



## EUROPEAN ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

### General Assembly – Remote Attendance Virtual Congress, Izmir

# Minutes EORS General Assembly (GA)

**Date:** 18 September 2020

**Start:** 10:30 CEST

**End:** 11:00 CEST

**GA announcement:** (1) in the EORS newsletter at [www.eors.info](http://www.eors.info) on 13 August 2020, (2) via email sent to all EORS members on 13 August 2020, (3) in the scientific program of the virtual EORS 2020 annual meeting, (4) in virtual rooms 1 and 2 during the live streaming of EORS 2020

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 987 1334 7976

**GA invitation:** sent on 12 September 2020 to all active EORS members and attendees of the virtual EORS 2020 annual meeting

**GA record:** video and audio record of the whole GA, all text messages in chat documented

## Members Executive Committee (EC)

President:	Denitsa Docheva
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Gianluca Vadalá
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Holger Jahr
General Secretary:	Boyko Gueorguiev
Treasurer:	Jeannette Penny
Former President:	Ashley Blom (excused)

## Regular EORS Members

Currently, 113 active EORS members are registered, including 7 honorary members.

## 1. Opening of the GA

The GA is opened by the EORS president Denitsa Docheva and the EORS general secretary Boyko Gueorguiev with the following agenda.

- 1) Opening of the GA
- 2) Approval of the previous GA Minutes
- 3) Report by the President
- 4) Report by the General Secretary
- 5) Report by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- 6) Report by the Treasurer
- 7) Report by the Cash Auditors
- 8) Discharge of the Treasurer and the EC
- 9) Nomination and election procedure for new EC
- 10) Membership
- 11) EORS 2021 and next EORS meetings
- 12) Miscellaneous
- 13) Closing of the GA

No remarks for changes are communicated from the audience.

## 2. Approval of the Previous GA Minutes

The minutes of the previous GA are approved without any remarks.

### 3. Report by the President

The most important EORS activities since the previous GA are presented.

#### EORS Members

The president thanks the EORS members for their particular service and engagement.

#### Executive Committee (2018-2020)

The president thanks the EC members for their service during the last 2 years.

#### Ex-Officio Members

The ex-officios are recognized for their engagement.

#### EORS Annual Meeting in Maastricht

The EORS 2019 annual meeting in Maastricht is acknowledged as a successful one, not only from scientific but also from social point of view. The meeting is characterized as an event with approximately 350 participants and an extensive scientific program with a lot of opportunities to communicate and discuss the most recent developments and trends in the clinical and translational orthopaedic research.

#### ICORS

EORS was well represented at the face-to-face ICORS executive committee meeting during the ORS 2020 annual meeting, as well as during the regular online video conferences of the committee.

#### FIOR Program

The Fellow of International Orthopaedic Research (FIOR) program of ICORS highlights the special engagement and initiatives of several EORS members. Each ICORS member society nominates selected candidates for FIOR depending on its total number of members and the number of its attendees at the ICORS three-year meetings. The current FIORs from EORS are presented.

#### EORS–ON Foundation Collaboration

The following activities of the EORS–ON collaboration are highlighted:

1. Educational scholarships for sponsoring of 25 registrations for the virtual EORS 2020 annual meeting by ON.
2. Orthogeneration Research Award.
3. Joint EORS–ON symposium at the ICORS 2019 meeting in Montreal.
4. Kick-Starter Grant.
5. First ever EORS–ON cobranded session at the virtual EORS 2020 annual meeting.

#### Summary Presidential Achievements

The president summarizes all her EORS achievements during the period 2011–2020, clustered in her role as EC member-at-large (2011–2016), 1<sup>st</sup> EORS vice president (2016-2018) and EORS president (2018–2020).

### 4. Report by the General Secretary

#### EC Meetings and Video Conferences

The audience is updated about face-to-face and virtual EC meetings with participation of the ex-officios and national ambassadors, as well as the monthly EC video conferences.

#### EORS Administrative Office

EORS administrative office with Beatriz Sais de la Torre in her role as Society Administrator is set up to keep running daily business activities in the main fields of (1) website services and



newsletters, (2) membership system management, (3) events promotion, (4) financial transactions and (5) archive organization.

### **Institutional Sponsorship for EORS**

Institutional sponsorship for EORS is initiated by Geoff Richards, Director of AO Research Institute Davos, with the aim to support the society and cover some EORS memberships. All institutions are encouraged to look at the details about the sponsorship on the website and take advantages of the offered benefits.

### **EORS Society Collaborations with ORS and TERMIS**

The EORS symposia at the ORS 2020 annual meeting and TERMIS 2020 global meeting are moved to the virtual ORS 2021 annual meeting and TERMIS EU 2021 annual meeting.

### **EORS Journals**

The 2 official EORS journals are European Cells & Materials and Bone & Joint Research. Further journals with EORS contributions are The Bone & Joint Journal, European Orthopaedics and Traumatology, and the Journal of Orthopaedic Translation.

### **EORS Travel Grants**

The EORS Travel Grants are converted in sponsoring of free registrations for the virtual EORS 2020 annual meeting.

### **EORS Activities in Social Media**

The EORS members will be further kept updated about current EORS activities on Facebook, Twitter und LinkedIn. They will be informed about the current status of the EORS annual meeting programs via Facebook. Other social media for real-time information exchange will be also used during the EORS annual meetings.

### **EORS Website: [www.eors.info](http://www.eors.info)**

Announcements and links for EORS annual meetings, deadlines for submissions, events, applications for travel grants, details concerning members and membership, followers, streams on Facebook and Twitter, newsletters etc. are displayed here.

### **EORS Newsletter**

The EORS newsletter is regularly emailed to all active and past members.

### **Further Social Activities**

EORS has a digital archive of all important and relevant information and historic documents. The latter include e.g. the flyer with the announcement of the first EORS Annual Meeting in Paris. For cost savings, efforts are put in organizing digital money management.

## **5. Report by the 1st Vice President**

### **EORS–EFORT Collaboration**

As EORS Liaison Officer at EFORT, Gianluca Vadalá coordinates all EORS activities at EFORT, where our society has a status of special society. The most important activities include a 3-year program on basic science and a session moved to the EFORT 2021 annual meeting.

## **6. Report by the Treasurer**

### **Balance**

The EORS financial balance is presented considering the last year transactions. Our society actively seeks to reduce administrative costs.

## National Ambassadors Program

The national ambassadors are recognized for their engagement. The aim of the program is detailed and all interested EORS members are encouraged to contact its chairs and share their ideas. The new ambassadors since the previous GA are presented.

## 7. Report by the Cash Auditors

Both Cash Auditors advise the GA to accept the current accounting status.

## 8. Discharge of the Treasurer and the EC

The audience is asked to discharge the treasurer and the EC. The treasurer and the EC are discharged without any objections and remarks.

## 9. Nomination and Election Procedure for New EC

Nominations for the new EC for 2020–2022 are announced by the general secretary according to the EORS guidelines. The following EC members are nominated: Gianluca Vadalá – for president, Holger Jahr and Boyko Gueorguiev – for first and second vice president, respectively, Eduardo Garcia-Rey – for general secretary, and Jeannette Penny – for treasurer. The audience is asked whether there are further nominations for the above mentioned functions one by one. No further proposals are communicated. Considering the special situation with virtual GA, the audience is informed about the election procedure as follows.

1. An election form will be sent per email to all active EORS members.
2. The form has to be filled in, signed and returned as PDF to [eors@eors.info](mailto:eors@eors.info) by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – set as initial deadline. Final deadline to return the signed election forms should be no longer than 30 days, counted from the date of its initial emailing to the active members.
3. All votes will be counted and protocolled.
4. The nominees have to accept the vote at the next EC meeting.
5. The EORS registry in Munich will be then amended, mediated via the notary.

## 10. Membership

The new EORS members – registered since the previous GA in Maastricht – are welcomed. The audience is informed that the EORS registration system, being coupled with the registration for EORS annual meetings, implements storage of members' information to enhance the quality of future EORS annual meetings. In addition, the system offers option for membership registration without necessity to attend the corresponding EORS annual meeting and saves costs via online payments.

## 11. EORS 2021 and next EORS meetings

The 29<sup>th</sup> EORS annual meeting will take place from 15–17 September in Rome with Gianluca Vadalá as congress president. Flyer with congress info is displayed. The 30<sup>th</sup> EORS annual meeting will be within the ICORS 2022 World Orthopaedic Research Congress from 7–10 September 2022 in Edinburgh. The 31<sup>st</sup> EORS annual meeting will be in Porto with Manuela Gomes as congress president. Deadline for applications for the 32<sup>nd</sup> EORS annual meeting will be announced soon.

## 12. Miscellaneous

The audience is asked whether further points need to be communicated and discussed. No further points are indicated.

## 13. Closing of the GA

The audience is asked once again whether further agenda topics or points for discussion exist. As no such topics and points are indicated, the GA is closed.

**General secretary: Boyko Gueorguiev**