



EFPSA

General Assembly I

Minutes

Joint Executive Board and Member
Representatives Meeting 2019
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Members present: Austria, Belgium (Leuven), Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, North Macedonia, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia (Belgrade), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

Others present: Board of Management 2019-2020, Executive Board 2019-2020, EDSA Representative, Alumni Board 2019-2021, EFPSA Congress Organising Committee 2020, EFPSA Congress Organising Committee 2021, & EFPSA Conference Organising Committee 2019.

Adjudicators: Eleftheria Foka & Eva Strukelj

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General Assembly I Agenda:

- 1. Approval of Executive Board Team Members
- 2. Approval of Restructuring the Junior Researcher Programme
- 3. Approval of change of name EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme
- 4. Approval of change of name EFPSA European Summer School
- 5. Approval of Dismissal of Observer Virtus
- 6. Approval of Clarification of EFPSA Statutes Art. 8.2
- 7. Approval of European Congress of Psychology 2021 Task Force
- 8. Election of Marketing Officer

Topic	Discussion	Decision
1. Approval of Executive Board Team Members	- Ying Wai Cheung (YWC): We are proposing newly selected Executive Board members for the missing positions.	In favour: 44 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0
2. Approval of Restructuring the Junior Researcher Programme	- Vita Bogdanić (VB): We have been working really hard on this. I really hope that all the Member Representatives have carefully read the proposal. As you know the program lasts for 12 months and we had problems in getting both supervisor and participants. We also had an issue when supervisor or participant was dropping out and that was influencing the whole team and research dynamics in general. We want European Summer School (ESS) more	In favour: 42 Against: 0 Abstaining: 2

academic by also having online trainings, mid term training. The team will have a chance to see each other in person, as it is easy and efficient to work that way. One of the changes is working along with Journal of European Psychology Students (JEPS). The work done during the year by the ESS supervisors and participants will be checked by JEPS. They will get a feedback. Later the paper will be published in the journal of JEPS. One more important point is that we want to invite them to the Congress. Right now they present their work in the small circle while by coming to the Congress they will have a chance to present their work around 300 participants. This wasn't a sudden change, we have discussed it in details and also asked all participants about it, we asked participants if they want to attend Congress or Conference the reply mostly was in favour of the Congress.

- Nicole Saliba (NS): This year we tried to add externals, so participants have the broad auditorium for presenting their work, because it does not make sense to present the work in front of each other.
- Darren, Luxembourg: When we go through the document and bring it to the publishing format we do the changes and several detailed checks, we should know if PhD students want to actually publish with us.
- VB: JEPS is going to do 2 reviews. First one is going to be technical. The second one is the content review, which is more complicated and more work, therefore you will have the written contract. If they already have in mind that they want to post it somewhere else then you won't go through this process.
- Patrick, Austria: Will you make it clear in the application, when the call for the supervisors is opened, that we want ideally to have those who are ready to publish their paper in our journal. EFPSA puts a lot of work and we want us and

them benefit from it. It is not possible to force them, but we want to make it clear in the call.

- VB: Right now JRP is working on the guidelines. The one for the supervisors will include that and it also will be mentioned in the call. We will also be announcing it during the ESS. We cannot force them, but we will make it sound as the goal of the program.
- Alexandra, Romania: Moving ESS into universities, how will that work?
- VB: Until now it was in the venue. University is more professional setting. The idea is that the workshops and the opening ceremony will happen at the university. Org Com will have a place at the university and separately venue for the participants and supervisors.
- NS: It is still one whole event. Participants should not worry about finding accommodation, this part does not change, Org Com will find it. This is also the proposal for the new application from the Croatia.
- Hector, Spain: I feel like at the university we will have the upside down. People from the outside of the program will think that ESS is personalised into the specific university.
- NS: University is the setting. It is more professional. It won't have a connection to specific university, it is better working area.

3. Approval of change of name EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: We propose EFPSA Research Programme as the new name. - VB: This is mostly related to the marketing and promotion, plus there is already an event with the same name and the change in the name would help to attract more people. 	In favour: 42 Against: 0 Abstaining: 2
4. Approval of change of name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: We would like to change the name of the current ESS into Research Summer School. 	In favour: 38 Against: 2

EFPSA European
 Summer School

- VB: We had a problem with the European part because we think it should represent what it is related to.
- Benedikt, Ireland: How you are going to read it? As RSS? Because when you pronounce it like this it has a different meaning of not really a nice word for Irish people.
- YWC: Yes, it would be pronounced as RSS, I am not a native speaker and for me it doesn't sound bad, therefore I think it is up to Member Representatives to decide.

Abstaining: 4

**5. Approval of
 Dismissal of
 Observer Virtus**

- Maria Feher (MF): We had the observer and they were approved during the EFPSA Congress in Azerbaijan. During the first year they were active and then the Representative informed that organisation is not active, therefore they could not apply for a membership. Countries can be observers for at least 1 year and after that they had to write the report and as they failed to do that we propose their dismissal.

In favour: 35

Against: 2

Abstaining: 7

**6. Approval of
 Clarification of
 EFPSA Statutes
 Art. 8.2**

- YWC: We propose the addition to the Statutes. It happened because of the Montenegro. Usually country applies as observer and then applies for the membership and we did not have a situation like this before. Therefore nothing was mentioned about the situation like Montenegro's. We did not know how to proceed. We want to add this clarification in order to make it clear for the future Member Organisations and Board of Management.
- Ana, Croatia: We did a similar thing with Bulgaria and then it was mentioned that we will have the document for them. Are we working on something like that?
- MF: Bulgaria was the actual member and the procedure was different, but yes it is still on my action plan.

In favour: 44

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

- YWC: We sent the survey and got the idea about the current situation of EFPSA with Member Organisations. We analysed based on the replies that Member Organisations are disconnected and we will connect with them in order to prevent cases like Bulgaria.

7. Approval of European Congress of Psychology 2021 Task Force

- Tea Jermaniš (TJ): We have got an exciting collaboration with ECP – European Congress of Psychology 2021. They want to do a student day and therefore want students to organise it. During the past couple of months we discussed what is going to be the best way to organise it. As the event is going to be in Slovenia Member Organisation of Slovenia can help as well. Event is happening in 2021. We thought there should be someone from EFPSA that oversees the work. They will work on organisation of the student day, additionally, they also want us to be involved in the social program as well. We want to start working on this right after the EB&MR meeting. Thus we propose the task force that will include Slovenia's Member Organisation's president, Slovenia's Member Representative and EFPSA. It makes sense for us if these people organise it.
- Eva, Slovenia: How do you see the work progress?
- TJ: We will have an Action Plan, which also will be approved. There will also be the Board of Management Responsible who will be the Events Officer.

In favour: 42

Against: 0

Abstaining: 2

8. Election of Marketing Officer

- George Savage (GS): I study at the Ulster university. I worked a lot with EFPSA, as Vice Member Representative, Member Representative, Vice President, oversaw services and right now I am holding the positions in both Marketing and EFPSA office as Content Responsible and Web Support Responsible respectively. In Marketing team this mandate we were not communicating that well. Because of this problem most of the times

In favour: 44

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

George is the new Marketing Officer.

we had to work with really tight deadlines. With me being here I want to organise it. For the Marketing Office the last few mandates were hectic, it was either Board of management resigning or Coordinator leaving in the middle of the mandate and now again the resignation of the Marketing Officer happened. Marketing Office is really a specific Office which requires skills therefore I think of applying trainings which can help in advance for the person who wants to apply for the position. Plan for this week is working on EFPSA day and also changing the CVI in order to make it grand model.

- Kristina, Lithuania: Being part of the Board of Management requires a lot of work, more stress and mental health gets affected, the risk of burnout increases. What will you do when you are burned out?
- GS: It was a challenge last year and this year I am more experienced with managing time, plus I am not alone in this, here are other Board of Management members who I know that will support in the hard times.
- Hector, Spain: What is your vision of EFPSA and how will you implement it?
- GS: We are packing and delivering. We should speak about it. About skills I helped to lead several teams in EFPSA, I also helped Tea with the presidential office. It takes patience and skills, it won't be easy but it is what people adapt to. I also worked in Google and LinkedIn, organised several exchanges.
- Deianara, Belgium: You said your team was in stress and also that you want to change a lot how are you going to make sure that they are not in even more stress than before?
- GS: For me is to take care of the internal condition of the team is really important. There are things that are not necessary, for example, if we want to change CVI but the

team is stressed then there is no way working on that, we will concentrate on priority.

- Martiена, Malta: we have seen the change with Member Representatives being more in contact with Isaac. How do you plan to reach Member Representatives more?
- GS: I did not know how to put the logo and about most of the other stuff when I was the Member Representative. I'll make sure that Member Representatives know what to do.