



EUSSER General Assembly of Members 2015

Board Report

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President's Report 2015

I was very honoured when the board and the EUSSER membership supported an additional year for my presidency and I cannot believe that I am coming to the close of my 3 year term. As the incoming president my main priorities were to establish a working and functional society and I am pleased to report that this has been achieved. We now have a new website, new members and functioning committees, an efficient secretary, improved renewal system, a growing membership and following on Twitter!

In particular in the last year the following were highlights for the society:

- 2nd London EUSSER Shoulder Instability Symposium
- SECEC/EUSSER Symposium Istanbul, Turkey
- 1st EUSSER Ultrasound course – Netherlands
- EUSSER Cadaver course – Paris
- Representatives of EUSSER at World Physical Therapy Congress – Singapore
- Increase in rehab papers submitted to SECEC/EUSSER Speciality day and an exciting 'Shoulder Pain' program for Milan, Italy 2015

Further Developments:

- Collaboration with German Shoulder Network
- Collaboration with The American Society of Shoulder & Elbow Therapists (ASSET)
- EUSSER representation at ICSET Korea 2016
- EUSSER Symposium – Gothenburg, Sweden Oct 2016

So the society moves forward and gains notoriety but more importantly is bridging communication and collaboration with all health professionals for patients with shoulder and elbow dysfunction. However as for any other society, we need to maintain the success as well as embrace new challenges. I will therefore remain on the board for the next 2 years as past president to support Marco Conti and help with the transition and further strategic aims. In particular the points below will need to be discussed and taken forward by the board:

- Developing a consistent and easy way for members to renew membership, re-exploring the options of direct debit systems
- Succession planning for the board and committees – how do we bring in new people and fresh ideas
- Plan a 5 year diary of EUSSER educational programs and conferences as well as representation at international meetings
- How can the SECEC/Rehab committee work with SECEC in education & research?
- How do we develop the European networks further and grow in membership?

So a busy time ahead and a lot for the society to consider and discuss, we value the continued support from the membership. I wish Marco Conti and the board a successful future and I will always remain a supportive and active member for EUSSER for many years to come.

Anju Jaggi

EUSSER President

Education Committee

EUSSER Education Committee Annual Report

The EUSSER Education Committee continues to work hard to promote education amongst therapists in the field of shoulder and elbow rehabilitation and provide information and resources for the membership. In our aim to develop educational content for the website we have welcomed two new members, Milena Mirkovic and Andre Le Leu, both from the UK. This has enabled us to rota responsibility for posting content on a weekly basis to ensure the website provides regular information for the membership. Educational resources continue to develop including videos of powerpoint presentations, podcasts (several by the EUSSER Board), cases studies , twitter updates and course reports.

An exciting addition to the EUSSER calendar was the Inaugural EUSSER Ultrasound Course which ran in Holland and proved to be a great success. Plans for the next EUSSER symposium in Gotherberg in 2016 are well underway and Daniele Morfino, one of our committee members is working with Marco Conti to develop a shoulder course to run in Turin. Members of the committee have represented EUSSER and promoted excellence in education throughout Europe.

We continue to strive to provide educational resources that have relevance to the membership.

Currently the committee are working on specific resources and developing educational events to promote the work of EUSSER. Developments in technology continually increase the opportunities for innovative educational tools and we hope to utilise these to maximize educational content for the membership.

Members of the committee have welcomed the opportunity to meet EUSSER members during the year and this has been pivotal in identifying what the membership want in terms of educational resources. We would encourage any of our members to get in touch if they have ideas for future website inclusion, or indeed any ideas for the development of educational content to help us continue to achieve our aim.

Jo Gibson

Chair of Education Committee, EUSSER

Scientific Committee

During the past year the members of the Scientific Committee have changed.

In January 2015 Ann Cools left the group.

In December 2014 **Reena Tweddle**, MSc, Physiotherapist, England, UK joined the committee. She is the team leader at York and Selby NHS Trust and works also in the private sector. She teaches the cervical spine and shoulder modules as a guest lecturer at MSc level.

The committee was further reinforced in February 2015 by **Beate Dejaco**, MSc, PT. She works at the Sports Medical Centre Papendal, Netherlands. She is a main lecturer of the Masters program of musculoskeletal rehabilitation at Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nejmegen, University of Applied Sciences and is involved in scientific research studying shoulder rehabilitation in subacromial pain.

The committee has sent out a survey (twice) with the intention to create a platform of members interested in the development of shoulder and elbow assessment and treatment. Unfortunately, we did not get any responses from members to the survey.

On the EUSSER website, promotion and comments of three scientific papers has been published. Through a mass mail as well as on the website the committee has informed members regarding the Directory of Open Access Journals, DOAJ, which is a helpful database in searching open access journals, without searching each journal's website individually.

From November 2014 to July 2015 the Scientific Committee has met virtually on 9 occasions.

Gothenburg, Sweden 6th August 2015

Ingrid Hultenheim Klintberg

Ingrid Hultenheim Klintberg, PhD, PT
Chair of the Scientific Committee
European Society for Shoulder and Elbow Rehabilitation (EUSSER)

National Delegates

Goal of the ND committee: to enhance communication between ND and EUSSER board and to emphasize the importance of the ND in the dissemination of EUSSER in their home country.

Actions:

- The committee have worked hard to approach National Delegates to disseminate EUSSER across all of Europe
- We now have National Delegates in two more countries – Ireland and Malta
- Increased profile of the National Delegates and their actions via Social Media and EUSSER website

However, this committee in it's present format has not been entirely successful and whilst we thank the National Delegates who have engaged for all their hard work, moving forward, we need to rethink our strategy to grow our network across Europe and this will form part of the EUSSER Board meeting on 19 September 2015.

Rodrigo Ruivo
Chair of National Delegate Committee
EUSSER

WEB Committee

The 2014-2015 EUSSER Web Committee have been focused on two main points

- stabilizing and growing the contents of the website
- improve the sharing of information from Society to members

Although we have grown the site and are sharing more information, there is still a long way to go – just based on the requests and support by all other Committees.

Key Achievements:

- obtain a **Home page** always updated and with the launch of new events and news
- an **Events page** always enriched with new opportunities with the possibility to download the programs and /or to register and/or to connect to specific web pages of external organisations to be able to register
- a **News page** with several launches of scientific and events news
- an updated **National Delegates** page with contact details for all National Delegates
- the **Your EUSSER Page was re-built:**
 - the link to access the Shoulder & Elbow Journal is now placed on the first line of the page
 - the Documents of the last AGM are all available for members to download
 - if materials are available from events they will be available here for downloads
 - The Journals page has been re-built following the suggestions of the Scientific Committee, including:
 - A list of Open Access Journals with the links is available
 - Interesting links of top journals which are not open are now available
 - The Papers page now collects Rehab Guidelines and Relevant Papers, reviewed by eminent experts on shoulder pathology and rehabilitation
 - The Media library is now setup and available! Video of speeches of EUSSER members in congress are now available to members
 - The Useful Links page connect members to the web pages of other societies focused on shoulder or to research engines to find papers
 - The Members Page is now performing a fast and effective search of members by nation or profession
 - At the end we have to say that the Your EUSSER Page is able to inform the members of the status of the membership payments to the Society and also give the opportunity to renew on line using a credit card payment system or the IBAN system

Beside the public part of the work, the Web Committee worked also to refine the functions of the Database to give extra data to the secretary to follow new subscription and renewals.

To this purpose a recall system is now working asking members to renew before and after the end of their year subscription.

At the same time **Twitter and Facebook** are now frequently updated with links and news; and on Twitter (@EUSSERBOARD) we are close to a thousand followers!

Unfortunately **the Web Committee has lost his chair, Edwin Duijn**, who resigned for personal reasons, we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the work done pushing all the team in a difficult period.

Also, **other members of the team resigned** due to work commitment and to all of them we would say **our sincere and great thank you for the effort of their participation!**

For the future we forecast:

- an automatic system to collect renewals every year connected to the bank system
- an overhaul of the members database that is now slowing due to the growth of the member: this point will require probably a relevant amount of financial support!
- a EUSSER forum between members to be placed on the website
- an more effective and timely use of Facebook and Twitter to encourage our members to stay connected to our web page

We need your collaboration to maintain and renew the heart of the society: the web page and all social communication systems !

All members with IT capabilities are welcomed !

Please contact me (conti.marco@gmail.com) or our secretary Anna (info@eusser.org)

Marco Conti MD, PhD.
EUSSER Vice President
Web Comm Chair

Treasury Report

2014 TREASURY REPORT

At the AGM 2014 in London, I was elected as the new treasurer of EUSSER. This is my 2014 report.

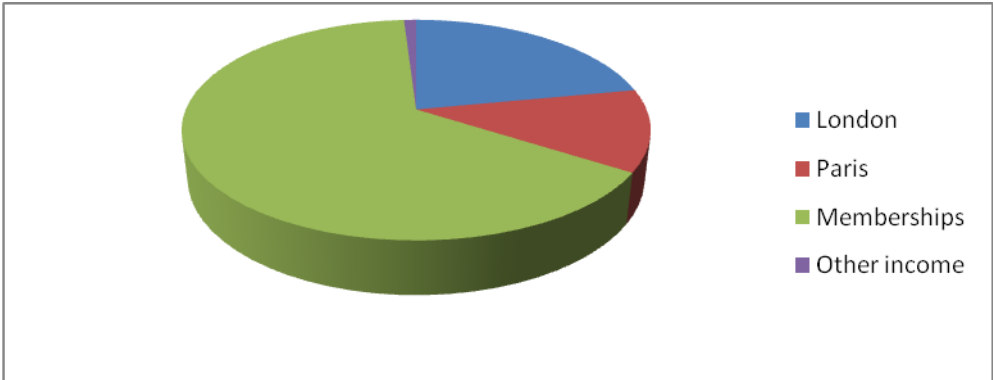
Since the main activity of the society consists of Euro transactions, I will present you my report in Euro. Swiss Francs amounts are shown in the financial statements to comply with Swiss law and have been audited by the independent chartered accountant Alba Advisors SA.

At the end of 2014, the total assets of the society amounts to EUR 23'988 which consist of EUR 18'130 of cash and cash equivalents. The net wealth amounts to EUR 13'392.

The key figures of the activity of the society in 2014 are the followings :

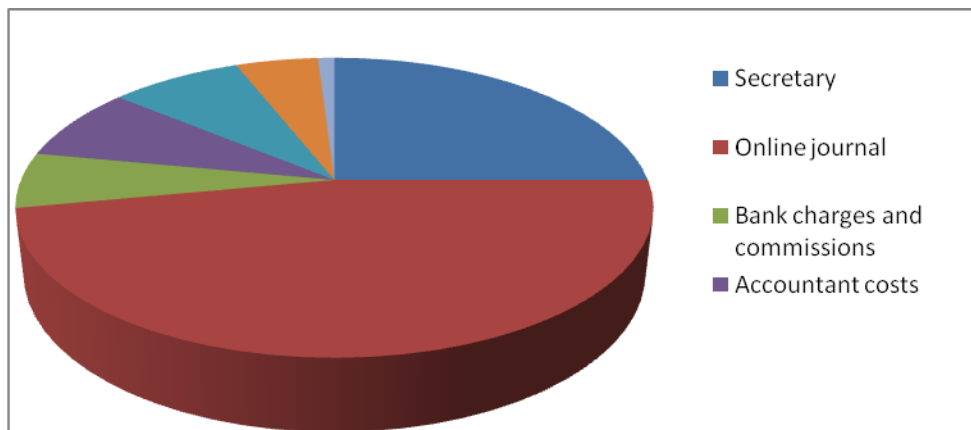
Revenues - net

Congress London	6'095
Course Paris	3'427
Memberships	17'744
Other income	173
Total net revenues	<hr/> 27'439



Operating costs

Secretary	5'697
Online journal	10'586
Bank charges and commissions	1'422
Accountant costs	1'758
Software and web expenses	1'683
Advertising	1'036
Other expenses	246
Total operating costs	22'428



The net result for 2014 shows a loss of EUR 3'220. That is mainly due to the investment in the new website which was finalised last year. Operating costs such as secretarial expenses also increase in order to provide better services to the members.

2015 outlook

As at 30 June 2015, total cash and cash equivalent amounts to EUR 18'457.

At that date, we received EUR 9'620 as membership fees.

We also organised an US course in February whose net revenue represents EUR 3'950. On the other hand we decided to maintain the cadaver course in Paris, despite the fact that there were only nine participants which results in a loss of EUR 991.

It is expected to have another loss in 2015 due to the net result of the congress and courses, which were lower than expected.

The board believes, however, that the efforts made in 2014 and 2015 will have a positive influence for the future and the society will be able to generate profits in order to pursue its objectives.

The Board asks the general Assembly to approve the 2014 balance with a full discharge to the Treasurer and Advisors.

Suzanne Gard, Treasurer

Proposal for new Board

We ask the membership to vote for the proposed changes to the board below including the change to the bylaw to accept the past president on the board for 2 years.

To make the changes in red to the ByLaws Article 12 to state the following:

The Board consists of:

President

Past President (until the change of the on duty President, that will become Past President)

Vice President (President elect)

Treasurer

Administrative secretary

Chairman of the Scientific committee Chairman

Chairman of the Education committee

Chairman of the WEB committee.

Chairman of the National delegate committee changes to Chairman of European Networks

EUSSER BOARD – 2015-16

- M. Conti - President
- A. Jaggi - Past President
- S.Gard : Treasurer
- I.Hulthenheim **OR** J.Gibson- Vice President
- J.Gibson Education Comm
- I.Hulthenheim - Scient Comm
- Web Comm : temporarily to the President until new entry will be found
- Anna Watson – Secretary
- TBC Chairman of European Networks