**Minutes of the European Forum For Rehabilitation Research Assembly**

**Istanbul Turkey, 2013**

There were 110 members present

1. **Opening**

Gabor Frazekas (outgoing President) opened the assembly. Nigel Harris (outgoing Secretary) agreed to take the minutes. The constitution states that the President or VP will chair the Assembly, so the meeting was chaired by GF.

GF asked if the agenda was acceptable – voting show of hands – Yes, no objections or abstentions.

We need to two people to check the minutes, Helena Burger and Sven Uno Marentoft agreed to do this. Delegates were asked to vote on this with a show of hands – this was unanimously approved.

We need three counters for votes– there members (Lajos Kullmann, Crt Marincek, Ilker Yagci) were proposed and accepted.

Members were asked to approve auditors for accounts. These would be a Professional accountant and Sejia Talo, this was unanimously approved.

1. **President’s report on the activity of EFRR in the period of 2011-2013 – Gabor Fazekas**

The European Federation for Rehabilitation Research was established in 1983. The organisation was not registered, we therefore looked at possibilities and decided that the easiest route would be to register in Finland. Registration was completed in January 2012, not are really a Federation, so we changed the name to Forum. We had to amend the constitution to comply with Finish law. We have three bylaws which are detailed on the new website.

The new website is running well, members were asked to check this as all announcements will be made through this.

At our opening ceremony, Prof Črt Marinček had highlighted the opportunity afforded by our official journal, the International Journal of Rehabilitation Research, with an impact factor now above 1. We thank you him for his support.

Council are now considering future meetings and have agreed that the next Congress will be 6-9th May 2015 in Helsinki.

Two year ago Council agreed to support a summer school in Riga. Aivars Verta will speak on this shortly.

Our treasurer will report on finances shortly. The bank account is registered in Finland.

1. **Report of the treasurer – Aarne Ylinen**

2012 was the first year of the newly registered organisation. We have a very small budget as we had no income before this Congress, so this was made up of a transfer of residual funds, plus 55 new memberships, less some expenses, the balance is Eruo1813.

This year we will receive income from each of the members who attended this Congress.

Members were asked to accept the accounts. This was unanimously approved

1. **Feedback from membership – Nigel Harris**

Nigel reported that there were 55 new members, prior to the start of the Congress. These low numbers were because the new EFRR was not formally established until January 2012.

There are 484 participants for the Congress, who will now become new members. The Chairman reported that Council formally approved membership of all participants.

**5. Election of the new Council for the period of 2013-2015 – Nigel Harris**

No other candidates were nominated two weeks prior to Congress, so we have 8 candidates and 8 vacancies, plus our President elect. According to our statutes, there is no need to have secret voting according to our statutes.

The Candidates each introduced themselves.

Akyuz, Gülseren – Turkey (President elect)

Burger, Helena - Slovenia

Fazekas, Gabor – Hungary

Harris, Nigel - United Kingdom

Leonardi, Matilde – Italy

Marnetoft, Sven-Uno - Sweden

Vetra, Aivars – Latvia

Weinbrenner, Susanna - Germany

Ylinen, Aarne - Finland

Members were asked to vote to accept the members of Council. This was unanimously approved.

Gabor – welcomed the new President.

**6. EFRR Summer School in Riga – Aivars Vetra**

A summer school was planned for August 2014. It was suggested that the focus would be on stroke and stroke rehabilitation. Learning outcomes and an outline budget were shown. There would be a maximum of 100 participants. The UEMS had agreed to support the fees of 20 students to a maximum of Euro 8,000.

**7. Report on the preparation of the Congress in 2015,**

Aarne Ylinen reported that this would be 6-9th May in Helsinki. He thanked the local organizers for this meeting and congratulated the new President. The theme for Helsinki would be ‘being, doing, participating’. With a focus on Multidisciplinary team working and Vocational Rehabilitation. He then showed a video featuring Helsinki. The would be also looking at a satellite symposia – TBI Challenge.eu 2015 in the Marina Congress Centre.

**8. Preparations for congress in 2017**

Nigel Harris reported that there was strong interest from Glasgow Caledonian University to host in Scotland. He hoped this could be confirmed in next few months and asked for members to send feedback and suggestions for Helsinki and Glasgow to the email address on the website.

**9. Any other business**

The outgoing President thanked the local organisers, the Optimist team and the new President for organising such a successful Congress.