

MINUTES**ESSR 2020 General Assembly held as Informative Webinar****Saturday, June 27, 2020****18:00 (CEST)****Members Attendance: 64**

1. Welcome (A. Viera)
2. President's Report including most of what should be reported to the members (A. Vieira)
3. Brief Treasurer's Report (A. Heuck)
4. Summary of Committee und Subcommittee reports (L. Sconfienza)
5. Partial renewal of positions and important notes on secure electronic voting (A. Viera)
6. Handover of ESSR Presidency (A. Viera, E. McNally)

1. Welcome and introduction (A. Vieira)

A. Vieira welcomes all members to the Extraordinary General Assembly 2020.

- for the first time held online
- extraordinary circumstances
- legal digital alternative
- voting period scheduled with July 1-12, 2020 – notifications sent by Polyas

2. President's Report including most of what should be reported to the members (A. Vieira)**ESSR Big Picture**

- 1991 Active Members

Communication

- Newsletter / Social Media – Facebook, Twitter
- Partner societies
 - National MSK Societies
 - International MSK Radiology Global Alliance

Interdisciplinary MSK related Societies agreements**ESSR Visibility**

>> IDOR 2019 (Imaging of Motion & Performance: Stress and Strain)

- High Level ESSR Representatives at ESR

ESSR Subspecialties and Allied Sciences Committee

- Apostolos Karantanas – Committee chair
- ESSR delegates to ESR
 - Research – Mario Maas
 - Education – Miraude Adriansen
 - Quality, Safety and Standards – Eva Llopis

Invest In Youth

- To insure the future of MSK radiology in a changing environment (AI... threat/opportunity)
- How to attract, educate, mentor and actively involve young talents
 - Education
 - Research
 - Leadership

M. AVATAR Program

- M.Maas; F.Kainberger; A.Karantanas; G. Guglielmi
- Leadership MSK Radiology
 - Intense training/education of the new generation of MSK radiologists
 - 4-5 days
 - Amsterdam/NL (Feb, 17-20)
 - Vienna/AT - postponed
 - Heraklion/GR - postponed
 - Puglia/IT – postponed

Outreach Program

2019 Programs

a) completed

- Badajoz/Spain
- Kaunas/Lithuania
- Warsaw/Poland

b) 2020 Applications

- Turkey
- Italy
- Armenia

Young Club

- Founded in 2018 (Franz Kainberger)
- Target group: young radiologists, residents in radiology, PhD students, medical students for musculoskeletal imaging **age of <35**
- Creative platform for **new/refreshing ideas**

Education

Networking

Advanced use of social media/ IT resources

Regulations / Transparency

- Committees / subcommittees
- Initiatives
- Educational programs
- ESSR annual meeting

New Subcommittee – Pediatrics**New Initiative - Artificial Intelligence (AI)****ESSR 2020 Stockholm Meeting Cancellation**

- ESSR annual meeting (face to face)
- OCAD
- Ultrasound Workshop

(no major losses)

ESSR 2020 Virtual Meeting (June, 26-27) + 1100 participants

Ultrasound Virtual Meeting (September, 26)

3. Treasurer's report (A. Heuck)

A. Heuck presents the brief report. The society is in good financial condition and its account is in balance. The society made a minus and a congress made a plus in the year 2019. The society does have 1991 members as per December 31, 2019. The tree top countries wit the highest member numbers are Spain, Italy and Germany.

The Executive Committee and the Controllers will be relieved unanimously from their financial responsibility during the next General Assembly on occasion of the ESSR Annual Meeting 2021 in Cracow.

4. Summary of Committee und Subcommittee reports (L. Sconfienza)**EDUCATION****Documents**

Long term vision of EduCom

Request to allocating an annual budget to EduCom

Document to judge eligibility of courses suitable for the ESSR diploma

Promotional slide ESSR diploma

Evaluation form ESSR diploma examination (prospectively, all candidates)

Added text to the ESSR web-page of the EduCom

Updated ESSR membership flyer with regard to the ESSR diploma

Provided input to the manuscript 'Status of MSK radiology in Europe'

Survey

Diploma survey: an international survey was undertaken to successful diploma candidates of the ESR-endorsed ESSR examinations

Educational poster about the European Diploma in Musculoskeletal Radiology submitted to ESSR 2020

ESSR Diploma

Expanding the ESSR MCQ database

Formalizing the oral part of the examination: (1) structured answer form (2) scoring form

Check eligibility of potential diploma candidates

Current number of eligible diploma candidates on *waiting list* (4)

Check eligibility of courses suitable for the ESSR diploma

Promotion Slide (next slide)

ESSR diploma examination during ECR 2020 (cancelled)

EDiMSK promotion during ESSR 2020 (cancelled)

ESSR EduCom

Chair: Miraude Adriaensen, MD, PhD, MSc, EDiMSK

ESSR representatives to ESOR/EBR/ESR

Evaluation Committee of the Exchange Program for Musculoskeletal Radiology (ESOR):

Dr Elena Drakonaki, MD, PhD, PostDoc, EDiMSK

Dr Miraude Adriaensen, MD, PhD, MSc, EDiMSK

EDiR MSK team leader written evaluation committee:

Dr R Pederson handed over to Prof R Mansour

ESSR delegate to ESR Education Committee:

Prof C Martinoli handed over to Dr M Adriaensen

Ongoing activities

to promote the European Diploma in Musculoskeletal Radiology and make it a worldwide-recognized qualification of subspecialty excellence in MSK radiology

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

We received 4 applications for Young Researchers Grants 2020, which will be assigned to reviewers expert in the field, mainly former Research Chairs, using the same review process format of last grants, which seemed satisfactory for both Reviewers and Applicants.

ESSR offer financial and administrative support for scientific projects after approval of the Research Committee. I propose a strong promotion of this great opportunity online on the ESSR website and with push emails.

Organization of a “MSK research writing lab” in the next ESSR live meeting.

ACTIVITIES NATIONAL MSK SOCIETIES AND GROUPS

Meeting National Societies ESSR, ECR Vienna 2020 Friday 13th, 11:30-12.00 cancelled

Manuscript: “Present status of Musculoskeletal Radiology in Europe: International Survey by the European Society of Musculoskeletal Radiology (ESSR)”, by Žiga Snoj, et al. submitted to Seminars In MSK Radiology

The committee seeks **help for ideas and involvement of National Societies** for publication of short minipapers in Seminars In MSK Radiology “**History page: leaders in MSK radiology**” (format: 1 printed page, 1 figure). So far 5 manuscripts have been finalized and are ready for publication. Contact chairpersons of ESSR History Initiative:

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TUMOUR SUBCOMMITTEE

- We have made contributions to the iDoR book which has now been published
- Two tumour issues in Seminars planned– one published in 2019. The other one is due in December 2020
- ESSR 2020— The subcommittee made huge contribution to the original programme. We are pleased that the reduced programme also has significant subcom input
- ESSR Tumour courses –Izmir Oct 2019 was successfully completed. A planned course in Jordan for October 2020 has been put on hold. Planning to have a course in Girona 2021
- ESSR Consensus document on tumour biopsies – In progress

SPORTS SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Subcommittee chair 2017-2020 - IGOR BORIC from Zagreb/HR (elected during ESSR Congress in Bari, need to elect new chairperson)

2. Subcommittee members: now 54 from 16 countries

3. ESSR Sports Meetings & Courses (past, current and in preparation)

a) Sports Meetings in 2019:

- Sports Imaging Course Munich, October (Heuck, Kramer, Glaser)
- Sports Subcommittee Session during ESSR Congress in Porto

b) Sports Meetings in preparation:

- Sports Imaging Course in Zurich, May 2020
- 2020: Rostock, October – virtual course

4. Sports Subcommittee Projects

- a) Book Project done: MRI of the Knee (2013);
MRI of the Hip & Pelvis (2016);

MRI of the Ankle & Foot (2016)
 MRI of the Shoulder (October 2017)
 MRI of the Elbow (March 2018)

b) Book Project running: MRI of Wrist, Hand & Fingers
 MRI of the Knee (second edition)

5. Sports Subcommittee Guidelines (MR protocols) of MR Imaging of Sports Injuries for all joints are available on ESSR website

ARTHRITIS SUBCOMMITTEE

- 55 members (3 new members)
- Recommendation papers ongoing. Published in 2020:
 Hemke, R., Herregods, N., Jaremko, J.L. *et al.* Imaging assessment of children presenting with suspected or known juvenile idiopathic arthritis: **ESSR**-ESPR points to consider. *Eur Radiol* (2020).
- Conferences and workshops:
 - 2nd Arthritis Imaging. Sep 6-7 2019, Ghent, Belgium (Jans)
 - 5th International Sports and Arthritis. Nov 2019, Poznan, Poland (Sudol-Szopinska)
- Collaboration with EULAR:
 Joint project on imaging and request requirements approved by ESSR and EULAR EC.
- Update members list and publications on ESSR website
- Pin for all members

OSTEOPOROSIS SUBCOMMITTEE

- 23 members
- Survey on the use of DXA in Europe: 48 answers... Forward to ESR?
- Recommendations/consensus on the use of imaging techniques in the assessment of body composition initiative: kick-off meeting
- Collaboration and agreement with the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) and the European Calcified Tissue Society (ECTS)
- ESRIGuide
- Papers and projects from personal initiatives
- New proposals and initiatives to be discussed in the subC meeting (July)
- Website update to be performed

INTERVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

In the period June 2019-June 2020 Intervention subcommittee member were involved in the following activities (detailed information will be available in the report):

- Evidence-based clinical guidelines on Intervention procedures in upper and lower extremity
- Book “Imaging of Motion and Performance – Stress and Strain”
- A short review article for the Seminars in Musculoskeletal Radiology

- EULAR recommendations for imaging guided interventional procedures in patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disorders
- Interventional pre-course(half day) for the ESSR Annual Meeting in Lisbon
- Intervention subcommittee session for the ESSR Annual Meeting in Lisbon
- Educational Interventional Courses
- Multicentre European trial US-guided Percutaneous needle tenotomy and Physiotherapy in Patients with Lateral Elbow Tendinopathy: A multicentre Randomized Controlled Trial
- ESSR Intervention subcommittee representative is are included in the ESRIGuide Subcommittee Indications for MSK imaging project

ULTRASOUND SUBCOMMITTEE

- Members' list update -17 countries, 71 members
- Virtual One day study 26/09/2020

PAEDIATRIC SUBCOMMITTEE

- Creation in Lisbona (June 2019)
- 16 active members from 10 countries (PL, PO, GR, NL,UK, SP, NZ, CH,IT, BE)
- (P. Simoni: Chair/BE; MP Aparisi Gómez: co-Chair NZ/SP)
- Web page created on the ESSR site
- Communication with ESPR MSK taskforce
- Web meeting in April 2020 to catch up with all the members
- Two article published (1 review article and 1case report published)
- Ongoing initiatives:
 - 1) Measurements in paediatric MSK Imaging;
 - 2) Survey on the teaching of paediatric MSK Imaging in Europe (to relaunch after the COVID-19 crisis);
 - 3) Systematic review on on imaging of LCP disease;
 - 4) Systematic review on imaging of SFCE

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Experiences so far:

- 1) Startup meeting ESSR Lisbon (P), June 2019
- 2) Site Visit to The London Medical Imaging & AI Centre for value-based health care. London, (UK)
- 3) EUSOMII (European Society of Medical Imaging Informatics) meets ESSR, Valencia (E). October 18th-19th 2019
- 4) RSNA (November/December 2019)

Further projects:

1. Questionnaire prepared to be sent out to all ESSR members: „How do ESSR radiologists perceive and react to artificial intelligence (AI) - (Qualitative study)“
2. Qualitative interviews of a subset of respondents

The Artificial Intelligence Initiative was originally introduced by Prof. Franz Kainberger, March 2019, acting president ESSR, who nominated Prof Mario Maas officially as a Chairperson. This was the first time AI Initiative was used within ESSR.

The AI-Initiative has been successful in providing some necessary strategic information for EXCOM to make policy. The step needed is finalizing the questionnaires for which funding is asked for. The information collected is crucial for defining a future strategic plan and is INDEPENDENT of the cancellation or postponing of ESSR 2020.

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5. Partial renewal of the board, committee

The ESSR Executive Committee proposes

Vice-President (2020-2021)

Carlo Martinoli (IT)

Sports Subcommittee Chairperson (2020-2023)

Christoph Schaeffeler (CH)

6. Handover of ESSR Presidency (A. Viera, E. McNally)

Next General Assembly will take place during ESSR 2021 in Cracow, Poland.

General Assembly ends at 18:45

