

## ESPR

Section of Haematology, Oxygen transport and Microcirculation



### Minutes of the section meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome** of the participants of the meeting - Sandra Horsch, Britta Hüning, Gerhard Pichler, Heike Rabe, Rodney Rivers, Claudia Roll, Soubasi Vasiliki, Martin Wolf – and especially of those who joined us for the first time (new section members!): Topun Austin, Siv Fredly, Drude Fugelseth, Rolf Lindermann, Berndt Urlesberger.

**Report of the secretary:** We had received more than 60 abstracts related to haematology, oxygen transport and microcirculation. Their evaluation worked quite well - thanks to those who helped with the scoring.

The postgraduate pre-congress course on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October on Microcirculation and Oxygen Transport was attended by 45 participants. It was quite a success – thanks to all the teachers who did such a good job. Devices were presented by the manufacturers which probably contributed nicely to make it lively and worth while for all the participants. There was a first part with 7 lectures followed by a 90 minutes hands-on part. For more information you may revisit our program which you find attached.

We had 3 oral sessions (Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13:15 – 15:15 pm, Session 6, Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 13:30 – 15:30 pm, Session 13, and Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 – 12:15 am, Session 17) on our topics. This year, near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) was very much the focus and the topic of two of the three sessions. The second was combined with a round table on NIRS.

**New members:** We talked about attracting more members interested in and being active researchers in the field of haematology.

**Elections:** Claudia Roll, Datteln, Germany, was reelected section secretary (12:1:0). Gerhard Pichler, Graz, Austria, was elected section council member (12:1:0). Heike Rabe, Brighton, UK, resigned from the position of section council member as already announced last year.

**Forthcoming ESPR meetings:** *Nice 2008* (joint meeting) and *Hamburg 2009*. All members are kindly asked to bring up topics and ideas for the forthcoming meetings. We decided to do a course organised by our section again in Hamburg, 2009. The topics will be discussed at the next section meeting in Nice. However, it would be nice to get some input before that.

Nobody is enthusiastic about early morning sections meetings, and we decided not to have them – at least for our section - during the next meetings.

**Further topics:** At the business meeting on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 8:30 am, Heike Rabe was elected vice president of the ESPR: Congratulations!

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Section secretary