



**Agenda for 2024 EFAS General Assembly,  
Zagreb, Croatia  
Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 16.00-17.45  
Venue: Hall Stancic - Zagreb Academy of Music**

**1. Welcome from Chair (Trotic)**

→ Welcome from Stefan as Secretary General and Robert as Chair of EFAS board. Robert gives a short overview of the General Assembly in Croatia, and why we are not in Tel Aviv as originally planned.

**2. Attendance and Apologies (Stenfelt)**

**Attendance:** Nenad Arsović (Serbia), Darija Birtić (Croatia), Nina Božanić Urbančić (Slovenia), Mareike Buhl (France), Bojana Bukurov (Serbia), Marta Campi (France), Ljiljana Čvorović (Serbia), Marija Dokoska (RN Macedonia), Birger Kollmeier (Germany), Andro Košec (Croatia), Lana Kovač Bilić (Croatia), Damir Kovacic (Croatia), Vinay Swarnalatha Nagaraj (Norway), Tobias Neher (Denmark), Liat Kishon-Rabin (Israel), Piotr Skarzynski (Poland), Stefan Stenfelt (Sweden), Robert Trotić (Croatia), Lukáš Varga (Slovakia), Dorothe Veraguth (Switzerland), Jan Wouters (Belgium), Lea Župan (Slovenia)

**Apologies:** Ahmet ATAŞ (Turkey), Yossi Attias (Israel), Maria Boboshko (Russia), Melissa Cravo (Portugal), François Dejean (France), Ulrich Hoppe (Germany), Martin Kompis (Switzerland), Alessandro Martini (Italy), Theresa Pitt-Byrne (Ireland), Gaby Saunders (United Kingdom), Kurt Stephan (Austria), George Tavarkiladze (Russia), Hung Thai-Van (France), Jenny Widmark (Sweden)

**3. Minutes GA Sibenik, May 2023 (Stenfelt)**

See <https://efas.ws/events/general-assemblies/>

→ None objecting. To the archives.

**4. Matters arising (not otherwise covered on Agenda).**

→ None.

**5. Chairperson's report (Trotic)**

→ Robert report on the work done during the last year by the EFAS board.

- Expert opinion on different issues
- Importance of live (physical) meetings
- Visit in Vienna for 2025 years EFAS congress
- Six EFAS board meetings.

- Renewal of EFAS awards, see point 9.
- Part of European ORL-HNS
- Cooperation with International Society of Audiology
- New website

## 6. Treasurer's report (Veraguth)

Current and previous financial periods	2022-2023 (1-July 2022- 15-April 2023)	2023-2024 (16-April 2023- 30-April 2024)	
<b>Balance at the beginning of the financial period</b>	80'654.71 €	85'327.11 €	
Annual fees of member countries	5334.25 €	7'350.26 €	
Income of EFAS Conference Sibenik 2023	0.00 €	4'000.00 €	
Bank interest	0.00 €	39.22 €	
<b>Sum (credit)</b>	<b>5'334.25 €</b>	<b>11'389.48 €</b>	Income (credit)
EFAS Awards, Scholarships	0.00€	3698.22 €	
EFAS Website	399.30 €	5'735.36 €	
EFAS Board GoToMeeting Internet fees	245.54 €	0.00 €	
Project support	0.00 €	0.00 €	
Bank annual fees	17.01 €	70.26 €	
<b>Sum (debit)</b>	<b>661.85 €</b>	<b>9'503.84 €</b>	Expenses (debit)
<b>Balance at the end of the financial period</b>	<b>85'327.11 €</b>	<b>87'212.75 €</b>	
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>4'682.40 €</b>	<b>1'885.64 €</b>	Net increase

Balance: 85327.11 at start of the period

Balance: 87212.75 at end of the period

Income from members and congress in Sibenik.

Expense of scholarships, board-work, and website

- Auditors assessments: Both approve the economic report
- The GA accepts the financial report
- Discussions about lowering the congress fees for young investigators

## 7. Report on the Sibenik Congress 2023 (Trotic)

- It was held 3-5 May of 2023 in Sibenik convention center
- The rooms for the working groups were too small for the many participants. This should be taken into account when planning for the Vienna Congress.
- The congress comprised 6 Keynote speakers, 7 structured sessions, 158 oral lectures in 17 themes. Also 2 regional panels and 56 poster presentations.

- EFAS general assembly was held during the congress.
- EFAS lifetime award to Stig Arlinger (Sweden).
- CME 18 points.
- Total expenses 277 968.64 euro, 4 000 euro profit to EFAS.

## 8. Report on progress for Vienna Congress 2025 (Sprinzl) and future congresses

(Denmark 2027, Neher)

### Vienna Congress (2025)

- Dr. Adrian Piec report on the preparation for the next congress.
- PCO: AIM group (Lisa Stern)
- Congress venue with places of up to 600 guests. Palace Niederosterich.
- The largest hall can take 330 people.
- Work with sponsors (3 already clear)
- Two keynotes ready. 3 structured session themes.
- Discussions about the WG: 5 hours on the first afternoon that is not in competition with the rest of the congress.
- Posters are proposed to be on screens. It was stressed that the posters should be physical and there should be specific poster times.

### Denmark (2027)

- Tobias Neher gives an update on the EFAS 2027 preparation.
- A new proposal of the venue is given with lower costs. The cost reduction is in the order of 50% lower. New dates are early June.
- There is a general approval from the GA for the new proposal.

## 9. EFAS awards (Trotic)

- Robert presents the types of EFAS awards available (scholarships, grants, early career award, Life time award).
- Open discussion about how to divide between travel awards for conferences and projects.
- Suggestions to have the scholarships of less money but more scholarships.

## 10. Short report from EFAS working groups

### WG SHS

- Jan Wouters report from the work of the work of the SHS.
- A new publication in Scientific Reports
- A survey was done to investigate interest and the outcome was that there is an interest to continue the work in the WG.

### WG APD

- Thai-Van could not attend but sent slides.

### WG education

- No report

WG Data standardization

- Birger Kollmeier report from the work in the new group.
- The group look for interested participants for the group

## 11. Any other business

- Location and date for meeting and General Assembly 2026 (Swarnalatha Nagaraj)

- Vinay presents the GA in 2026 to be held in Trondheim. More information will follow.

## 12. Close of meeting.