

**Online Minutes for 2014 EFAS General Assembly,  
Leuven, Faculty Club level 0, room Lemaire  
Friday, Sept. 5th, 2014, 11.40- 13.00**



- Second version, August 19th, 2014

1. Welcome from Chair (Wouters)
2. Attendance and Apologies (Kollmeier)

**Attendance**

Austria (Kurt Stephan), Belgium (Jan Wouters, Patrick Verheyden), Czech Republik (Josef Syka), Finland (Jukka Kokkonen), France (Rene Dauman), Germany (Birger Kollmeier), Ireland (Jean Hagerty, Theresa Pitt), Israel (J. Attias), Netherlands (Rob Drullman), Norway (Arne Vik), Portugal (Serrano Margarida), Romania (Madalina Georgescu), Spain (Antonia Angulo), Switzerland (Martin Kompis), Turkey (Ahmet Atas, Özlem Konukseven), United Kingdom (Amanda Casey)

**Guests:** Liat Kishon-Rabin, Daphne Ari-Even Roth (Israel), Ayrout Ayshe, Aksay Sanbül (Turkey), Pauline Kamyle (Poland),

**Apologies:** Bülent Serbetcioglu, MD PhD (nonvoting, Turkey)

Francoise Sterkers- Artieres (nonvoting, France), Anamarija Veselic (nonvoting, Croatia), Henryk Skarzynski (nonvoting, Poland), John Xenelis (voting, Greece), Linda Luxon (voting, Great Britain) Russia (George Tavartkiladze)

3. Minutes of GA in Budapest, June 2013 (Kollmeier) --accepted
4. Matters arising (not otherwise covered on Agenda).

→ Audiology day in Turkey

## 5. Chairman's report (Wouters)

- need voting in Istanbul for new board and for change in byelaws
- new regulations for EFAS project grants, open up for work of working groups, separate from scholarships
- approx. 5 grants might be given within the nearest future, current conference is already covered by such a grant

## 6. Treasurer's report (Kompis)

- Previous treasury report: 31-May-2013 by Prof. Norbert Dillier
- Current treasury report (as sent to EFAS auditors): 30-June-2014
- Current report involves data from both treasurers

(It took a little bit of time to transfer the treasury, especially the account)

- Statement of auditors and voting on acceptance by the GA (Arne Vik) → 14 pro , no against, 1 abstain

## 7. Report on the preparation of the Istanbul Congress 2015 (Atas)

- Posters will be on paper, not E-Poster
- Atatürk Airport is 66km away from conference site, Buses will be organized, nearer Airport is the other (Asian side) Airport

## 8. Report on progress for Switzerland Congress 2017 (Kompis).

The venue has been secured (Congress Centre Kursaal Interlaken)

Time period: June 7-10, 2017 (Wed – Sat)

Hotel booking is being looked into

## 9. EFAS congress scholarships 2014 (Attias)

Number of applicants are growing, information should be better distributed across students → each student (Ba, MA, PhD, MUST present) should be

encouraged to apply, not wait for last moment

Currently 5 grants, up to 1000 € is possible

#### 10. EFAS Working Group on School Age Hearing Screening

(Wouters/Skarzynski) → going to very concrete

First EFAS report of WG on pre-school and school-age hearing screening finalized in October 2013, Available on EFAS-website

Inventory of status in different European countries (ongoing)

#### 11. University Education in Audiology (Kollmeier/Wouters)

See <http://medi.uni-oldenburg.de/euea> for status of 2009

Several requests to give information to all EFAS voting and nonvoting representatives

Response with data from Belgium (8 B, 2M), Denmark (1M), Finland (4C), Germany (3B,1M), Ireland (1B,1M), Italy (1B), Norway (1B), Spain (2C), Sweden (4B, 4M, 2C), Turkey (5B, 7M,4PhD), Great Britain (1B,1m) (B: Bachelor, M: Master, C: Certificate)

Missing (known): Bachelor: France, GB , Master: Poland, France, GB,.. and many more

Objectives of the Workshop in Leuven:

- Focus on Bachelor and Master programs (Europe-wide organization of higher education), also “other” programs
- provide info on Thursday, discuss at dinner, conclude & discuss usefulness for EFAS on Friday
- report results of inventory of audiology education programs in Europe
- report results of international medical specialists audiology program
- report on audiology e-learning

- report on audiometry simulation and training
- make plans for exchange, e-learning, simulation, ...

12. Any other business

- Location and date for next General Assembly
  - Istanbul, May 29th, 2015
  - Suggestions for 2016 –  
10th October, audiologists feast, occupational day,  
e.g. concert with famous singer in congress, donate old hearing  
aids → create public awareness about audiology  
→ publications will be sent by O. Konuseven

13. Close of meeting. 12:55 hrs