



# Circulation, Oxygen Transport and Haematology

## Section Meeting October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

### Istanbul

#### Present

Topun Austin, UK  
Martin Wolf, Switzerland  
Gerhard Pichler, Austria  
Elise Verhagen, Netherlands  
Willem de Boode, Netherlands  
Claudia Roll, Germany  
Gorm Greisen, Denmark  
Mathias Nelle, Switzerland  
Daniel Vylbrief, Netherlands

#### Apologies

Samir Gupta, UK

#### Minutes and Action Points

##### 1a) Election of Section Council Member

Two nominations were received for the post of section council member – Willem de Boode from the Netherlands and Samir Gupta from the UK. Votes were cast by all present and three 'postal' ballots were also included. Willem de Boode was elected and will serve a 3 year term from October 2012, renewable once.

The section council welcomed Willem de Boode and thanked Martin Wolf for all his support for the section over the past 7 years.

##### 1b) Review of Section Council Posts

TA/EV reach the end of their first term of office in 2013, and GP the end of his second term of office. Both TA and EV wished to stand for a second term, and no one present in the meeting wished to challenge their re-election next year. Therefore TA and EV will serve a second 3 year term from October 2013 (with new elections for young section member and section secretary to be held in October 2016).

It was agreed that for continuity that it would be a good idea to 'stagger' the section council member and section secretary posts. Therefore GP was asked if he was willing to stay on an extra year as section council member until October 2014.

The terms of the section council agreed at the meeting are:

Willem de Boode 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	October 2012 - October 2015
Topun Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	October 2013 – October 2016
Elise Verhagen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	October 2013 – October 2016
New section council member 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	October 2014 – October 2017

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## 2) Report from EAPS conference 2012

TA reported that given the size of the EAPS conference and as a scientific committee member that it was harder to promote activities of individual ESPR sections.

Nevertheless over 174 abstracts were received on topic related to circulation, oxygen transport and haematology and there were 3 parallel sessions, including a dedicated haematology session, and numerous poster sessions and a 'controversies' session.

Unfortunately there was a clash between the haematology and microcirculation session – TA reported that this was one of the difficulties of organising such a large meeting with over 9 parallel sessions.

## 3) ESPR meeting 2013

### a) Preconference courses

There has been a section-organised bi-annual preconference course for nearly 10 years now and these have been well attended. WdeB had suggested running a circulation course at next years meeting. GG made the point that these courses should be research focussed while the ESN courses were educational courses aimed at trainees. TA mentioned that at the ESPR in Newcastle there was an ESN circulation course and an ESPR circulation course which were both well attended and importantly topics did not overlap.

**ACTION** *WdeB to put together a proposal for a one day course*

### b) Workshops

There have been several successful workshops, with the one in Prague in 2007 led by GP resulting in a group publication. At this years EAPS there were several successful 'early morning' workshops and it was suggested that the section think about running 2 early morning workshops next year. Again these should be research focused. TA suggested a workshop on autoregulation; WdeB suggested another on functional echocardiography.

**ACTION** *To seek suggestions from wider circulation section members before finalising topics in the new year.*

To minimise costs to the society it was suggested that invited speakers to workshops/preconference courses should also participate in the main meeting.

### c) Parallel Sessions

There will be two parallel sessions at next years meeting. Suggestions are welcome for 2 keynote speakers and possible themes. Suggested topics include early physiological transition at birth and delayed cord clamping: 'what's happening in the delivery room'.

**ACTION** *TA to forward suggested speakers to GG as soon as possible.*

### d) Abstract Reviewers

Everyone present at the meeting agreed to act as a reviewer. TA will also email other section 'members' to see who else would be willing to be a reviewer. GG mentioned his aim that all accepted abstracts will be presented in some form (oral/poster sessions).

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#### 4) Development of Section

There was a wide ranging discussion on how to develop and widen interest in the section. Key points were:

- The section meeting is open to everyone but is still a business meeting to discuss the development of the section and not as an 'extra' parallel session. At next years conference the section meetings will not clash with any section parallel sessions.
- There is a new website set up by MCA. This is an opportunity to develop a circulation section within this website. The members area is built up like a 'social network' offering the possibility sharing information/contacts between members.

**ACTION** TA to liaise with MCA regarding development of the website.

- Those present were keen that the section should be a 'voice in Europe' for individuals interested in research in this area and we should maximise opportunities for collaboration/inform on ongoing and prospective studies/conferences/courses. IT was suggested that as well as developing the website (as above), creating a quarterly newsletter would also be a good way of communicating with interested individuals.

**ACTION** TA to develop section newsletter with other section council members.

- The circulation section 'members' are made up from a historical mailing list with new names added whenever requests received. Not all people on this list are members of the ESPR – in the future perhaps information from the section should only be shared to ESPR members to encourage membership.
- There was discussion of the possibility of holding a summer (or winter) section course/meeting/workshop. The feeling of those present was that there would be interest in such a meeting and it should be self-funding/profit generating.

**ACTION** TA to discuss with Luc Zimmerman and MCA regarding organisation of such a meeting.

#### Next Section Meeting

Porto October 10-14<sup>th</sup> 2013



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