



MINUTES FROM THE 31. EACC MEETING

Milan, 21 September 2015

1. Opening and apologies for absence

Present:

Chairperson Maj Liv Eide, Norway

Secretary Veronika Anic, Croatia

Members Celine Degallier, Belgium

Anna Domanski, Sweden

Elisabeth Fedl, Austria

Mikko Laiho, Finland

Francesco Pagano, Italy

Laurent Patoz, France

Allan Wilson, United Kingdom

Irena Srebotnik Kirbis, Slovenia

Lia van Zuylen-Manders, The Netherlands

Past member: Teus Ruitenbeek, The Netherlands

Apologies for absence: Dorthe Ejersbo, Denmark and Hiltrud Emondts, Germany

Marianne Schou represented Denmark in Dorthe's absence.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was accepted. The chairperson suggested to change the title of subject 8 from Status of the QUATE Committee, Future QUATE tests to Future Quate tests and EFCS Tutorials. This was approved.

3. New and retiring members:

Chairperson welcomed a new member from The Netherlands: Lia van Zuylen-Manders, and gave thanks to our retiring members Suzanne Hintermann, Switzerland, Teus Ruitenbeek, The Netherlands and Regina Schulzke, Germany for their work, interesting discussions and company through the past years.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the last EACC meeting in Geneva, 2014.

The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

5. Amendments and acceptance of the changes in the Regulations

The changes of the Regulations regarding Editor of the web site was accepted.

6. EACC-EFCS membership admission

The chairperson explained the reason for the application for membership as the need for closer cooperation with EFCS in matters concerning the Cytotechnologists and also in which conditions EFCS is willing to accept our membership. EACC could only apply for affiliated advisory membership which means that EACC will not have to pay annual fee, but also have no voting rights. The chairperson and secretary of the EACC will be invited at the future EFCS meetings, and have the possibility to have a voice in the room. The next day, during the EFCS Council meeting, the EFCS members approved by voting that the EACC could become an affiliated advisory member of EFCS.

7. Eurocytology

The Eurocytology learning platform is updated, even though some parts are not completely equipped. The EACC chairperson, has on behalf of EACC, signed a contract with EFCS to evaluate the present static website and the future dynamic one. EACC has received a sum of 3000 Euros from EFCS after signing the contract between EFCS and EACC 29 September 2014. The money is transferred to a bank account administrated by the EACC chairperson. Two surveys have been executed among the EACC members and Cytotechnologists in Europe. The results of these two surveys were presented by Maj Liv Eide at the Eurocytology steering group meeting in London in March, and Prague in September. An interim report summarizing the evaluation work was sent to Ambrogio Fassina, EFCS and Alan Badger, Eurocytology steering group, 24 October 2014.

In August 2015, Maj Liv Eide, chairperson and Veronika Anic, secretary of EACC received email from Ambrogio Fassina, EFCS treasurer, stating that EFCS had to stop subcontracting EACC in the fields of Eurocytology as consequence to criticism by EU commission concerning the little interest and late

response to the due formal requests of the protocol and also requested a refund for the remaining money after withdrawal of the travel expenses for the chairperson regarding the meetings in London and Prague.

Here is an extract of the reply sent by Maj Liv Eide (MLE) to Ambrogio Fassina and Martin Tötsch :

For the record or chain of events:

We did get the contract almost a year too late (the end of July 2014).

The annex: Evaluation work terms of reference and payments and timetable was not attached and was received in November 2014.

I even had to use some of my holiday in London in August 2014, to talk to Alan and Roberto, to understand what you expected us to do. After this meeting it was more clear and also that a questionnaire was already made for distribution. The questionnaire was distributed and we did receive very few responses, but nevertheless the results were presented at the Prague Meeting. Maybe if we had more time we could have urged people more than two times to respond.

The only one I heard from after November 2014, was Alan, who asked me in January what the EACC planned to do for the next period. [Explanation for why MLE was not able to give priority to Eurocytology in Spring.....](#)The EACC members will certainly continue to promote the website and we are looking forward to see the final results.

8. Future QUATE tests and EFCS Tutorials

QUATE is part of the EFCS and consequently QUATE is under EFCS responsibility. The present QUATE working group is Mina Desai and Alan Wilson. The QUATE Aptitude test was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia in May, in Wien, Austria in July 2015 and during the ECC in Milan. In addition QUATE Committee is planning a non-gynaecological exam and exams both for Cytotechnologists and Medical doctors.

Future QUATE tests: <http://efcs.eu/index.php/quate-exams-2015>

Last Tutorial was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia in May 2015. Future Tutorials will be held in Denmark in May 2016, in Sweden ??, Belgium ?? and in Russia in May 2017.

9. EACC website

During the last meeting, Mikko Laiho was elected to be an editor of the EACC website. Every material that is going to be published should be authorized by the chairperson and secretary. The chairperson and secretary suggested that the presentations from the last CT session in Milan should be published and the members agreed. It was also suggested to publish links to the website of each National Society, which the EACC members represented. Other suggestions: Case of the month, newsletter, discussion forum and presentations from the National Congresses. Every EACC member is hereby invited to contribute to the website, which really needs to be activated now. Mikko Laiho was

encouraged to make contact with Arrigo Bondi, the Webmaster of EFCS, during the Milan Congress in order to receive the technical details regarding editing the website.

10. European Cytotechnologists' day

Anna Domanski has suggested that we should have a Cytotechnologists' Day every year. After discussion during the meeting,, we did not conclude which day of the year will be suitable for European Cytotechnology day and what the purpose of this day should be. The idea needs to mature and will be discussed at the EACC meeting at ECC in Liverpool next year. The American Society for Cytotechnology celebrates the Cytotechnology Day on G. Papanicolaous' birthday, May 13, and you can read about what they do here: <http://www.asct.com/content/national-cytotechnology-day>

11. Cytotechnologists' Session – 40th European Congress of Cytology, 2nd-5th October 2016 in Liverpool, UK

The first time that the Cytotechnologists' Session was given a whole day, was at the ECC 2015, thanks to Ambrogio Fassina. We believe that this was a success and we will probably have a whole day for the Cytotechnologists' Session also at the next European Cytology Congress in Liverpool. Some suggestions for the Session have already been given by the Organising Committee including EACC member Allan Wilson who will take the responsibility to organize this session the best in the best possible way. Members of the EACC will be invited to participate with lectures and case presentations and together we want to create a successful Session.

12. Varia

Allan Wilson invited all members to send articles for future publishing in Cytopathology. A section called InCyt in Cytopathology is dedicated to Cytotechnologists. Alan invited us to also submit, as soon as possible, the article about EACC recommendations for education and training of cytotechnologists in Europe. The article is planned to be published in the issue of April 2016, where the whole review will be devoted to education.

There was also a discussion about the need for EACC to have some funds. It was suggested that every National Society, which the EACC member represented, should pay annual fee in amount of 20 €. Therefore we need to elect a Treasurer on our next meeting in Liverpool and make changes in the Regulations.

9 November 2015

Veronika Anic

EACC secretary

