



INTERNATIONAL WRIST ARTHROSCOPY SOCIETY

IWAS 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, April 12th 2023 - 12.00 to 14.00

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10. **INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT**

The Secretary General opens the GA meeting at 12.30

1. ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES (Henk Coert)

Unanimously accepted

2. SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT (Henk Coert)

The experience at the FIRST AAHS IWAS PRECOURSE IN MIAMI JANUARY 2023 is described

Future courses are introduced.



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It is suggested that benefits must be increased and highlighted to encourage IWAS MEMBERSHIP.

Webinars available in library for members only, reduction on courses for IWAS members, reduction fee for books, Web chat

Incoming correspondence is illustrated: letter from LAWA (Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association), letter from IWAS member Andrea Atzei.

NEW SECRETARIAL OFFICE/CONGRESS ORGANIZER: when this will happen, it will be communicated

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3. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT (Michel Levadoux)

Michel Levadoux cannot be at the assembly in person and sends a video message

The problem of fake mails from his email address has been solved.

Steve Moran next President and many good wishes for him and his presidency

The new IRCAD locations in Africa and China are introduced, suggesting the need to organize courses in those locations.

There is the suggestion that in the future the limits of arthroscopy will be pushed further

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A) FINANCIAL REPORT (Lorenzo Merlini)

The financial situation for the fiscal year 2022 is introduced by the treasurer, Lorenzo Merlini, with the balance per December 31st 2022 (compared to 2021)

Raising the membership fee from 75€ to 100€ is suggested, endeavouring to give advantages to members

The independent auditor, Gustavo Mantovani, confirms

Vote for changing the membership fee to 100€, no objections and all agree

-OTHER BUSINESS



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Sponsorship has changed and Arthrex has stepped in. They have offered to organize courses in their own labs.

They will however still support local courses with equipment

Most IWAS Courses have been held at the IRCAD centres

IWAS courses after IFESSH in London are listed. Covid slowed down the organization of IWAS courses, but things are now picking up

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5. TEACHING COMMITTEE REPORT (Jan Haugstvedt/Marion Burnier)

Neither are present. Report is given Henk Coert with a PowerPoint provided by Jan Haugstvedt and Marion Burnier

Andrea Atzei asks Henk Coert to clarify the relationship between IWAS and Arthrex: This concerns supplying the equipment, not a financial support.

They have a non-excluding policy, so course organizers can consider other sponsors.

Gustavo Mantovani asks about other IWAS sponsors and Henk Coert takes this further introducing the concept of corporate sponsors to generate other financial income for IWAS.

6. REPORT FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF JWS (Toshi Nakamura)

Video by Toshi Nakamura presenting a number of statistics

7. WEBINAR REPORT (Eva-Maria Baur)

UPDATE WEBINARS 2022

Eva-Maria Baur introduces the topic.

10 webinars in 2023 trying to change the subjects to attract more interest.

Words of thanks for sponsors who partially support the webinars.

Eva Baur confirms that recorded webinars are on YouTube only for 3 months, after that they are in the IWAS website for members only



8. RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Mireia Esplugas)

UPDATE 2022: EFFORT, FESSH

Mireia Esplugas has been involved with:

FESSH

EFORT

LAWA

Gustavo Mantovani explains LAWA (Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association), this does not involve moving away from IWAS but rather empowering IWAS in Latin America and work together.

Video from Matthew Brown about his IT involvement.

LinkedIn is the main social media to be used other than Twitter, Instagram, Discussion Forum

The issue of a new logo is brought up as is the planned website update and change of address from wristarthroscoy.eu to .org

9. ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED: NEXT PRESIDENT

The executive council proposes Martin Caloia for vote as new President: when asked if anyone is against all agree and he is unanimously accepted

10. INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT (Steve Moran)

Video presentation will be given during the main session at the meeting

11. FUTURE OF IWAS (HENK COERT)

-THINK TANK

-STRUCTURE (ANDREA ATZEI) (FOR VOTE)

Andrea Atzei explains the matter he proposed in his letter:

He feels there is a growing need for a recognition of cultural and professional distinctive features on a regional perspective creating different chapters for the five continents.

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Atzei's suggestion is: each Chapter should have a board of a minimum of 3 interacting with IWAS

He feels it is time for a structural change. The proposal to vote on: do you agree that we should look into a structural change of IWAS and also if the members are comfortable with the Executive Council investigating over the period of a year the opportunity of changing the structure of IWAS towards an umbrella structure with all five continents: APWA, LAWA, Europe, Africa, North America.

Unanimous approval.

The Secretary General thanks all attendees and closes the GA meeting.

Meeting ends at 13.50

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