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Date and time: 19 October 2018, 17:00
Location: SwissTech Convention Center, Lausanne, Switzerland
Chair: Robin Ali (RA) (ESGCT president)
Minutes: Gaelle Jamar (GJ) (ESGCT Manager)
Minutes will be signed by Gaelle Jamar and Robin Ali
Members present: 134

Opening

RA states that the AGM has been called in accordance with its bylaws. He welcomes everyone and opens the meeting by presenting the agenda.

Elections

RA reminds members that there were 5 open seats on the board to be filled from 16 available candidate nominations, and he confirms the top five top results as being

1. Alessandro Aiuti
2. Axel Schambach
3. Giuliana Ferarri
4. Gloria Gonzalez Aseguinolaza
5. Zoltán Ivics

RA thanks the Board members stepping down for their service and commitment to the mission and goals of ESGCT:

- Christof von Kalle
- Nathalie Cartier-Lacave

RA further confirms that Juan Bueren has been nominated and voted in to the executive position of Vice-President to follow Hildegard Büning.

Hildegard Büning thanks the outgoing president for his service and commitment to the mission and goals of ESGCT:

- Robin Ali

Lausanne 2018

RA presents the statistics for the 2018 Annual Congress. 1303 delegates registered, which is a record for the society. For the first time, there are more registrations from industry than academia. RA summarises that the 2018 Annual Congress was a very successful meeting and refers to the excellent location, venue, food and the strong and varied programme.

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Awards

RA presents the winners of the Travel Grants and OAA and YIA. Didier Trono (OAA) delivered his award lecture on Tuesday, Alessio Cantore (YIA) will speak later today.

Membership

RA presents membership statistics. ESGCT currently has 1003 members, for the first time >1000. Over the past few years, there has been a dramatic rise in membership overall, but particularly in industry memberships.

2017 accounts

RA presents the financial situation of the society. The positive current bank balance means that the society is financially secure and can also invest in new activities and grants. The society can invest further in, for example, travel grants and the Spring School which already benefit PhD students and ECRs.

Initiatives

RA says that ESGCT's main aims are to promote science, exchange knowledge, educate the next generation of graduate students, engage general public and work with regulatory agencies. He then presents impact initiatives that ESGCT is planning for the future.

Partnerships

RA presents partnerships with national societies of gene and cell therapy, international societies including ISSCR, ASGCT and JSGCT, and the society journal HGT.

Next AGM

RA announces that the next AGM will take place on Friday 25 October 2019 in Barcelona, Spain during the 2019 Annual Congress.

Close

RA asks whether there are any questions and, in the absence of any questions, closes the AGM, reminding members that the minutes and slides are available in the secure member area for each member.

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