



**Agenda for 2023 EFAS General Assembly,
Thursday May 4th 17:30-19:00**

1. Welcome from Chair (Liat Kishon-Rabin)
 - ➔ Liat gives a short talk on the greatness of meeting in person
2. Attendance and Apologies (Stefan Stenfelt)
 - ➔ A few people had informed that they were not able to be present at the meeting (Melissa Cravo, Josef Syka, Françoise Sterkers-Artieres, George Tavartkiladze, Madalina Georgescu, Theresa Pitt). In total, 34 people attended excluding the board.
3. Minutes from online GA, October 21st 2022 (Stefan Stenfelt)
 - See <https://efas.ws/events/general-assemblies/>
 - ➔ None objecting. To the archives
4. Matters arising (not otherwise covered on Agenda).
 - ➔ No
5. Chairperson's report (Liat Kishon-Rabin)
 - ➔ Liat reported on the work of the EFAS board (see slide)
 - Preparations of the 16th EFAS congress
 - The new website for EFAS
 - Important topic is AI in audiology. This will be the theme of the next GA in Tel Aviv (2024)
6. Treasurer's report (Dorothe Veraguth)
 - ➔ Dorothe report on the finances for 2022-2023
 - Statement of auditors and voting on acceptance by the GA
 - ➔ Both auditors are satisfied with the treasurer's report. 19 voters accepted the report (Voters from the board abstained).
7. Report on the ongoing Congress 2023 (Robert Tropic)
 - ➔ Robert gave a short report on the ongoing congress in Sibenik.
Numbers: 346 participants, 158 oral lectures and 56 posters.
8. Report on progress for Austria Congress 2025 (Georg Sprinzl)

- ➔ Georg report on the preparation for the Vienna congress in 2025.
- ➔ Jan Wouters asked to keep the registration fees low so as many participants as possible have the possibility to attend.
- ➔ The meeting is planned for the 15th -17th of May, 2025, in the Heart of Vienna.

9. EFAS awards (Liat Kishon-Rabin)

- ➔ Liat presents the awardee for the lifetime award, Stig Arlinger (Sweden). Stig is one of the founders of EFAS and was the EFAS chair between 1992 and 1997.
- ➔ Liat next presented the three scholarship recipients. The scholarship is for attending and presenting at the EFAS 2023 congress. Each scholarship is of 1000 euro. The three recipients were:
 - Yossi Bugannim (Israel)
 - Cato Philips (Belgium)
 - Lea-Christin Feld (Germany)

10. Election of new EFAS board (period 2023-2025)

- Vice Chairperson, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Auditors
- The Search Committee Report 2023
- Not to be voted: Chair: Tropic; Past Chair: Kishon-Rabin
- ➔ The search committee presented their nominations for the board for the period 2023 to 2025.
 - For vice Chairperson they suggested Ulrich Hoppe (Germany) or Vinay Swarnalatha Nagaraj (Norway)
 - For Secretary General they suggested Stefan Stenfelt (Sweden). He is serving as Secretary General since 2019.
 - For Treasurer they suggested Dorothe Veraguth (Switzerland). She has served as Treasurer since 2019.
 - The search committee suggested Piotr Skarzynski (Poland) and Astrid van Wieringen (Belgium) as Auditors.
- ➔ Before voting, Ulrich Hoppe and Vinay Swarnalatha Nagaraj presented themselves for the GA.

- ➔ The GA elected Vinay Swarnalatha Nagaraj as new vice Chairperson. The other suggestions from the search committee was elected.
- ➔ A new search committee was elected by the GA. It consists of Jan Wouters (Belgium), Birger Kollmeier (Germany), and Françoise Sterkers-Artieres (France).
- ➔ The new board for EFAS 2023-2025 is:
 - Chair: Robert Tropic (Croatia)
 - Past Chair: Liat Kishon-Rabin (Israel)
 - Vice Chair: Vinay Swarnalatha Nagaraj (Norway)
 - Secretary General: Stefan Stenfelt (Sweden)
 - Treasurer: Dorothe Veraguth (Switzerland)

11. Election on host for EFAS congress 2027

- ➔ Only one bid for hosting the congress in 2027 had come to the board. Tobias Neher presented the bid from Denmark to host the 2027 EFAS conference in Odense, Denmark.
- ➔ There were a general discussion about conference prices with the suggestion to keep the prices low, especially for students.
- ➔ Voting: 17 votes for hosting the EFAS congress 2027 in Odense, Denmark.

12. Short report from EFAS working groups

- ➔ The following provided short reports from the working groups:
 - Jan Wouters, Working group on School-Age Hearing Screening
 - Hung Thai-Van, Working Group on Auditory Processing Disorders
 - Birger Kollmeier, Working Group on Audiology Education in Europe
 - Birger Kollmeier, Working Group on Standardized Data Formats for Big Data in Audiology

13. Any other business

- Location and date for meeting and General Assembly 2024

→ Liat Kishon-Rabin present Tel-Aviv, Israel as the venue for the next GA th 30th-31st of May, 2024.

14. Handing over of presidency/ Close of meeting.

→ Liat Kishon-Rabin and Robert Troitic inform that the handing over the presidency will take place at the networking event on Saturday.