prices for accommodation.

Amendment to the Agenda: Adjustment in the EUPSA annual membership fees.

Prof Giovanna Riccipetioni, EUPSA President, stated that EUPSA is a thriving Association with many scientific activities as reported by the Offices. Unfortunately, over the years, financial support from sponsors has decreased considerably. To maintain all EUPSA activities, we have already made strict restrictions with our expenses in various items. We are also contacting companies such as Coloplast, Aesculap and Promedon to secure finances for future Congresses. Despite all efforts we still need to ask our members for their support by increasing our membership fees. As you all know very well EUPSA annual membership fees are very low compared to similar National and International Pediatric Surgery Associations. Thus we would like to ask the GA for a raise in the membership fee to 120 Euros for Active members and 100 Euros for Trainee members.

Following extensive discussions by the GA members, it was decided not to take a vote on this issue at present, but to discuss it in the future in view of a more detailed financial report.

18. Other Businesses

There being no other business, the EUPSA President declares the termination of the General Assembly at 13:15 and thanks all the members.

Prof. Giovanna Riccipetioni
EUPSA President

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Prof. Gonca Topuzlu Tekant
EUPSA Honorary Secretary

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