

2025 ESDR Annual General Meeting of Members (AGM)

Antwerp

Thursday 11 September 2025, 8.00-9.00

MINUTES

1. Opening, Welcome (Enikö Sonkoly)

Enikö Sonkoly welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM in 2024 (Enikö Sonkoly)

The minutes were approved by a majority of members present by show of hands.

3. In Memoriam (Enikö Sonkoly)

The membership were asked to observe a minute's silence in memory of Prof Marcus Maurer who passed away late 2024.

4. Matters Arising from 2024 AGM (Enikö Sonkoly)

No matters arising from the previous AGM were presented.

5. President's Report (Enikö Sonkoly)

Enikö Sonkoly presented the current members of the Executive Committee and ESDR Board.

She then reminded the members of our current priorities including:

- financial stability
- increasing involvement of young skin researchers
- improving diversity
- increasing ESDR's visibility, membership and global presence
- ensuring our committees are active and connected

She also summarised the main activities of the society in 2025 including the current meeting, Future Leaders Academy, monthly Kitchen webinars, ESDR lectures at EADV and ESDP meetings and regular interactions with important sister organisations such as ISID, ILDS and EDF.

She thanked the Young ESDR for its efforts and in particular Beatrice Dyring-Anderson and Tiago Matos who are stepping down from the Young ESDR Board. They will be replaced by Marianne Lovendorf and Jeremy Di Domizio.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Neil Rajan)

Neil Rajan gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report for 2024. He reported a loss of EUR 397,528.83. Many factors have impacted on the society's finances such as increased

staff costs and social charges, increased costs for organizing events like the annual meeting, lower than expected sponsorship and large currency fluctuations between EUR/CHF and USD/CHF.

While the overall reserves of the society are healthy, a number of important steps have been taken to return the society's accounts to a more sustainable level. These include:

- Establishing a finance committee
- Reducing annual meeting costs
- Controlling costs for ESDR Board/office travel
- Focusing on core activities (Leadership course on hiatus, Summer Workshop dependent on funding to continue)
- Reduction in office costs/hours (CEO -20%, other team members -10%)
- Membership dues increase

Ongoing initiatives include:

- Further reduction in office staff
- Increased effort in sponsorship fundraising
- Virtual Board meetings and travel cost reductions
- Monthly expenditure reviews

A question was raised about projections for future years. Neil Rajan informed the members that a loss is projected for next year and then we predict a small surplus in the following year. This will need to be monitored closely year.

The members were asked to approve the accounts. The AGM approved the motion by majority by a show of hands.

7. New ESDR Members (Neil Rajan)

Neil Rajan presented the names of new members applying to the ESDR. The AGM was asked to approve new members. The motion passed by a majority show of hands.

8. Election of New Board Members (Enikö Sonkoly)

Enikö Sonkoly started by thanking the 4 ESDR Board members leaving the Board – Anna Balato, Remco Van Doorn, Eli Sprecher, Kaisa Tasanen. They were warmly thanked for their great service to the ESDR.

Sabine Eming presented three ESDR members applying to join the Board. The AGM were asked to accept Ellen van den Bogaard, Beatrice Dyring-Andersen and Konstantinos Krasagakis.

The AGM approved the motion by a majority show of hands.

9. Confirmation of President-Elect 2025-2026 (Enikő Sonkoly)

Enikő Sonkoly confirmed to the membership that Kilian Eyerich has been appointed President-Elect 2025-2026.

10. JID/JID Innovations Editors' Report (Erwin Tschachler/Russ Hall)

JID Editor Erwin Tschachler and JID Innovations Editor Russ Hall briefly presented new features of the Journals and provided metrics on submissions, review and production time.

11. Other Business and Closing

No other business. The meeting closed at 09.00