



European Society of Aerospace Medicine

Draft Minutes for the meeting of the Executive Committee of ESAM

ZOOM meeting 9th September 2021 18:00 CEST

(Advisory board members welcome)

Time: Thursday 9th September 18:00 – 20:00 CEST

Venue: ZOOM meeting

Minutes

Attendees EC:

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| • Declan Maher | President |
| • Olga Verba | 1 st Vice-President |
| • Steffen Kerkhoff | Treasurer |
| • Elena Cataman | Director |
| • Antonello Furia | Secretary |

Attendees AB:

- Claudia Stern
- Martin Hudson
- Roland Vermeiren
- Francisco Rios

1. Welcome by the President, Dr. Declan Maher

Declan welcomed all, opened the virtual meeting and presented the agenda of the EC meeting. He proposed to split the agenda between the EC meeting and the upcoming GA on September 19th 2021.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was accepted. Roland proposed to add an exchange of views regarding the functioning and tasking within the ESAM EC to the agenda which was accepted as well.

3. [Draft minutes from the EC ZOOM Meeting 18th May 2021](#)

The draft minutes from the last EC meeting were accepted and should be uploaded to the ESAM website any time soon. Elena emphasized that the website was not yet updated regarding the current EC members, the current president, and the latest minutes. The EC agreed to contact Goran to initiate website updating.

4. [Agenda for the General Assembly 19th September 2021 ZOOM Webinar.](#)

- **GA Agenda and Quorum**

The EC agreed to the agenda of the GA proposed by the president. Roland raised the question whether a web-based GA can provide a quorum for the upcoming election. The president and the assistant will be reviewing this matter and share the results with the EC later.

- **Nominations Committee Status**

Roland expressed his satisfaction with the voting process and the fact that every member association should be informed about the election by now. Felix raised the issue that using the SurveyMonkey© Web Link Collector system, the Nominations Committee won't know which association casted a vote und which did not. In this case allowing a vote for everyone, but only count the votes from paid up members (like performed in previous years) would be impossible. Consequently, the EC agreed to raise the 35€ fee for the SurveyMonkey© Email collector system where a unique survey link is sent to each respondent via the websites mailing system to ensure a clear and transparent system of election. Also, a second invitation, sent by the vice president in communication with the treasurer, will be send to members who are not entitled to vote at this time to give them the chance to pay the membership fee and become eligible to vote.

5. [Overview / actions of previous EC meetings](#)

- **Last meeting German Embassy, Dublin notary for EC and German courts 02-06-21 and Completion of Deutsch Bank Account Authority**

Felix Strollo and Declan could sign the various documents that were necessary to transfer the ownership of the accounts. Further information will be given at the GA.

6. [ESAM Academy and ESAM Academy funding – update, Dr. Claudia Stern](#)

Anthony could make the official registration und sorted everything out with the bank. The bank account is now ready for transactions; hence money can be transferred between the accounts of ESAM and ESAM Academy. In this matter Steffen will be informed about transferring the agreed interest-free loan from ESAM to ESAM Academy.

The definitive location for the Academy practical courses is still being discussed. Currently Romania is a preferred option as Bucharest already hosts basic courses providing sufficient facilities as well as affordable running charges. According to Claudia, the local colleagues were planning to implement advanced courses themselves but are now considering joining the ESAM Academy for the sake of European ideas or, alternatively cooperating with their partners in Greece. Originally, courses were planned for 20 participants. The theoretical courses will be designed as online formats. The total price per person per course is set to be between 700 to 900 Euros. Claudia will have another meeting on this matter later in the evening and will inform the EC soon after.

7. Webinars

Declan emphasized that there are two webinars of SOFRAMAS upcoming, one on September 23rd (French) and one on September 30th (English). The EC agrees that ESAM should provide a webinar itself as ESAM is one of the 4 ICAM 2022 partners. The Webinar should be held under the ESAM rather than ESAM Academy patronage.

8. EASA

- **MEG AO Meeting 15th September 2021 on EAMR**

Declan raised concerns about the readiness of the EAMR and outlined that there might be different points of view between EASA and ESAM of whether the EAMR is already capable of fulfilling its purpose entirely. Francisco shared the doubts pointing to the limited time spend to implement the systems properly, to discuss certain weaknesses and to train respective authority personal. Accordingly, he considered it impossible to adhere to the original implementation deadline in October and rather points to the beginning of next year till a sufficient level of preparation could be reached. Antonello also shared the concerns and emphasized existing problems with software and data entries in Spain and Ireland and possibly other countries.

- **SAB**

According to Roland there were no further developments regarding the SAB.

9. [Position Paper on Single Crew Ops](#)

- **Proposed Joint meeting ESAM, ECA and EAAP**

Declan is awaiting the concrete date of the meeting in Brussels. In the past Ries, Anthony and Declan attended a meeting also in Brussels with ECA and EAAP involved, which was very successful. Declan will present the news that will occur on the upcoming meeting soon. Roland, Elena, and Claudia proposed to attract attention of ESAMs sister association regarding single pilot operation as this will be the future in aviation. Furthermore, Roland proposed to request a statement from ECA about the development in single pilot operations (studies, internal discussions etc.) on the international scene.

10. [ICAM 2022 - news or status](#)

- **Report of ZOOM Meeting, 8th September 2021**

Declan reported from an update meeting with Jeff (AsMA), Vincent (SOFRAMAS) and Tony and David (International Academy). Jeff confirmed that more than 400 Americans were indicating their interest to attend the ICAM 2022 on the recent AsMA Meeting in Denver. The next meeting is scheduled for next month where the attendees will go through the budget review and pricing. The confirmation of the ICAM 2022 speakers continues as planned. The budget is currently calculated on the assumption that no sponsor will be available to help with the event. Declan will share the budget with the EC after the meeting next month.

11. [AsMA meeting and collaboration.](#)

- **Reno May 2022**

Roland expressed his hope that there won't be any COVID-19 restrictions necessary in May 2022. Performing an ESAM EC lunch meeting as well as an ESAM scientific meeting with access to the ESAM sister associations will be targeted. Roland also proposed to have an ESAM+ESAM Academy meeting by the end of 2021 to start organizing the events in Reno early.

12. ESAM EC non-online Meeting in December

Declan proposed a non-online meeting in Dublin in December. The EC agreed on the idea but also emphasized that there should be a wide agreement in terms of COVID-19 precaution in advance.

13. Functioning and tasking within the ESAM EC

Roland expressed his dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of the EC. Accordingly, the EC should improve its task allocation abilities to distribute work fairer and quicker, especially regarding executive actions. Roland also emphasized, that the problem might partly be due to the ongoing online only meetings which prevent a comprehensive communication. Declan proposed that every member of the EC as well as the assistant should write a brief report about how each individual sees its field of actions and capabilities within the executive body. Further, Roland proposed to implement guidelines for each position easing the entry for new members.

14. Next meeting of the EC

The next EC meeting is planned as a short meeting after the GA where the date for the next official EC meeting will be set.