



ESP General Assembly

19th ESP Congress, Lyon

August 30, 2023

EC Members:

Amparo Faustino (President), *Franz Trautinger* (Past-President), *Massimo Trotta* (President-elect), *Giorgia Miolo* (Treasurer), *Pål Selbo* (Officer), *Kristjan Plaetzer* (Officer), *Virginie Lhiaubet* (Officer), *Francesca Giuntini* (Secretary).

Kristian Berg (Auditor), *Vivienne Reeves* (Auditor)

Chair

Amparo Faustino

Minutes

Francesca Giuntini

Agenda

1. Summary report on the 2021-23 term: Amparo Faustino
2. Treasurer's report: Giorgia Miolo
3. Auditors' report: Kristian Berg, Vivienne Reeve
4. Education & Training Committee report: Massimo Trotta
5. Photobiology School report: Santi Nonell
6. ESP²hD award: Virginie Lhiaubet
7. Preliminary report on the 20th ESP Congress: Thierry Douki
8. ESP communication platforms: Pål Selbo
9. Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences report: Rex Tyrrell & Kristjan Plaetzer
10. ESP Comprehensive Book Series report: Massimo Trotta
11. Results of EC election & presentation of EC 2023-2025: Massimo Trotta
12. Venue of 21st ESP Congress 2025: Massimo Trotta
13. AOB

Minutes

Agenda item: Opening **Presenter:** *Amparo Faustino*

AF welcomes the attendees.

63 attendees in the audience.

Agenda item: President Report **Presenter:** *Amparo Faustino*

Discussion:

The congress went back to face to face. The School in Brixen started again. ESP was legalised. The ESP affiliated to the IUPB. We supported several initiatives (including Granada School, support for LASP members, Workshop in honour of Martin Chalfie. The Journal passed publisher and the Editor in Chief was replaced (KP for RT). The Congress in Lyon was also organised and is running. Questions? None from the audience.

Agenda item: Treasurer report **Presenter:** *Giorgia Miolo*

Discussion:

GM presents the funds that the Society hold (funds and investment). Gives overview of the expenses (e.g., School, Scholarships etc) and a brief overview of the incomes (Congress and membership). Advises that the investments did not go well because of the global situation (lost money, but that would only translate in a loss if we sold the bonds now, which we do not foresee we will do). We will closely monitor the situation and reconsider investment portfolio to minimise the risk. Following from a comment at the AGM in Salzburg, we ensured that the investments are ethical. Questions from the audience? AF advises that the auditors will provide more details KB: recommends a diversification of the investment, this will partially go towards minimisation of the risk. The Auditors found no irregularities and this is shown on the report (shown to the attendees). The report is approved.

Agenda item: ETC

Presenter: Massimo Trotta

Discussion:

This morning we awarded the YIA, both gave lectures earlier in the day. One of the two last awardees (ALB) received medal this morning, the other (AB) is presented with the prize now. We received applications. MT calls for applications. MT shows a break-out of the fellowship applications and award (all were awarded). This is an activity the Society is happy to engage with because it is an investment in the future of the discipline. GJA was awarded to JPG for a visit to Salvo Sortino in Catania (3 months). We awarded four ESP supplement to the PhD.

Agenda item: School

Presenter: Santi Nonell

Discussion:

School restarted successfully (43 students from 13 countries). Many activities (social and academic). The ESP is happy to invest in this activity. We organised lectures and workshop for the future of photobiology. There is an exam. Social events included reception and hikes. The programme was reorganised and distributed in 6 areas (mapping those of the congress). All students received a certificate. The edition of 2024 is already being organised (date defined). SN gives credit to the creator of the school who is still supporting the works.

Agenda item: ESP2hD award

Presenter: *Virginie Lhiaubet*

Discussion:

We received 7 applications, divided according to the field of study and selected a panel (one of the YIA is included). The level of the application was really high and it was challenging to select the best ones. Two awardees were selected. Miriam Izzo is not here. Carla Arnau is attending and is presented with the award. Miriam's prize is presented to the supervisor.

Agenda item: Preliminary report on the 20th congress

Presenter: *Thierry Douki*

Discussion:

TD gives an overview of the current figures. The congress is very well attended notwithstanding the difficulties of transport. Attendees come mostly from Europe (France, UK, Spain, Italy). A strong community is attending from South America, but participation is worldwide. Numbers/types of contributions is shown. Flash presentations were introduced and were a success. 30 thematic symposia. Two further activities were introduced: EU round table (funding) and a session from the publisher of PPS. TD shows the distribution of contributions across the fields. Some fields attract more than other. TD expresses satisfaction for the outcome of the congress. TD thanks the ESP and the organisers (especially Clara).

Agenda item: Social communications

Presenter: Pal Selbo

Discussion:

The most important platform is the website, but Twitter (now X) is also taking off. We have many followers and invites people to use it.

Agenda item: Photochemical and Photobiological Sciences

Presenter: RT and KP

Discussion:

RT: the main event was the change of the editor in chief (now KP). The transition is still in progress. RT praises the dedication of KP and thanks the associate editors. KP thanks RT for the mentoring and support during the transition phase. The journal is a main pillar for the society. Attendees thank RT. KP introduces 4 new associated editors: Louis Arnaut, Carlos Mentz, Reza Ghiladi and Pal Selbo.

RT shows the submission numbers. Less submissions but the quality has improved. Less manuscripts are rejected before going out for review. RT gives an overview of the Topical Collections (reminds audience of what these are and why they are good for the journal). 3 new topical collections are started. KP calls for ideas and suggestions from members.

Agenda item: Book series

Presenter: Massimo Trotta

Discussion:

The book series started with Elsevier, then moved to RSC and has been with Springer for a few years.

Agenda item: Results of EC election & presentation of EC

Presenter: Massimo Trotta

Discussion:

MT shows the results of the election, hoping to increase the number of votes.

The composition of the new EC is as follows:

Massimo Trotta (IT) - President

Pal Selbo (NO) - President elect

Amparo Faustino (PT) - Past President

Francesca Giuntini (UK) - Secretary

Giorgia Miolo (IT) - Treasurer

Virginie Lhiaubet (SP) - Officer

Fabienne Dumoulin (TK) - Officer

Matteo Grattieri (IT) - Officer

Antonio Monari (FR) - Officer

Kristian Berg - Auditor

Vivienne Reeve - Auditor

Agenda item: Venue of the 20^h ESP Congress

Presenter: *Massimo Trotta*

Discussion:

The next conference will be held in Bari

Agenda item: AOB

Discussion:

No further business. AF thanks all attendees.

At the end, 73 attendees are in the room.
