



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - Minutes

Date / time	16 December 2021
Location	ZOOM
# members present	26 including board members
# Non-members present	4 (Association management team)
Chair	Hildegard Büning (President) (HB)
Minute-taker	Christina Slater (Association Mgt) (CS)

HB calls the Annual General Meeting to order as per the ESGCT articles of association. CS will be taking the minutes.

HB welcomes everyone present, explains the format of the meeting and that it is being recorded. HB instructs members that by joining the zoom they have officially signed into the AGM and will be on the attendee list but all voting is anonymous.

1. . HB presents the agenda, which was communicated to all members by email prior to the AGM; no additional agenda items were received.

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
 2. Confirmation of the agenda
 3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of 16 September 2020
 4. Year 2021: Overview
 5. ESGCT Board: Confirmation and mandate for prolonging term
 6. Report of the Treasurer: 2020 accounts
 7. Discharge of the Executive Board and formal approval of the 2020 accounts
 8. Report of the President
 9. AOB
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2. The agenda was approved by the members present
 3. The minutes were approved by the members present.
 4. Overview 2021: HB gave an overview of the society and advised ESGCT has been in the field now for 29 years. HB provided an overview on membership figures, the current board, student board members, WATS.ON (the ESGCT office) and Manual Grez (external auditor of accounts). HB confirmed there was no Spring school in 2021 but e-school and e-seminars were launched. HB explained that ESGCT



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undertook their first virtual congress in 2021 and gave an overview of statistics for the event which was in conjunction with 8 National societies from across Europe.

5. ESGCT Board: Confirmation and mandate for prolonging term of Executive Board until annual meeting 2022 . The members ratified the prolonging of the mandates of the Executive board for one year until October 2022 with Hildegard Buning as President, Juan Bueren as Vice President, Alberto Auricchio as General Secretary and Axel Schambach as Treasurer.

The members also voted for prolonging the mandate of the rest of the board for 1 year, voting in Vincenzo Cerullo, Claire Booth, Alessandro Aiuti, Gloria Gonzalez Aseguinolaza, Zoltan Ivics, Giuliana Ferrari.

All voting was done electronically and results of those votes can be found in the annexes.

6. ESGCT Board Report of the Treasurer: 2020 accounts: AS explained that no meeting in 2020 had an impact on the financial position of the society. No event could be ran but costs had been incurred due to prior planning and contracts then being cancelled. AS then presented the financial status of the accounts and explained due to the COVID year the deficient could be understood but the society was in good shape due to previous careful planning. AS went on to explain that next year he would be able to show the financial position of the society in good light due to the 2021 virtual event and that the cashflow is needed to enable ESGCT to organise successful events in the future.



7. Discharge of the Management Board and formal approval of the 2020 accounts

HB requested the discharge of the executive Board; Voting was done electronically and details of the votes can be found in the annexes. The management board is discharged and the 2020 have been formally approved.

8. Report of the President:

- a. HB re-confirmed the mission of ESGCT
- b. HB gave an overview of the e-school and e-seminars and statistics for these
- c. HB reminded us of the Human Gene Therapy journal and in particular the unique 2021 addition in conjunction with the 8 National societies involved in the Virtual 2021 congress
- d. HB gave an overview of the partnerships ESGCT undertakes with National societies and those further afield
- e. HB gave an overview of the Outstanding Achievement and Young Investigator awards along with the 2021 winners.
- f. HB gave an overview of upcoming events
 - i. 27-29 April 2022 Spring School Athens
 - ii. 11-14 October 2022 Annual Congress Edinburgh
 - iii. 24-27 October 2022 Annual Congress Brussels

5. AOB: No other business was presented. HB thanked the board & members, and closed the AGM.

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Hildegard Büning, HB, ESGCT President

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Christina Slater (CS) ESGCT manager, minutes