



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Minutes

<b>Date / time</b>	14 December 2022
<b>Location</b>	ZOOM
<b># members present</b>	32 (including 9 board members)
<b># Non-members present</b>	4 (Association management team)
<b>Chair</b>	Hildegard Büning (President) (HB)
<b>Minute-taker</b>	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 and a 50% majority is required within each vote.

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 and nomination of Christina Slater as taker of the minutes
  3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of 16 December 2021
  4. Report of the president
  5. ESGCT Board: Elections
  6. Year 2022 – overview
  7. Report of the Treasurer: 2021 accounts
  8. Discharge of the Executive Board and formal approval of the 2021 accounts
  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. Report of the president: HB gave an overview of the society and advised ESGCT has been in the field now for 30 years. HB provided an overview on membership figures (1498 current members), the society journal with HGT and the special addition for the annual congress with guest editor Andy Baker (congress president), the national



societies and beyond Europe the relationships with ASGCT, JSGCT & AGCTS where ESGCT actively co-organise sessions and webinars.

HB explained about the various awards ESGCT has in place:

Outstanding Achievement Award – for 2022 awarded to Christof von Kalle and Manfred Schmidt (posthumously)

Founders Award – new for 2022, HB explained the concept and that it was presented to Jude Samilski (AV Vectors)

Young Investigator Award – for 2022 awarded to Eliana Ruggiero (Milan) & Raul Torres (CIEMAT)

LT followed with an overview of the student activities undertaken in Edinburgh & the impact of these events for the student and that mentoring was a big focus for the future. She then went on to explain about the social media coverage with an increased following being seen especially Instagram and LinkedIn. The student board members are looking to organise future talks with senior scientists and young science divulgators.

#### 5. ESGCT Board – Elections

Hildegard Buning, Alessandro Aiuti and Zoltan Ivics stepping down

HB explained that for the voting of the executive board those members of the EB or those standing are unable to vote and for the board members everyone can vote.

Executive Board:

Juan Bueren – President – voted for and accepted position

Alberto Auricchio – President Elect - voted for and accepted position

Gloria Gonzalez-Aseguinolaza – Secretary - voted for and accepted position

Board Members :

Els Verhoeyen – elected

Toni Cathomen – elected



Anne Galy – elected

6. Year 2022 – Overview

HB provided a summary of Edinburgh which had been postponed since 2020 and was organised in collaboration with BSGCT. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> in-person congress since Barcelona and was sold out which was unique to ESGCT. There were 2023 in-person registrations and 224 virtual. There was a large number of industry registrations with academics and students also being well represented. Over 800 abstracts were submitted and a big thank you to all the sponsors of the congress. Spring School took place in Athens in April and was the first ESGCT in-person meeting since 2019. Good networking opportunity for students. ESGCT Academy – new activity launched for 2022 with 15 students focussing on a specific topic which this time was hosted in San Sebastian on AV Vectors.

7. Report of Treasurer 2021

HB thanked AS for his contributions as treasurer.

AS explained the financial report in detail and that it left an operating profit of €580K

A question was asked on which country ESGCT established in – AS answered Germany and that approval has to be sought every 3 years from the Germany tax authorities to maintain their status.

AS also thanked Manuel Grez for auditing the accounts.

8. Discharge of the Management Board and formal approval of the 2021 accounts

AS requested the discharge of the executive Board and that everyone except the board were able to vote, Ayal Hendel asked for the board to be discharged. The management board is discharged and the 2021 have been formally approved.

9. Welcome new president



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JB thanks HB for her term as president and increasing the activities of ESGCT and especially the amazing Edinburgh event. HB will continue with running the educational activities – Spring school and academy.

Scientific committees are to be established

Spring School 2023 will take place in Giens, France

ESGCT Academy will take place in Paris, June 2023

ESGCT congress will take place in Brussels 24-27 October 2023

WATS.ON were thanked for all their work as association partners

10. AOB: No other business was presented. HB thanked everyone who attended and congratulated the new board and JB, and closed the AGM.

**SIGNED**

Hildegard Büning, HB, ESGCT President

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Christina Slater (CS) ESGCT manager, minutes