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Minutes of the EAMBES Inauguration Meeting
Frankfurt am Main, Germany
June 14-15, 2003

1 Agenda

The agenda is in Appendix 1

2 Participants

The participants to the meeting together with their credentials (i.e. whom they represented) are given in Appendix 2. The apologies received are listed in Appendix 3.

3 Opening Session

The meeting opened at 13.10, Saturday, June 14th 2003.

In the opening session

- ?? Prof.-Dr. Eckhart Hahn gave a welcome address on behalf of the German Society DGBMT.
- ?? Dr. Thomas Becks, VDE as the Secretary-General of DGBMT went through the practical arrangements for the meeting
- ?? Prof. Niilo Saranummi, as the chair of the ProTem Group introduced the agenda and presented an overview of the EAMBES process (slides in Appendix 4)
- ?? Prof. Joe Barbenel briefly introduced the Statutes of the Society Division (slides in Appendix 5).
- ?? Prof. Joachim Nagel briefly introduced the Statutes of the Academic Division (slides in Appendix 6).

4 First Workshop: Constitution and Bylaws of EAMBES

Prof. Niilo Saranummi introduced the proposed Constitution and Bylaws of EAMBES (Appendix 7). In the discussion on the following issues were raised some of them leading to changes in the proposed text.

<i>Place</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>result</i>
Preamble, Bylaws	The definition of MBES needs more amplification of medicine and healthcare	failed
Article 2, Constitution	Change wealth to prosperity and reorder words in the sentence	passed
Article 3, b) & Bylaw 11	The reference to IFMBE and membership in IFMBE should be deleted as unnecessary	failed
Article 3, to add a new moment as d)	Add an objective on research	passed
Policies and procedures	multiple votes with one person regular evaluation & assessment	TBD in policies and procedures
Representation on the Council	Change the number of representatatives from the Divisions from 11/5/5/5 to 9/9/4/4 (Society, Academic, Fellows and Industry Divisions respectively)	Passed
Dues of AD members	To be proportioned according to size	Council to decide

The Constitution and Bylaws with the accepted amendments and changes are in Appendix 5.

After discussion Prof. Dick Slaaf moved and Prof. Ratko Magjarevic seconded the acceptance of the Constitution and Bylaws as amended by the discussion preceding it. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The time of "birth of EAMBES" was 17.37.

5 Election of the Interim Executive Board

Prof. Dov Jaron as President of IFMBE spoke on the process of creating the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering underlining the key lessons of that process in the early 90's in USA.

He then proposed to the meeting to accept as the interim Executive Board the following persons

- ?? Joe Barbenel (UK)
- ?? Helmut Hutten, Interim Treasurer (Austria)
- ?? Joachim Nagel (Germany)
- ?? Niilo Saranummi, Interim President (Finland)
- ?? Jos vander Sloten, Interim Secretary General (Belgium)
- ?? Jan Wojcicki (Poland)

The proposal was accepted by acclamation.

6 Appointment of the interim Nominating Committee

Prof. Niilo Saranummi proposed to the meeting that the interim Executive Board should act as the Nominating Committee for the Sunday elections. This was accepted unanimously.

All participants were encouraged to nominate persons including themselves to the positions that need to be filled. A form was given to all to help in the process. The forms had to be returned by the end of business on Saturday.

7 Second Workshop: Society Division

Prof. Joe Barbenel introduced the proposed statutes of the Society Division. Several changes were made to these by motions and majority voting. The amended statutes are given in Appendix 5.

Prof. Barbenel moved and Prof. Spaan seconded the acceptance of the statutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

8 Third Workshop: Academic Division

Prof. Joachim Nagel introduced the proposed statutes of the Academic Division. Several changes were made to these by motions and majority voting. The amended statutes are given in Appendix 5.

Prof. Nagel moved and Prof. Slaaf seconded the acceptance of the statutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

9 Election of Officers of the Divisions and Representatives to the Council

The Nominating Committee reported on the nomination process as follows:

- ?? All nominations were accepted
- ?? No new nominations were made by NC
- ?? Some nominees decided not to give their consent to be included and were consequently excluded from the voting forms
- ?? Delegates with credentials to vote for the SD a/o AD can vote on all positions

Voting for the Chair of the SD and AD

As there was only one candidate for each of the Chair positions of the divisions the vote was done by show of hands (credentials).

Prof. Joe Barbenel and Prof. Joachim Nagel were elected unanimously to the positions of Chair of SD and AD respectively.

Voting of the other Officers of the SD and AD

The nominees present in the meeting were asked to briefly present themselves.

Voting was done as a secret ballot. Delegates were given voting forms with the names of the nominees for the Vice Chair and Secretary positions in SD and AD respectively.

The results were

Society Division

Joe Barbenel	Chair
Nicos Maglaveras	Vice Chair
Thomas Becks	Secretary

Academic Division

Joachim Nagel	Chair
Dick Slaaf	Vice Chair
Pierre Le Beux	Secretary

Voting of the Council Representatives of the SD and AD

Voting was done as a secret ballot. Delegates were given voting forms with the names of the nominees for the Council Representatives in SD and AD respectively.

The results were

Interim Council¹

Dan Adam	SD n	2 yr
Norman Black	SD t	1 yr
Marcello Bracale	AD	2 yr
Gerard Gimenez	AD	2 yr
Hiie Hinrikus	SD n	2 yr
Jiri Holcik	AD	1 yr
Eitan Kimmel	AD	1 yr
James Kirkpatrick	SD t	1 yr
Ratko Magjarevic	AD	1 yr
Marc Nyssen	SD n	2 yr
Dejan Popovic	AD	1 yr
Laura Roa	SD n	1 yr
Christian Roux	SD t	2 yr
Maria Siebes	AD	2 yr

¹ AD = elected by Academic Division, SD = elected by Society Division, SD n = elected as national society representative, SD t = elected as trans-european society representative, 1 / 2 yr = term of office of Council Representatives (determined by number of votes received)

Wen Wang	AD	2 yr
Marco Viceconti	SD t	1 yr

10 Ratification of the Statutes

The newly elected Council was asked to ratify the Statutes of the two Divisions as required by the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Statutes were ratified unanimously.

11 Closing of the Inauguration Meeting

Prof. Niilo Saranummi thanked the delegates work their energy and devotion to get the Alliance established.

He also extended a warm thanks to the sponsors and organisers of the Inauguration Meeting the German Society and VDE, and especially Dr. Thomas Becks.

The meeting was closed at 14.00 Sunday, June 15th 2003.

Appendices

1. Agenda
2. List of Delegates and Participants
3. Apologies for absence
4. Slides of Saranummi in opening session
5. Slides of Barbenel in the 1st Workshop
6. Slides of Nagel in the 1st Workshop
7. Slides of Saranummi in the 1st Workshop
8. EAMBES Statutes as amended approved and ratified in the Inauguration Meeting
9. Elected Representatives and Officers in EAMBES