European Committee for Homeopathy

MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL

Meeting name/purpose	Council meeting		
Date	30.09.21	**Time**	18.30 - 20.45 CET
Location	Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82217424277?pwd=Wm4vYm10VnNsU0duTVU5eUIrVTkvZz09		
Attendees	Hélène Renoux (HR) – part Arlette Blanchy (AB) Tiziana Di Giampietro (TDG) Jean Pierre Jansen (JPJ) Ilse Muchitsch (IM) Ileana Rîndașu (IR) Cristal Skaling-Klopstock (CSK) Natalia Tzima (NT) Margaret Wyllie (MW)	**Apologies**	Hetty Buitelaar (HB) Daniela Hacke (DH) Dora Pachova (DP)
Minutes to be written by	Ileana Rîndașu	**Moderator**	Natalia Tzima
Distribution	Council members	**Enclosures**	Minutes of previous Council meetings

PREPARATION FOR MEETING

Please read	COUNCIL MINUTES OF 13.06.21 [1} AND 22.07.21 [2] MAGNETTI PROJECT DOCUMENTS [3] RESEARCH CONGRESS PROJECT [4] SC PHARMACY LETTER – MERCURY-CONTAINING HMPS [5]

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Item	Action item	Responsible	Deadline
1	Name for Communications group	Cristal	
2	Prepare IT proposal	Jean Pierre, Margaret, Rienk	
3	Prepare Mercury letter to Council	Ilse	Done
4	Propose fee system for independent schools	Dora	

5	Request clarification re pharmaceutical technical assistants' diploma/certificate	Ilse	Done
6	Consult SC Politics re Magnetti Project	Natalia	
7	Inform Beccie of mediation meeting date	Cristal	Done
8	Newsletter to be sent out	Hélène/Ileana	Done

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

Item	Agenda item	Presenter	Time allocated
1	Welcome, amendments to the agenda	Hélène	5 mins
2	Approval of last meeting minutes and February minutes	Ileana	10 mins
3	Organize the extraordinary GA with elections of president and treasurer, speech for our members and call for candicacies	Hélène	30 min
4	Defining the time slots for subcommittees, council meeting and conference	Ileana/Hélène	10 min
5	Holistic net proposal for the conference	Tiziana	10 min
6	Research Conference organisation	Tiziana	10 min
7	Approval of a plan and its budget for IT activities	Jean Pierre	15 min
8	ECH contribution for the LMHI colloquium 10-12 December	Dora/Jean Pierre/Tiziana	15 min
9	Mercury topic – feedback from regulator	Ilse	15 min
10	Addition to the Pharmacy Guidelines regarding the basic course description and an addition for Pharm. Techn. Assistants	Ilse	10 min
11	Other issues and closing of the meeting	Ileana	5 min

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS

1	*5 mins*	*Welcome, amendments to the agenda*	*Hélène*
Discussion summary		HB still uncertain of her future with ECH; brief discussion of her role.	
		For complete accuracy in the minutes, IR asked MW to assist with minute-taking; and also for members' permission to record the session. All agreed.	
Conclusions		ECHAMP: ECH represented by IR and IM, and CSK for EFHPA. EuroCAM: JPJ will cover this in the meantime.	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**

2	*10 mins*	*Approval of minutes of 22.07.21 and 10.02.21*	*Ileana*
Discussion summary			
Conclusions		Minutes approved	
Action items		**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send minutes to Astrid for archiving.		Ileana	asap

3	*30 mins*	*Organise the Extraordinary GA with elections for President and Treasurer, speech to members and call for candidates*	*Hélène*
Discussion summary		HR shared her bullet points for her resignation speech – any discussion during the GA should be limited to 10 minutes. It was suggested that her email to SC Politics be discussed by all SCs.	
HR will draft letter to members and let Council have sight of this; she will cover the current situation globally, in France and personally. She will also draft the call for candidates and invitation to the GA. Members should also be given an outline of the interim arrangements. HR asked the coordinators to forward her resignation letter to their SC members, possibly with			

some explanations about the interim situation. This was agreed by those present.	
Article 7 of the statutes states that members elect Council members, not office bearers; the organisational structure laid out in H2020 further states that Council elects office-bearers from among their number. JPJ agreed but felt it important for members to be given the opportunity to hear the views of potential candidates for President.	
Since AB is also stepping down, the call for candidates must include a Belgian member: Jean-Louis Smout and Edward de Beukelaer were suggested; one of them might also be willing to represent ECH on EuroCAM. The requirement for at least one member of Council to be Belgian is regulated by Belgian law. This can sometimes cause a problem. In addition, ECH's official address is the home of the late Jacques Imberechts, which is far from ideal. It may be that it should be changed to that of Medicongress. CSK pointed out that EFHPA had recently changed their official base from Belgium to The Netherlands to allow for more flexibility; members agreed that this was also worth ECH considering.	
GA: Sun 21 Nov, 10-11.30, followed by Council meeting Online voting: to be organised with Astrid; note to members re procedure and repeated verbally before vote. Include reminder that membership fees must be paid before 1 Nov; non-payment by that date means members cannot vote. Voting will close at 10.30 on 21 Nov, and all votes must be received by that time.	
Conclusions	Members appreciated HR's actions, which will enable a smooth transition. All agreed to support IR in her duties as the remaining office-bearer.
Consider moving official address to Medicongress, or to a base outwith Belgium.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send draft resignation letter to Council	Hélène	asap
Send accounts to Council	Arlette	asap
Coordinators to share HR's items with their SCs.	SC Coordinators	when received
Send out call for candidates, invitation, incl timings, and payment reminder; remind Astrid of the 6 Oct deadline for this. (HR also suggested IR contact Astrid weekly to build a better relationship.)	Ileana	asap
Discuss moving ECH address	All	future meeting
Buy Zoom account at end of year	Ileana	end Dec

4	*10 mins*	*Defining the time slots for subcommittees, council meeting and*	*Ileana/Hélène*

		conference	
Discussion summary		Question raised re transference of docs to new office-bearers: HR will email docs to new President and provide any help required for a smooth transition.	
Decisions taken re timetable of weekend (see below). It was agreed that SCs could meet at any time outwith the weekend; providing 2 slots during the weekend would allow joint meetings if preferred.			
Pre-registration required.			
Conclusions		Friday 19 Nov 2.30-3.30 pm - Council meeting 4.00-6.00 pm - SC meetings Sat 20 Nov 10.00 -11.00 am – Holistic Network workshop 11.30 am – 1.00 pm – Research presentation 2.00 – 5.00 pm – SC meetings Sun 21 Nov 10.00-11.30 am - General Assembly 11.30-12.00 pm – Council meeting	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Schedule, payment reminder and registration details in Oct newsletter and on website	Ileana/Margaret	asap

HR left the meeting

5	*10 mins*	*Holistic network proposal*	*Tiziana*
Discussion summary		TDG envisaged having a 30-minute presentation from 4 colleagues, followed by a 30-minute discussion. The many different medical homeopathic societies in Italy come together in a state-recognised organisation. This is very helpful for the strategic narrative.	
Conclusions		Sat 20 Nov, 10-11 am: Holistic Network presentation	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send programme	Tiziana	before Oct 7 meeting

6	*10 mins*	*Research conference organisation*	*Tiziana*

Discussion summary	Tiziana reminded Council that it had been agreed to divide the topics to allow them to be used as single items for individual meetings.		
The first topic, covering Clificol and long Covid, would be presented during the second Saturday morning session. Other sessions, covering basic research and provings, to be presented at the Spring meeting.			
It was suggested that it would also be helpful to hear of work being undertaken at a local level; there is one such project by doctors in Barcelona.			
Conclusions	Further details and timings to be discussed in a future meeting.		

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Send programme	Tiziana	before Oct 7 meeting
Invite Barcelona group	Tiziana	before Oct 7 meeting

11	*10 mins*	*Other issues and closure of meeting*	*Ileana*
Discussion summary	Due to unexpectedly lengthy discussions, no time remained for the other agenda items. A discussion about potential candidates followed. It was agreed to increase the number of Council members if possible in order to spread the work more evenly.		
	Treasurer: AB will support the new Treasurer during the transition. It was recognised that this is a difficult post to fill. It could be a nominal role, supported by a professional (eg a patient with accountancy skills or a paid bookkeeper). JPJ suggested allowing the new candidate a year to structure the work and then consider what is best to be done. CSK offered to lead a small finance subgroup. All Council members have overall responsibility for the finances and a duty to understand them. Concerns were raised about an apparent lack of support from Medicongress. IM recommended asking for a copy of Astrid's contract. President: Several names were suggested – Erfried Pichler, Christien Klein, Gino Santini were regarded as the strongest candidates. The role could be shared, with one person leading the strategy and the other dealing with daily business. Several members of Council were asked but none felt able to take it on for the immediate present. In the interim period, all Council members are responsible for the smooth-running of ECH and for supporting IR in her role as General Secretary. Beccie has offered to lead a team-building session, once the new Council members are in post.		

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Conclusions	AB to approach Jean-Louis Smout, Philippe Devos and Maria Goossens as possible Belgian Council members, with J-LS,being asked to consider taking on the Treasurership and PD either the Treasurer's or President's roles IM to speak to Erfried Pichler, JPJ to Christien Klein, TDG to Gino Santini. NT to ask Edward de Beukelaer if he would come on to Council, and perhaps also represent ECH on EuroCAM.
It was agreed to meet every Thursday for 2 hours (6.30-8.30 pm CET) for the next 6 weeks leading up to the GA. Future meetings could alternate between strategy and daily business.	
The agenda for Thursday 7 Oct will deal with feedback on candidates and the workshop, plus items 6-10 not covered here.	

Action items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Get copy of Medicongress contract	Arlette	asap
Potential contacts to be contacted as above *Post-meeting: all were reminded that this should remain confidential and candidates be advised not to discuss any approach with those outside their immediate family.*	AB, IM, JPJ, TDG, NT	asap
Agenda for 7 Oct	Ileana	asap