

Minutes of the Meeting of the ESH Scientific Council

January 31, 2026 | 14:00 – 18:00 CET

Mercure Hotel Stare Miasto, Gdańsk

PARTICIPANTS - onsite

T. Weber, President

A. Januszewicz, Vice-President

C. Delles, Secretary

J. Danser, Treasurer

D. Ferrão, YI Representative

M. Brunström

M. Burnier

M. Doumas

L. Halvorsen

R. Kreutz

A. Pathak

A. Persu

E. Rodilla

K. Tsioufis

Online

J. Brguljan

R. de Pinho

Other participants

M. Elgner, ESH Coordinator

R. Lynch, ESH Sekretariat

M. Massaro, AIM Group (partly)

Apologies

G. Grassi, Immediate Past President

Z. Jarai

G. Mancia

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES (T. Weber)

The ESH President, T. Weber, welcomed all members onsite and online to the ESH Council meeting.

T. Weber apologized on behalf of the Council members G. Grassi, Z. Jarai and G. Mancia, who, due to previous commitments, were unable to attend the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council Meeting on December 20, 2025 (C. Delles)

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 20, 2025 in Vienna, were approved unanimously by the Council members.

3. TREASURERS REPORTS

3.a ESH Financial Report (J. Danser)

J. Danser stated that the numbers had not been updated since the end of September and presented a brief overview of the non-audited figures.

3.b FESH Financial Report (M. Burnier)

Mr. Burnier reported that the figures remain unchanged from those presented at the previous Council meeting. He noted, however, that an allocation of EUR 100,000 from the ESH accounts for the Summer School has since been received and should be included in the totals.

4. BUSINESS MATTERS

4.a Finalization of proposal of new ESH By-Laws (T. Weber, C. Delles, all)

T. Weber briefly outlined the process for the amended By-Laws:

- Week February 2-6, 2026: the final draft of new By-Laws will be circulated separately to key ESH communities: Council, Past Presidents, Excellence Centre Leaders, Working Group Chairs, Presidents of affiliated National Societies.
- AND to all ESH members .
- AND to a Swiss lawyer for legal review.
- Deadline for submitting comments = Feb 27, i.e. 90 days prior to the General Assembly.
- All comments will be reviewed and discussed by the Council before finalization. The final version of the By-Laws will then be circulated to all ESH members no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the General Assembly together with the agenda.
- Final approval of the By-Laws will take place during the General Assembly in Gdańsk.

In addition, a separate online meeting will be held with the Past Presidents to gather their feedback on the proposed amendments ahead of the General Assembly in Gdańsk.

Transition phase rules members, Working Groups, Excellence Centres

- All current ESH members will be granted a one-year extension of their membership from the date of acceptance of the new By-Laws by the General Assembly. This will allow them to benefit from the new membership structures and, where applicable, settle any outstanding membership fees.
- By default, all existing members will transition to Professional Membership within one year from the date of acceptance of the new By-Laws by the General Assembly.
- Working Group members must become ESH members within one year from the date of acceptance of the new By-Laws by the General Assembly.
- Working Group Leaders must be Professional ESH Members within one year from the date of acceptance of the new By-Laws by the General Assembly.
- Leaders of ESH Excellence Centers and Blood Pressure Clinics must be Professional ESH Members within one year from the date of acceptance of the new By-Laws by the General Assembly.

VOTING: no objections were raised.

Transition phase rules Scientific Council

- All current Scientific Council Members will retain their positions.
- The new rules on the duration of service will come into effect immediately, however, where necessary to ensure the continuity of the Scientific Council's operations, the President may grant a one-year extension.
- Any departing elected Scientific Council member will be replaced by a member elected by ESH Professional Members. It is anticipated that such elections cannot be held earlier than one year after acceptance of the By-Laws by the General Assembly.

VOTING: no objections were raised.

§ 6 Types of Membership

1) Membership via Affiliation with National Hypertension Societies:

- Process: To be determined.
- Fees: To be established at a later date.
- Primary Objective: Increase overall membership.
- The definitions of "affiliated" and "associated" will be provided in an external document or appendix to allow maximum flexibility, for example, in cases of political instability or other unforeseen circumstances.

VOTING: no objections were raised.

2) Professional Membership

- Members actively involved in ESH Communities, including Summer Schools, Hypertension Specialists, Excellence Centre Leaders and Blood Pressure Clinics, Working Group Chairs and Task Force Chairs.

VOTING: no objections were raised.

§ 7 Membership Application

"Membership through affiliated national hypertension societies will occur through processes defined in collaboration with individual affiliated national hypertension societies."

VOTING: no objections were raised.

"Applicants for Professional Membership are required to apply online at the ESH website and are requested to provide a short curriculum vitae in English (listing academic degrees and professional positions, and a link to allow access to their full publication list). Application at the time of registration for the ESH Annual Meeting entitles the applicant to immediately obtain the discount for registration fee."

Discussion points:

- Professional membership should be open to all natural persons
- No letters of support needed – only a CV

VOTING: no objections were raised.

Exceptions to the application process outlined above: Applicants for Professional membership submitted during registering for the ESH Annual Meeting:

- Applications will be processed directly.
- No CV is required.
- Applicants must tick a box to declaring their interest in hypertension

VOTING:

- **no objections were raised.**

A standardized technical solution should be developed to accommodate both application methods. Further discussions with AIM and Infomedica are required to address this matter.

§ 8 Membership Fees

Membership

“Membership involves the payment of a fixed fee per member, to be paid via the affiliated national hypertension societies. The payment will be made yearly by the society on behalf of all members, based on the number of national members of that year. The amount will be determined by the ESH Scientific Council.”

VOTING: no objections were raised.

Professional Membership

“Professional Members shall pay annual fees, in the amount determined by the ESH Scientific Council and approved by the General Assembly of the ESH. This can be a regular fee, or for certain Professional Members (e.g. ESH Young Fellows, nurses and allied healthcare professionals, professionals from low-income countries), a reduced fee. Payment is required up-front via the ESH website when applying for membership. To allow automatic payment in the following years, members will be asked to provide credit card details.”

VOTING: no objections were raised.

Suggestions regarding payment:

- A direct payment link should be included on the membership platform.
- Additionally, an icon may be added to member profiles to indicate if the current annual payment has been completed.

The Council welcomed the ideas. A review of technical feasibility will need to be conducted.

§ 13.a Composition of Scientific Council

*“No member of the Scientific Council shall serve **continuously** for more than eight (8) years; exceptions to this rule apply (see § 13.b).”*

Discussion:

- Various scenarios regarding entry into and exit from the Council were considered.
- The key question was whether the limit refers to eight consecutive years or eight years in total. The latter would allow Council members to leave and return in subsequent years.

Resolution

- The maximum lifetime duration on Council is eight (8) years

Another issue arose regarding the maximum duration of service on the Council. Should the position of Immediate Past President be discontinued?

Resolutions

- The position of Immediate Past President will remain.
- The Immediate Past President will no longer be a member of the Council.
- T. Weber will serve as the last Immediate Past President on the Council for his two- year term.

A short discussion followed regarding Task Force (TF) leaders. It was clarified that TF leaders are neither Office Bearers nor elected Council members. TF leaders are elected by the Council, whereas Elected Council members are elected by the Professional members.

§ 13.b Office Bearers

“Only Elected Members of the Scientific Council can stand for Office Bearer positions. Office Bearers will be elected by the Scientific Council. The Scientific Council decides about details of the election process, which may include letters of support and presentations by the candidates.”

Discussion:

- There must be a provision for secret voting.

Resolution

- The above text will be supplemented as follows: ...which may include letters of support, presentations by the candidates, and the possibility of an anonymous vote.

T. Weber presented a slide summarizing the Office Bearer terms:

- **President** = 2 years + 2 years as Immediate Past President (max. Council service may exceed 8 years).
- **Vice-President** = 2 years; shall then become President, and then Immediate Past President (service as above).
- **Secretary + Treasurer** = 3 years + 2 years (max. 8 years).
- **Representative of affiliated national hypertension societies** = 1 year.
- **Representative of YI** = see last slide.

Resolutions

- Agreed by the Council.
- The reference to Immediate Past Presidents needs to be removed.

A brief discussion followed regarding the term of the current Representative of the affiliated national hypertension societies, Zoltan Jarai.

Resolutions

- Z. Jarai will continue to serve in his current role for an additional year during the transition period.
- The new Representative will be elected by the societies themselves.
- E. Rodilla has offered assistance to Z. Jarai regarding the implementation of the election process at the upcoming meeting of the national hypertension societies in Gdańsk.

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Office Bearers terms, the duration of service for the Representative of the Young Investigators was also reviewed.

Resolutions

- Term of service = 2 years, with the possibility of a second 2-year term.
- ESH Young Investigators will decide amongst themselves how to nominate or elect their Representative.

§ 13.c Election of ESH Scientific Council Members

“Elected Members of the Scientific Council shall serve for a three-year term and can stand for election for an additional two-year term.

The Elected Scientific Council Members shall be elected by an online voting process among European Professional ESH Members in the 3 months preceding the General Assembly at the ESH Annual Meeting, given due consideration to the limitation of a maximum of two Council members from the same European country.

Any member of the ESH may nominate a candidate by writing to the Secretary of the Scientific Council, following an online call by the Secretary of the Scientific Council.

Candidates will need the written support of two Professional Members of the ESH and provide a statement of their vision as Elected Member of the Scientific Council.”

VOTING: no objections were raised.

The term "Elected Members" should be reconsidered. It is suggested that "Regular Members" may be a more appropriate alternative.

§ 13.d Election of ESH Scientific Council Members

“The FESH representative shall serve for a two-year term with the option to extend this term for one additional two-year period. The FESH decides amongst its members how to nominate or elect their representative.”

Resolutions

- Text approved by the Council.
- The revitalization of the FESH board is assigned as a responsibility of the upcoming ESH President.

§ 13.f Replacement of a Council Member

“If the term of service of another member of the Scientific Council is terminated prematurely for any reason, the remaining Scientific Council shall appoint a Professional ESH Member for replacement. The newly appointed Council Member shall stand for election by Professional Members within a year of their nomination. Rules on duration of service apply as outlined in § 13.a and § 13.b. Service starts with the date of acceptance of the nomination by the Council.”

VOTING: no objections were raised.

§ 13.g Organization and Duties of Scientific Council

“The presence of six voting members of the Scientific Council constitutes a quorum. The President has a tie-breaking vote.”

VOTING: no objections were raised.

§ 17 Financial Aspects and Audit

“On the recommendation of the Scientific Council and with the approval of the General Assembly, the Society shall employ an independent accountant to prepare and distribute an annual review of the finances of the Society and to provide such other services as deemed necessary by the Scientific Council, the President and the Treasurer.

The independent accountant reports to the Scientific Council. The Treasurer will report the financial results provided by the accountant to the General Assembly.

The Society is solely liable for its obligations. Any personal liability of members is excluded.”

A discussion was raised regarding the personal liability of Council members.

Resolution

- Only the ESH is liable when signing contracts; the individual signing on behalf of the society bears no personal liability.

§ 18 Council Resolutions

“Separately from the By-laws the Scientific Council should maintain a schedule of formal Council resolutions that will help guide its processes. These will include resolutions in the following areas:

- *Guidelines for conduct of satellite meetings*
- *Arrangements for the Annual Scientific Meeting*
- *Arrangements for Faculty at the Annual Scientific Meeting*
- *Procedures for ESH endorsement of scientific meetings in the field of hypertension*
- *Agreements with the publishers of scientific journals*
- *Arrangements for elaboration of guidelines on hypertension by the Society alone or in cooperation with other societies and bodies.*
- *Regulations for Working Groups*
- *Regulations for the Young Investigators group*
- *Regulations for Excellence Centres and Blood Pressure Clinics*
- *Regulations for ESH Hypertension Specialists”*

Resolutions

- Text agreed by the Council.
- Regulations for affiliated and associated national hypertension societies may be added.

§ 20 Dissolution and liquidation

“The Society has no predefined date of dissolution.

In case a dissolution of the Society is planned, a proposal for dissolution has to be discussed and supported by a 3/4 majority vote of the Scientific Council. The proposal must then be communicated to the members at least ninety days prior to a General Assembly, the agenda of which must include an announcement of the proposed dissolution. Such dissolution requires the approval of 3/4 of those present at the General Assembly meeting to be accepted.

In case the General Assembly has adopted the dissolution with the majority needed, the remaining assets of the Society shall be allocated to similar non-profit organizations.”

VOTING: no objections were raised.

4.b Candidates for open Council positions (T. Weber)

The following changes among the Office Bearers will take effect at the meeting in Gdańsk:

- Thomas Weber will become Immediate Past President.
- Guido Grassi's term as Immediate Past President will end, and he will leave Council.
- Andrzej Januszewicz will become President (subject to voting during General Assembly)

Following this, the position of Vice-President will become vacant.

- C. Delles has submitted an application for the Vice-President role. Subject to Council approval and confirmation by the General Assembly, the position of Secretary will become vacant if C. Delles assumes the Vice-President role.
- A. Persu has formally applied for the position of Secretary.
- T. Weber asked the Council members present if there were any additional applications. As no further candidates were proposed, the Council reached a consensus to endorse C. Delles for Vice-President and A. Persu for Secretary. Both appointments will be confirmed by the General Assembly in Gdańsk.

If A. Persu is confirmed as Secretary, he will step down from his role as Coordinator of the Working Groups. As this is an important position within the Council, the successor must be chosen from among current Council members. T. Weber encouraged attendees to submit applications to both him and C. Delles. A. Persu expressed his commitment to fully supporting the incoming coordinator to the best of his ability.

The recent discussion about candidates for vacant positions on the Council focused on finding a suitable person for the group of elected members. As A. Persu will take up a position as Secretary of the ESH following his election, his seat among the Elected Members will become vacant. As there will no longer be an Italian representative among the voting members of the Council (Office Bearers + Elected Members) following the departure of G. Grassi, it was agreed at the last Council meeting that the new candidate should be Italian. This Italian colleague will then take on A. Persu's seat in the group of Elected Members.

A list of qualified Italian colleagues has been compiled.

Resolution

- T. Weber and C. Delles will approach the President of the Italian Society to discuss the most suitable candidate from the list.

4.c Founding of Communications Task Force (T. Weber)

During the last Council meeting, it was decided to continue the cooperation with AIM Communications. As the content must be provided by ESH, a Task Force is required. A. Pathak has volunteered to lead this Task Force. D. Ferrao and M. Elgner also serving as members.

Resolutions

- The Council agrees to establish the Task Force.
- An initial meeting with the AIM communications team should be scheduled as soon as possible.

4.d Joint Guidelines with ESC – Update (T. Weber)

A meeting between T. Weber, C. Delles and ESC President Thomas Lüscher took place on January 19, 2026, in London.

Results of the meeting:

- There was full agreement that joint guidelines are preferred.
- The terms of agreement discussed in Vienna were exchanged and generally agreed by T. Lüscher.
- The personal income of committee members must not exceed €10,000 per year in the year prior to the committee's establishment (2026).
- At least 50% of the committee members must be female.
- The next step will be a teleconference including leading ESC officers.

Resolution

- A Guidelines Task Force was established to advance this project.
- TF members: T. Weber, C. Delles, M. Brunström, A. Pathak

4.e 2028 ESC Prevention Guidelines (T. Weber)

T. Weber was contacted by the ESC regarding a potential collaboration with ESH on the upcoming 2028 ESC Guidelines for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Clinical Practice.

The 2021 edition of these guidelines was endorsed by ESH, with the Society referenced on two occasions. T. Weber noted that participation in this project could be beneficial.

The Council agreed, and the next step will be to await further information from ESC.

4.f Membership Status 2025/2026 (C. Delles, R. Lynch)

Key statistics on ESH membership were presented:

- Total ESH members = 2,637 (January 2026)
- New members (June 2025 to January 2026) = 54
- Paid/renewed 2025 memberships fees (December 2025) = 352
- Paid/renew 2026 membership fees (January 26, 2026) = 134

4.f.1 Membership applications from Iran (C. Delles)

T. Weber recently received an email from a colleague from Iran expressing interest in joining ESH. However, due to the sanctions, it is almost impossible for Iranians members to use standard payment methods for international transactions.

Discussion: Whether to waive the membership fee.

Resolution

- The membership fee will not be waived at this time as he is unable to actively contribute to the Society.

5. WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES (A. Persu)

5.a Changes in WG leadership/elections

Currently, ESH has 16 Working Groups. Approximately half of them have renewed their boards in 2025, while the remaining groups will hold elections in 2026.

The following WGs need to elect a new Vice-President (the current Vice-President will automatically become President):

- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Hypertension and the Kidney
- Hypertension and the Brain
- Large Arteries
- Hypertension in Low Resource Settings
- Hypertension in Older Adults
- Lifestyle, CV Pharmacotherapy and Adherence
- Device-based Treatment of Hypertension
- Environment in Hypertension

5.b Update on WG publications and projects

A. Persu briefly highlighted the most important WG publications and projects:

- HAMA: initiated by the WG on Hypertension and the Kidney
 - Expansion of the Malignant HT Registry to include more European countries.
 - Position Papers: Practical Management of Malignant Hypertension – European Society of Hypertension; ESH WG on Hypertension and the Kidney and HAMA Council position paper.
- WG on Environment: Position paper “Environmental pollution and climate change in relation to hypertension”- accepted for publication in *Cardiovascular Research*.
- WG on BP Monitoring – Update of the 2019 publication “Recommendations and Practical Guidance for Performing and Reporting Validation Studies of BP Measuring Devices according to the AAMI/ESH/ISO Universal Standard” → approved by Council.

5.c Implication of the New Bylaws for the Working Groups

The new By-Laws will introduce several changes to the WGs:

- Working Group members must be ESH members.
- Working Group leaders must be Professional ESH Members within one year of the General Assembly’s adoption of the new By-Laws.
- Separately from the By-laws, the Scientific Council will maintain a schedule of formal Council resolutions (...) covering among other areas: **Regulations for Working Groups**

The upcoming WG elections provide an excellent opportunity to implement these new rules.

The general regulations for the WGs need to be reviewed to ensure consistency with the new By-Laws. Key points for consideration include:

- Aims and general rules

- Membership
- Annual report
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Contribution to the annual ESH meetings
- Annual General Assembly of the WGs
- Position papers and other official documents produced on behalf of a WG

5.d Proposals/ aims for the future

A. Persu suggests foreseeing teleconferences between the WG Coordinator and the newly appointed (Vice-)Chairs of Working Groups at the time of their appointment and subsequently annually if needed /upon request. These meetings aim to review general guidelines, discuss, or propose projects, facilitate communication with the Council and other Working Groups, provide support, and address any scientific, educational, or diplomatic matters. The revised approach will as much as possible prioritize research projects over surveys and promote enhanced collaboration among Working Groups.

5.e Communication about ESH Gdańsk meeting

AIM and A. Persu will provide the finalized program to the Working Groups for review and fine-tuning. The speakers for the Working Group sessions, the definitive schedule for both scientific and business meetings, and the final time slot for the Working Group General Assembly must be formally confirmed.

6. UPDATE – YOUNG INVESTIGATORS (D. Ferrao)

6.a Young Investigators Group By-Laws

The purpose of the YI By-Laws is to define the group's objectives, eligibility criteria, admission procedures, constitution, and activities. The YI By-Laws will be drafted following the implementation of the new ESH By-Laws.

6.b Section on the website

A dedicated section has been created on the ESH website to outline the objectives of the Young Investigators group and to present its board members.

A dedicated application section is available for young colleagues interested in joining the YI group.

6.c YIG Growth

The YI Group presently comprises 14 board members. More than 20 additional individuals have expressed interest in joining the group.

An email will soon be distributed to previous Summer School participants and YI groups from national societies to promote the ESH YI Group.

6.d Research Projects and Publications

There are two important publications on behalf of the YI Group:

- Belančić A, Antza C, Sinigoj P, Casper J, Motiejunaite J, Ferrao D: **Empowering the next generation: the young Investigators Group of the European Society of Hypertension** – published in *Blood Pressure*
- Mancusi C, Sinigoj P, Antza C, Belančić A, Motiejunaite J, Tahtisalo H, Ferrao D, Palatini P: **Measurement of blood pressure in European Society of Hypertension Excellence Centres: A survey by the Young Investigators Group of the European Society of Hypertension** – submitted to *Blood Pressure*

There are three additional review articles:

- Gut Microbiome, Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk – final edition
- Alterations in Blood Pressure and Management of Hypertension in Transgender and Gender Diverse Populations – revision
- Interventional Treatment of Arterial Hypertension in the Modern Era – revision

Additionally, a survey is currently being planned entitled “Hypertension Knowledge and Research Involvement Among Early-Career Physicians in Europe: A Multinational Survey”.

6.e ESH Meeting 2026

A dedicated scientific session, Hypertension in 2035, will be planned and held in Gdańsk. Additionally, a Networking Session will be organized to provide space for meaningful networking, introduce the members of the Young Investigators group, present ESH opportunities, and foster community through engaging, informative, and interactive activities.

Other recurring activities include:

- Blood Pressure Quiz: work in progress
- ESH Official Run: work in progress
- Young Investigators Social Evening: work in progress

6.f Contribution to ESH Social Media

The ESH YI Group is actively contributing content to the ESH Social Media channels.

6.g In the works/future

Future initiatives include:

- Expand the group and its scope (+networking, +activities).
- Developing a platform with educational resources specifically for young investigators.
- Launching a Newsletter
- Establishing a mentorship programme

6.h ADAMED Research Grant

An annual research grant is set to be launched in collaboration with ADAMED Poland. Additional information will be provided in the following weeks.

7. UPDATE – ESH EXCELLENCE CENTRES AND HYPERTENSION SPECIALISTS (M. Doumas)

M. Doumas presented a brief overview of the current number of Excellence Centres:

- Total Excellence Centres = 221 (January 2026)
- New E.C.s approved: 2024 = 4; 2025 = 10; 2026 = 2

- Status of Excellence Centres
 - Number of E.C. Leads = 236
 - Heads in good standing = 130
 - Heads with unpaid membership fees = 76
 - Heads not ESH members = 30

Discussion Point: Addressing EC leads who have not fulfilled their membership dues.

Resolutions

- Await the implementation of the new By-Laws.
- Once the updated By-Laws are confirmed, send correspondence to the relevant EC leaders informing them that, following a one-year transition period, they will no longer be eligible to serve as or be listed as leads of their respective ECs.

Following the discussion on the status of ESH Excellence Centres, an update on the Hypertension Specialists was presented:

- Total number of Hypertension Specialists (EHS) = 628 (January 2026)
- New EHS approved: 2024 = 7; 2025 = 19; 2026 = 1 plus 1 re-accreditation
- Status of EHS (January 2026): 172 in good standing, 456 with unpaid membership fees

Discussion point: Should the same strict membership requirements be applied to EC leads also be enforced for EHS?

Resolutions

- M. Doumas will establish regulations and a formal process.
- M. Doumas will receive support in his role as coordinator of both the ECs and EHS.

8. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES & RESEARCH PROJECTS

8.a Update Summer School 2026 (J. Danser, J, Brguljan)

J. Danser presented a brief update on the planning status of the upcoming Summer School in the Netherlands:

- The call for nominations has been distributed to all ESH affiliated and associated national hypertension societies.
- Faculty invitations have also been sent out.
- Financial planning is underway, with total costs at approx. EUR 130,000-140,000.
- Faculty members are expected to organize their own travel, with reimbursement provided afterwards.

M. Burnier noted an imbalance between local faculty and ESH faculty and recommended that this issue receive greater attention in the future. As Coordinator, J. Brguljan should review the proposed faculty assignments on behalf of the Council.

8.b New webinar initiative (A. Januszewicz)

A. Januszewicz provided an update on a new webinar initiative aimed at presenting the most prevalent forms of secondary hypertension. Paolo Mulatero has agreed to develop the content for the inaugural session, which will focus on primary aldosteronism. The webinar is scheduled to be

streamed either at the end of March or the beginning of April. The Council expressed strong support for this initiative.

Additionally, A. Januszewicz suggested integrating this new initiative with the webinar programs proposed by the ESH Excellence Centres.

8.c Other updates

L. Halvorsen conveyed the Norwegian Society of Hypertension is interested in hosting a future edition of the Summer School, potentially in 2028.

9. ANNUAL MEETINGS

9.a ESH 2026 Gdańsk – Update (M. Massaro)

Since the Programme Committee Meeting took place in the morning, M. Massaro focused on the finances of the upcoming congress. The key figures are:

- Estimated sponsorship revenue: EUR 128,600
- Provisional final result: EUR 580,822.67

9.b 2027 ESH Meeting, Basel (M. Massaro, M. Burnier)

M. Massaro reiterated that the congress in Basel will take place from June 10-13, 2027 at Messe Congress Center, near the Basel Marriott Hotel.

The first site inspection by the AIM team took place last year. The Basel Convention Bureau is very supportive, for example, public transport from the airport to the city and congress center will be free of charge during the weekend of June 13-16.

The overall topics of the Basel meeting will be “Protecting Our Brain” and “Team-Based Care”.

As promised during the last Council meeting in December, M. Massaro presented the proposed layouts for the campaign. Four graphic proposals were presented.

VOTING: Layout A was selected.

10. DATES FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS (C. Delles)

Council meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 in Gdańsk

- Afternoon meeting only: 13.00 – 18.00 CEST at Amber Expo

Fall Council meeting

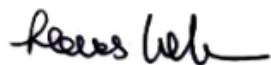
- Applications to be sent to T. Weber and C. Delles

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (T. Weber)

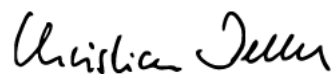
The Call for bids for the 2029 and 2030 ESH congresses should be sent out as soon as possible to allow live presentation of shortlisted bids during the Gdańsk meeting.

12. ADJOURNE (T. Weber)

T. Weber expressed his gratitude for the productive discussions, both onsite and with the online participants.



Thomas Weber
ESH President



Christian Delles
ESH Secretary