

2019 ASPHER General Assembly Minutes

Sunday, 26 May, 17:00-19:00

Venue: Feynman Hall
ETTORE MAJORANA FOUNDATION AND CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC CULTURE, Erice, Italy

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

Gaetano M. Fara, Director of the Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, welcomed ASPHER Members to Erice.

ASPHER President Kasia Czabanowska opened the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from the 2018 ASPHER General Assembly

The 2018 ASPHER GA minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Acceptance of new members

Candidate Full membership

University of Nicosia Medical School, CYPRUS Full membership was approved unanimously.

Fulda University of Applied Sciences, GERMANY Full membership was approved unanimously.

Ashkelon Academic College, ISRAEL Full membership was approved unanimously.

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, ISRAEL Full membership was approved unanimously.

State University of Medicine and Pharmacy Nicolae Testemitanu, Chisinau, MOLDOVA Full membership was approved unanimously.

IHMT-NOVA University Lisbon, PORTUGAL Full membership was approved unanimously.

University of Gothenburg, SWEDEN Full membership was approved unanimously.

University of Chester, UNITED KINGDOM Full membership was approved unanimously.

Candidate Associate membership

United Arab Emirates University, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Associate membership was approved unanimously.

4. Report from the President and the Secretariat (incl. finances)

Kasia Czabanowska reported on the work of the Association in 2018-2019 and over the course of her presidency.

Robert Otok reported on the work of the Secretariat in 2018-2019 and further continued with the report on the accounts of the Association for 2018-2019.

All three reports were approved unanimously.

5. Report from the Honours Committee

Jose Martin-Moreno reported on the work of the Honours' Committee
The report was approved unanimously.

6. Other reporting

Anders Foldspang reported on progress in the implementation of objective 3 of the ASPHER 2020 strategy (setting up a public health professional for PHS in Europe).

He further continued with the annual reporting for the EPHRF Council and the UK-Blatic-Nordic Network.

7. Handover of the Presidency

John Middleton accepted the Presidency of ASPHER from Kasia Czabanowska.

8. Short communications

Andrija Stampar Medal 2019: it was announced that Gaetano M. Fara, Director of the Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, had been selected as the Andrija Stampar Medalist for 2019.

Deans' and Directors' Good Practice Award 2019: it was announced that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Fellowship Programme: EPIET & EUPHEM was the recipient of the Deans' and Directors' Good Practice Award 2019.

Other communications from members and partners

Jeffrey LEVETT - ASPHER President 1992-1993, with reflections.

Nadav DAVIDOVITCH, on Europe-wide PHET and social accountability survey.

Robert OTOK, on ECDC/ASPHER Webinar series

Damir IVANKOVIC, on members involvement in Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions and Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees programmes - mapping exercise.

Naomi Limaro NATHAN, on public health career development via ASPHER – internship to fellowship experiences.

Christopher POTTER, on APHEA related developments.

Gaetano PRIVITERA, on the 16TH WORLD CONGRESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

9. Elections of Executive Board members 2019-2022

The following candidates for ASPHER Executive Board presented their manifestos:

Tomasz Bochenek, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland Mary Codd, University College Dublin, Ireland Oliver Razum, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Voting was taken by secret ballot for the two available Executive Board seats.

Mary Codd and Oliver Razum where elected with the highest total vote counts.

10. Closing of the meeting

New ASPHER President, John Middleton closed the meeting thanking Gaetano M. Fara, Director and the Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture for their welcome to Erice.