



Meeting minutes

General Assembly of the Austrian Chapter of the European Society of Biomechanics

Location: Kleiner Hörsaal Chirurgie, 1st Floor, Chirurgie Gebäude - Haupteingang, Innerkoflerstrasse , 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Date and Time: September 15th 2017, 13:00-14:00

Present: Christian Hellmich (CH), Philipp Thurner (PT), Dieter Pahr (DP), Pert Augat (PA), Anna Spicher (AS), Stefan Scheiner (SS) Emir Benca (EB), Andrea Lorenz (AL), Caitkyn Collins (CC)

The General Assembly is opened (13:00)

1) **Welcome:**

WS welcomes participants and introduces outline of meeting

PT welcomes on behalf of executive board and gives overview over agenda.

2) **Introduction of attending members – professional and scientific roles.**

3) **Quorum:**

PT states that assembly has quorum to take decisions according to by-laws.

Article III:

Meetings of Members -Quorum

At least two members of the executive board and two other members present at the meeting, shall constitute A quorum. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

4) **Report of the President (PT)** on activities of the Austrian chapter in the last two years and the goals of the national chapter.

Goals:

- To “live” the mission statement, i.e. to have media appearances at least every two years – starting with a press release announcing the formation of the national chapter
- To hold a biomechanics symposium (networking event) every two years (2017 Innsbruck, 2019, Vienna)
- To bring the ESB annual congress to Vienna in 2019

- Promotion of ESB Membership and participation within the national chapter

Assembly agrees that a press release just before the ESB2019 is a good idea to raise awareness of the national chapter and attract more new members to participate in the Austrian National Chapter of the ESB.

5) Update on the ViCEM (Vienna Center for Engineering in Medicine)

The national chapter decided in the last GA to support the formation of ViCEM.

The kick-off event will take place in 9th-10th November 2017 at the Medical University of Vienna.

The website [Http://www.vicem.at/](http://www.vicem.at/) was created is online since mid-September.

6) Update on the ESB2019 in Vienna by PT

The bid of CH, DP & PT to hold the 25th ESB annual conference in Vienna at the general Assembly of the ESB in 2016 in Lyon was successful.

The conference will take place from July 7-10 2019 at the University of Vienna located centrally in the first district.

The “Audimax” will be available as main lecture hall and multiple smaller lecture halls located close to the Audimax can be used for parallel sessions.

Preparations for the conference are underway and all ESB members in Austria are invited to help and shape the content of the congress

Next GA of the Austrian Chapter might be scheduled just after the congress.

7) Election of New Executive Board

PT (president) is leaving the board and is not standing for reelection.

As no written proposals for candidates of the new executive board were submitted to any member of the past executive board, the assembly proposes Christian Hellmich, Dieter Pahr and Werner Schmölz for election of the new executive board.

Secret election among the present ESB members entitled to vote the executive board.

Result of ballot: in favour: - 9; against -0; abstention -0

The proposed executive board was therefore confirmed and consist of:

Christian Hellmich (CH), Dieter Pahr (DP) and Werner Schmölz (WS)

Election of chapter president: CH proposes WS – the majority of the board agrees (WS abstains) – WS agrees to become second president of the Austrian National Chapter of the European Society of Biomechanics and thanks the board for their confidence

8) Format and timing of future assemblies

It is planned to hold a scientific symposium of the Austrian National Chapter of the ESB in 2018 in Salzburg at the PMU hosted by Peter Augat. The meeting is planned in September (possibly the first two weeks).

9) Activities/participation at future biomechanics meetings

The chapter will propose a session at the World Congress of Biomechanics in 2018 in Dublin entitled "ESB-ANC Orthopaedics from molecules to patients" with Peter Augat and Caitlyn Collins as session chairs and Christian Hellmich and Werner Schmölz as invited speakers.

10) Further Agenda points as proposed by members

None

11) Any other business

Announcement of the scientific symposium after the GA

Presentations:

Emir Benca et al., - FRACTURE PREDICTION IN PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC LESIONS IN THE FEMUR USING QCT-BASED FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

Caitlyn Collins et al., - TRABECULARIZATION AT THE ENDOSTEAL SURFACE OF THE FEMORAL MIDSHAFT SIGNIFICANTLY EFFECTS FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF HUMAN CORTICAL BONE

Anna Spicher et al., - FUNCTIONAL AND RADIOGRAPHIC EVALUATION OF AN INTERSPINOUS DEVICE AS AN ADJUNCT FOR LUMBAR INTERBODY FUSION PROCEDURES

Followed by a round table discussion on biomechanics in different locations/institutes of the meeting participants with Dieter Pahr, Peter Augat, Philipp Thurner, Emir Benca, Christian Hellmich and Werner Schmölz.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 14:20 and the scientific symposium was started.