



European Society of Aerospace Medicine

Minutes of the ESAM General Assembly Milan (Italy) on 7th November 2009

Place: ITAF Aerotactical Command Milan – Piazza Ermete Novelli, 1

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

Chair: Roland Vermeiren, President

Co-Chair: Paolo Tosco, Secretary General

Prior to the GA was opened, the Secretary General called for the member associations present. 21 member association were present, 21 were absent.

The General Assembly was complete according the Statute.

There was a conference in front of the GA as is shown in the program, already published on website (attachment into archives)

Regular Member Associations present (attachment into archives):

Name of Association	Delegate
Moldavian Society of Aviation Medicine	Elena Cataman
HSASM - HA-AME – Hungary	Lilla Ungváry (appointed to vote also for the HA-AME; letter into Archives)
Association of Aviation Medical Examiners - UK	Kevin Herbert
Italian Association of Aerospace Medicine	Felice Strollo + Silvio Porcù + Paolo Tosco

Netherlands Association of Aerospace Medicine	Ries Simons (appointed to vote for the Netherlands; e-mail into Archives)
Italian Society of Aerospace Psychiatry and Psychology	Simeone Izzo
Serbian Aviation Medicine Section	Marina Cmelic-Ostojc
Bulgarian Society of Aviation Navy and Space Medicine	Lyubomir Aleksiev
Swiss Society of Aviation Medicine	René Maire + Jean Meile
Spanish Association of Aerospace Medicine	Ramon Dominguèz-Mompell
Irish Society of Aviation Medicine	Declan Maher
AMABEL – Belgium	Marina Vanbrabant
Russia Civil Aviation Medical Association	Victor Kiziga +Elena Kolesnikova +Alla Bystrova
Norway Association of Aviation Medicine	Lars Tjensvoll +Anthony Wagstaff
GAAME – Germany	Hans-Werner Teichmüller
German Society of Aviation and Space Medicine	Hans Pongratz
Scottish Association of Authorised Medical Examiners	David Doyle
Hellenic Association for Aerospace Medicine	Joannis Diamantopoulos

Associated Member Associations present (attachment into archives):

EUROCONTROL – Belgium	Roland Vermeiren
Bosnia and Herzegovina Directorate of Civil Aviation (association in progress)	Fejsal Boric
AsMA – U.S.A.	Anthony Bellenkes

27 attending persons were totally present. All the Executive Committee members were also present.

Welcome by the President Roland Vermeiren

Report from the President (attachment A)

Roland Vermeiren gave a report and Power Point is attached. The report was accepted by the GA.

Report from the Secretary General

Paolo Tosco gave an oral report, accepted by the GA. New entries in ESAM were recognised, both as Regular Members (Austria, Georgia, Swiss and Serbia), and as Associated Members (AsMA, IFALPA, IAOPA EUROPE). It's was highlighted the specific feature of ESAM of being strictly a scientific and professional community, where none border divides colleagues coming from all European and non-European countries and where free thought contribution of the smallest and the largest nation is equally important and appreciated.

Report from the Treasurer (attachment B)

Hans-Werner Teichmüller presented the summary of data concerning the ESAM Dresdner Bank/Deutsche Bank Accounts.

The report was approved.

Report from the Auditors

David DOYLE – Auditor (Dr M-A Polet was unable to be at the Milan Meeting)

ESAM's Financial Year ends on 31st December. The Treasurer will present the accounts and the Annual Audit will be completed as soon as possible after that date.

The Treasurer has given the Auditors an EXCEL list of income and expenditure from the date of the last interim Audit (15-11-08) to 31-12-08. From January 2009, he has provided al list of items of expenditure and has shown the documents for all of the receipts for that period. He will provide a printed list as soon as possible.

<u>ESAM's Bank Balance</u>	2007	455.74 euros
	2008	5499.22 euros
	to 04-11-2009	<u>5545.70 euros</u>
	<u>total at 04-11-2009</u>	<u>11,500.66 euros</u>

Auditor's Notes.

Bank Charges. In November 2008, D.Doyle recommended that the Treasurer should ask Dresdner Bank to reduce its charges and to change banks if it would not. After moving to Deutsche Bank, bank charges will probably be 33% less than for 2008 (from 222 to approximately 137 euros).

High Expenditure Items were 1,487.57 euros for Dr Pongratz to attend ASMA on our behalf and 483.32 euros for hiring a meeting room for an Executive Committee meeting in England. The auditors will need to know the basis on which expenses for travel are paid. At present, ESAM does not pay for the attendance at meetings of office bearers and committee members. National associations and individuals meet these costs. In the future, ESAM's funds may allow other arrangements to be introduced.

Membership Payments have been received from 33 associations (but since the Treasurer prepared the Interim Audit figures, the total is 42, including 9 Associate Member organisations. The exact number of individuals in all of these associations is not known but is thought to be over 4,000.

Financial Forecasting, to include known and projected items, is recommended.

Report from the Advisory Board Chair (attachment C)

The new AB Chair Ries Simons elected during 6th Nov Meeting gave a report and minutes are attached. The report was accepted by the GA.

Report from the ESSI Group – Participation of ESAM at the EASA safety project (attachment D)

Lars Tjensvoll gave a report and Power Point is attached. The report was accepted by the GA.

Report from the ESAM representative at AsMA

Hans Pongratz gave a report about former ESAM participation at AsMA Congress in Los Angeles CA USA on May 2009 and about the next one at Phoenix AZ USA on May 2010. Relationship between the Organisations are excellent. An official representative is mutually appointed: Anthony Bellenkes by AsMA into ESAM and Hans Pongratz by ESAM into AsMA. They regularly attend every event and, with other auditors and lecturers, assure full scientific and professional cooperation.

Discussion about the proposed changes of fees

At present time the amount of fees doesn't allow ESAM to be autonomous in managing functions and events in the field of interest. So, EC identified this as a primary matter for Society. EC proposals are:

- flat-rate increase: a minimum of 10 euros is proposed, on the basis of the known current costs of EC, Advisory Board and GA meetings, possibly including ECAMs;
- a flat-rate organisational fee, plus a tiered additional fee for each individual member of that organisation;
- a flat-fee of 50 euros, then 10 euros for the first 100 members, 5 euros for the next 200 and 3 euros for associations with more than 300 members.

During following discussion (Silvio, Joannis, Kevin, Anthony, Ries, Elena, René, Ramon) almost all of Representatives agree with the first proposal, except HSASM – Hungary (letter 2nd Nov 2009, into Archives, favourable only to the present system of fee). Spain sent a-mail in favour all countries have to pay the same. German Association of AMEs agrees with a tiered Additional fee. Netherlands opts for a flat raise to 10 € per member. Scottish Association of AMEs also support ESAM to the extent of 10 € each. Further written down official proposal from all national Society are requested. Next EC will finally decide about this issue, taking also into account the different real value of Euro among all ESAM countries.

Discussion about the work of NPA review group at EASA

EC proposes to GA his own decisions taken about this item, as follows:

The EC approved a “compromise policy” about aeromedical certification:

- Class 1 AME
- Class 2 AME
- LPL with passengers AME
- LPL without passengers GP (according to national regulation)

GA unanimously approved.

Kevin is therefore requested to write down an official ESAM paper about this position, to be signed by Roland and to be submitted to EASA.

Election of two Auditors for two years

David Doyle and Ramon Dominguèz-Mompell were unanimously elected as Auditors, to audit the finances prepared by the Treasurer – ESAM Statutes Article I number 10.

Election for appointment of Nomination Committee

GA unanimously appointed the members of Nomination Committee (ESAM Statutes Article J number 1-2-3), as follows:

- Hardicsay Gábor – Chair
- Elena Kolesnikova – Member
- Simeone Izzo – Member

All of them accepted the election.

Assembly was closed after the elections.

Milan, 7th November 2009

Roland Vermeiren, President

Paolo Tosco, Secretary General

Attachment:

A: Report from the President

B: Report from the Treasurer

C: Report from the Advisory Board Chair

D: Report from the ESSI Group – Participation of ESAM at the EASA safety project