ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF EXPERIMENTAL MORPHOLOGY EFEM-2017
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Summary. Information message about the agenda and the content of events of the annual meeting of the European Federation of Experimental Morphology EFEM-2017, which held on March 4, 2017 at the Department of Anatomy of the Medical Faculty of the University of Paris Rene Descartes (Paris, France).

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The Regular 2017 Council Meeting of the European Federation for Experimental Morphology, EFEM-2017, was held on March 4, 2017 in the Department of Anatomy of the Medical Faculty at the University of Paris Rene Descartes (France). The meeting was attended by members of the EFEM Executive Board, Professors: José Luis Bueno-Lopez (President), Diogo Pais (Immediate Past President), Gordana Teofilovski-Parapid (Secretary-General), Alessandro Riva (Secretary), Claire Smith (Secretary), Erdogan Sendemir (Secretary), Odile Plaisant (TEPARG) and the Delegates of EFEM Constituent Societies, Professors: Patrice Le-Floch-Prigent (Association of Morphologists), Radik Khayrullin (Russian Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists), Dragica Bobinac (Croatian Society of Anatomy), Paolo Onori (Italian Association of Anatomists), Diogo Casal (Portuguese Anatomical Society), Aleksandar Malikovic (Serbian Anatomical Society), Umit Sehirli (Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy), Hana Brichova (Czech Anatomical Society). The agenda of the annual meeting included approval of the Minutes of the EFEM Board and Council Meeting held on March 5, 2016 in Paris, financial report from the Treasurer, Secretary-General's business report, elections of the new EFEM Board, Chairman's business report, EFEM Travel Grants, EFEM Lecture, place and date of next meeting and some others.

The meeting was chaired by Professor Jose Luis Bueno Lopez, the EFEM President. He warmly welcomed the participants. Then the floor was given to the Secretary-General, Professor Gordana Teofilovski-Parapid, who reminded the Council that the Minutes of the 2016 EFEM Council Meeting held in Paris were circulated to the Delegates in June 2016 and then again in February 2017. All amendments were taken into account in a timely manner and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously. The EFEM President, on behalf of Friedrich Paulsen, the EFEM Treasurer, presented the financial report for 2016 which was previously circulated to the Delegates by Secretary-General. After that, Delegates discussed the changes that need to be made to the Statutes. The Secretary-General reminded the Council that proposed Statutes changes were distributed prior to the meeting. The EFEM Statutes changes were unanimously approved. In particularly, by changing of the Statutes it is established, that the Executive Board includes 8 ordinary members (President, immediate Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer and three Secretaries) and 2 extra-ordinary members without voting rights. Also is important, that the term of the President is 2 years and the term of other Officers is 4 years. Only the Secretary-General and the Treasurer may be re-elected for one additional term and only in the same position. Besides, no one may be elected the Officer who has not previously served as a member of the Council. Also the completeness of responsibility for compliance with technical and procedural issues rests with the Nominating Committee which shall consist of three members: the Immediate Past-President (who shall act as Chair of the Nominating Committee) and two other members of the Council and it shall be approved by Council. The Secretary-General promised that the updated Statutes will be available on the EFEM website shortly after the Meeting.

The Secretary-General also reported that in 2016, there were 5 applicants for 4 Travel Grants. As the 2 applicants were of a similar quality, taking in consideration the fact that in 2016 EFEM has not had an expense for the EFEM Lecture, Executive Board granted all 5 applicants. The 2016 EFEM Travel Grantees were: Dario Coletti (Italian Association of Anatomists), Mazhar Ozkan (Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy), Marcela Bezdickova (Czech Anatomical Society), Luka Djudaric (Croatian Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists), Marek Hampl (Czech Anatomical Society). Their names and statements have been posted on the EFEM website. The Council approved the action of the Executive Board. For four 2017 EFEM Travel
Grants only 1 application has been submitted. It was decided that the deadline for remaining 3 Travel Grants has to be extended
until March 31, 2017. The information has to be circulated to all Delegates by the Secretary-General and posted on the EFEM
website too. The Secretary-General also informed the Council that no application for the 2017 EFEM Lecture has arrived.

The President of the Nominating Committee, Professor Diogo Pais informed the Delegates that based on nomination
received from 9 EFEM Constituent Societies (Anatomical Society, UK; Anatomische Gesellschaft, Germany; Association of
 Morphologists, France; Italian Society of Anatomy and Histology, Italy; Croatian Society of Anatomists, Histologists and
 Embryologists, Croatia; Macedonian Association of Anatomy and Morphology, Macedonia; Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists,
 Histologists and Embryologists, Russia; Serbian Anatomical Society, Serbia and Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy,
 Turkey) the Nominating Committee reached decision to propose for the vacant position of the EFEM President-Elect Professor
 Gordana Teofilovski-Parapid from Serbian Anatomical Society. Professor Gordana Teofilovski-Parapid is Honorary President of
International Committee of Symposia on Morphological Sciences, Adviser to the Dean, Studies in English of Faculty of Medicine of
University of Belgrade (Belgrade, Serbia). Also the President of the Nominating Committee, Professor Diogo Pais informed the
Delegates that based on nomination received from Anatomical Society (UK), Anatomische Gesellschaft (Germany), Association of
 Morphologists (France), Italian Society of Anatomy and Histology (Italy), Macedonian Association of Anatomy and Morphology
(Macedonia), Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists (Russia), Serbian Anatomical Society (Serbia)
and Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy (Turkey) the Nominating Committee reached decision to propose for the vacant
position of the EFEM Secretary-General Professor Claire Smith from Anatomical Society (UK). Professor Claire Smith is Head of
Anatomy Department of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School of University of Sussex in Brighton (United Kingdom). Both
candidates, the President-Elect and the Secretary-General were elected unanimously.

Afterward, the President of the Nominating Committee informed the Council that Constituent Societies sent 7 nominations
for the 2 vacant EFEM Secretary positions. Nominated candidates were Professors: Erich Brenner («Anatomische Gesellschafts»),
Patrice Le Floch-Prigent (Association of Morphologists), Bernhard Hirt («Anatomische Gesellschafts»), Radik Khayrullin (Scientific
Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists - Russia), Paolo Onori (Italian Society of Anatomy and Histology),
Andrea Dorottya Székely (Hungarian Anatomical Society), and Ivan Varga (Slovakian Society of Anatomy). It was decided to be
secret voting. As result, by a majority of votes, Professor Radik Khayrullin (Russia) and Professor Paolo Onori (Italy) were
selected as Secretaries of EFEM.

The voting was followed by the addresses from immediate past EFEM Officers among whom was Professor Riva who has
served EFEM successfully for a long time. Therefore, the Council granted him with permission to attend Council meetings in the
future. Finally, the Chairman reported his efforts to improve the EFEM actions between two Council meetings.

At the end of the meeting, Delegate of the Russian Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and
Embryologists Professor Radik Khayrullin, on behalf of the Academician Lev Kolesnikov, the President of this society, informed the
audience about the decision of the Board and Council of this society to elect Professor Gordana Teofilovski-Parapid the Honorary
Member and he handed to her the certificate and the badge of the Honorary Membership (see photo).

In conclusion, the participants of the meeting and the newly elected members of EFEM Executive Board expressed
unanimous opinion on the need to intensify activities in all areas stipulated by the Statutes, to promote the expansion and improvement
of the visibility of EFEM, to enhance the status of anatomical sciences in medical education and research, take up of the
consolidating role of EFEM in professional communities of anatomists of European countries.

On photo: Professor Radik Khayrullin presents the certificate and badge of Honorary Membership of
the Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists to Professor Gordana
Teofilovski-Parapid.