

## Minutes of the Meeting of the ESH Scientific Council

January 29, 2022  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Athens, Greece  
&  
Virtual  
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm EET

### PRESENT

#### ESH-Council members and officers

R. Kreuzt, President  
A. Januszewicz, Secretary  
E. Lurbe, Vice President (virtual)  
K. Tsioufis, Immediate Past President

E. Agabiti Rosei	T. Kahan (virtual)
M. Azizi (virtual)	D. Lovic
C. Borghi (virtual)	G. Mancia (virtual)
J. Brguljan	A. Manolis
M. Burnier (virtual)	G. Parati
A. Coca (virtual)	A. Persu (virtual)
M. Dorobantu (virtual)	P. van de Borne (virtual)
G. Grassi (virtual)	T. Weber (virtual)

#### Other participants

M. Massaro (AIM)  
M. Elgner – ESH Coordinator (virtual)  
R. Lynch – ESH Secretariat (virtual)

#### Apologies

B. Jelakovic  
J. Polonia

#### Not attended

B. Williams

## **1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

ESH President, R. Kreutz, welcomed all members to the ESH Council meeting.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ESH SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2021** (A. Januszewicz)

The minutes of the Zoom Council Meeting held on September 24, 2021 in Baveno, Italy, were accepted unanimously by the Council and are available on the ESH website in the Council Area where they can be consulted by the Council members.

## **3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **3.a ESH Financial Report** (A. Januszewicz on behalf of J. Polonia)

All numbers presented were provisional and not yet audited. The report was relatively short and summarized the most important figures. The overall financial situation is stable.

### **3.b FESH Financial Report** (M. Burnier)

M. Burnier also gave a summary of the FESH financial situation which is stable. There was a small loss due to the fluctuation in the Euro/Swiss Franc exchange rate, Euro decreased a little compared to Swiss Franc.

He also reported that Servier has transferred the first installment of 15,000 €, which is part of an educational grant to FESH totaling €150,000 to support the activities of the ESH Working Group on Lifestyle, Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy and Adherence. The money needs to be transferred from the ESH to the FESH account.

## **4. ESH BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **4.a Renewal of ESH Coordinator Contract** (R. Kreutz)

The official working contract of the ESH Coordinator, Mandy Elgner, expires on May 31, 2022. The Council members were unanimously in favor of renewing the contract. R. Kreutz will take care of the matter.

### **4.b Update of ESH By-Laws** (R. Kreutz)

R. Kreutz reported an amendment to the ESH By-Laws regarding several issues. This includes, among others, the topic of new membership categories and fees, awards committee membership, and the extension of the term of the immediate past president.

The implementation of the new membership categories and awards was raised and the proposal for this, which was also briefly discussed at the last Council meeting in September 2021, was brought to a vote.

- (1) "Standard Membership" includes full online subscription to the Journal of Hypertension → currently 185.00 € (depending on the actual annual fee for subscription); Wolters Kluwer has proposed in the recent pre-draft contract 135 USD subscription fee for the Journal of

Hypertension. ESH would like to change the currency to Euro and try to maintain the current membership fee of 185.00 €.

(2) “Standard Membership” without subscription to the Journal of Hypertension → for 100.00 € per year. The Publisher accepted the proposal to have a membership without subscription.

(3) Membership with reduced fee (without subscription) → 50.00 € per year for:

- ESH young fellows, cut off age 35 years
- Other healthcare professionals (nurses)
- Professionals from low-income countries (as defined by HINARI)
- Emeritus status (upon request)

(4) Honorary Membership for no fee.

Furthermore, a “mid-term” membership was discussed. If someone applies for membership in the second half of the year, he/she will be accepted as a member of ESH but will only become an official member in the next calendar year with payment of the membership fee. If someone accepted as a member in the second half of the year insists on access to the online edition of the Journal of Hypertension, he/she must pay the full fee and will become a member immediately.

All council members agreed on the above proposals by R. Kreutz. The final voting will take place during the General Assembly in Athens in June 2022.

#### **4.c Election of new Council Members (R. Kreutz)**

The total number of elected members including office bearers, according to the ESH By-laws, is 11. Three of these members are leaving the council in June 2022 after 2 terms and 1 year extension due to the Covid-19 pandemic: M. Azizi, B. Jelakovic and K. Tsioufis as Immediate Past President.

Therefore, two new council members need to be nominated for election during the General Assembly in June in Athens. It was suggested to select one candidate from France (to be suggested by M. Azizi) and one from Greece (to be suggested by K. Tsioufis). A discussion on the necessity of having candidates with these nationalities followed. After considering a wide range of criteria, it was finally concluded that a Greek and a French candidate should be nominated.

R. Kreutz also proposed to nominate T. Weber as the new Officer at Large. This will link the two positions as Officer at Large and Coordinator of ESH Centers of Excellence. This connection will also be implemented in the ESH By-laws.

Furthermore, a new ESH President needs to be nominated. This should be coordinated by the current President, the Vice-President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the ESH Foundation Chair, and a representative from Ornitag.

R. Kreutz also mentioned that there will be 3 more members of the council whose term will end in 2023. These members are T. Kahan, E. Lurbe and B. Williams.

The next topic discussed was the possible replacement of the Ex-Officio Members. It was decided, that C. Borghi (ISH Representative) and M. Burnier (FESH Representative) remain in place. For the position of the Representative of the National Hypertension Societies, a new candidate shall be elected. There are already some possible candidates that will be approached in due time.

Furthermore, a new position within the Council was discussed – the Coordinator of the ESH Young Fellows Program. A candidate has already been selected – J. Danser (Netherlands).

The final voting for all positions will take place during the General Assembly in Athens in June 2022.

## **5. ESH OFFICIAL JOURNALS**

### **5.a Journal of Hypertension (R. Kreutz)**

R. Kreutz reported on the status of the new contract with the publisher of the Journal of Hypertension, Wolters Kluwer (WK). The previous contract expired in December 2021. A letter of intent, indicating the wish to continue the collaboration was sent to WK in November 2021. The Pre-draft of the new contract was received on January 21, 2022. The aim is to conclude the new contract within April 2022. This will be coordinated by the Task Force consisting of R. Kreutz, A. Januszewicz, J. Redon, K. Tsioufis and G. Mancia.

Some key points mentioned in the draft contract are:

- Acknowledgment of Blood Pressure as the other official Journal of ESH
- Online optional member subscriptions – currently this is for calendar year:
  - Language needs to be adapted to cover anytime starts
  - Anytime starts means that a member could start a journal subscription in July for example and they would continue to subscribe to June the following year.
  - Option of membership with no subscription to the journal
- Open Access discount for members
- Submission of official society articles and annual page extent with Open Access through payment of a fee, or freely accessible as described.
- Publisher appointment of Editor and involvement of Society members
- Royalty calculation as in prior agreement but other Society's member revenue will be excluded from the royalty calculation. We may favour a royalty on revenue; but currently we have opted for the existing calculation.

### **5.b Blood Pressure (R. Kreutz, M. Burnier)**

R. Kreutz reported on a meeting he had with M. Burnier and a representative of Taylor & Francis, the publishers of Blood Pressure. The magazine has converted into a fully open access journal. All published articles will immediately be freely and permanently available online for anyone to read, reproduce and build upon.

M. Burnier was appointed as the new editor-in-chief starting in January 2022. He reported that they've already had several internal meetings to discuss the further development of Blood Pressure. One of the main topics was the reinforcement of the relations with ESH. ESH has already been confirmed as a main partner. Consequently, it has already been decided that 6 ESH newsletters per year and 4 position papers (formats/sizes to be determined) can be published in Blood Pressure.

Furthermore, M. Burnier reported on the current composition of the editors. Blood Pressure tries to pay attention to a balanced mix of young people versus experienced people.

## **6. ESH NEWSLETTERS**

### **6.a Future perspective (G. Grassi, R. Kreutz)**

G. Grassi and R. Kreutz presented the future perspective of the ESH Newsletters to the Council:

1. **Implementation of Co-Editors**
  - Rosa Maria Bruno, Paris (confirmed)
  - Georg Ehret, Geneva (confirmed)
2. **Newsletter issues**
  - Issues per year: 4-6 should be the aim (4 in 2022, 6 in 2023)
3. **Newsletters in Journals**
  - NL might be published in Blood Pressure → Blood Pressure changed to fully open access format available only online
  - Layout/space will be limited to 2 printed pages (max. 1,200-1,400 words) plus 10 references
4. **Unified newsletter structure**
  - Background: what is already known
  - Elements of novelty
  - Uncertainties/unclear aspects
  - “Take home message”: practical implications
5. **Authorships**
  - Having 2-3 authors with some seniors of the Society internationally well-known will attract a greater number of readers
6. **Newsletter topics**
  - Focus on novel elements coming out in the literature in the previous year
  - Should also contain elements of controversy

The overall aim is it to increase the visibility and quality of the newsletters and attract a wider readership.

#### **6.b ESH Newsletters 2022** (G. Grassi, R. Kreutz)

Some proposals for upcoming Newsletters were shown:

- Hypertension in older adults (A. Benetos, R. Kreutz) → this newsletter is already in progress
- Caffeine and high blood pressure: a cause/effect relationship (C. Borghi)
- Should we redefine „normal“ blood pressure values? (G. Mancia, S. Kjeldsen)
- Update on blood pressure monitoring devices (G. Stergiou, G. Wuerzner)

It was decided to have a meeting with the 2 new Co-editors to discuss next steps.

#### **7. ESH WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES** (A. Persu)

##### **7.a Feedback on WG Reports**

As discussed during the last Council Meeting in September 2021 in Baveno, all WG Chairmen received a request to submit a standardized Annual WG Report Form.

A. Persu reported on the feedback and input provided by the WG chairs.

The results of some report topics are shown below:

- Leadership of WGs → terms of WG chairs
- New members in 2020/2021
- Number of publications in 2020/2021
- WG meetings in 2020/2021 other than ESH Annual Meetings
- Scientific projects & publications

The examples shown, illustrate that some groups are more active than others.

The WG report forms will be uploaded to the ESH website shortly (A. Persu).

### **7.b Update on new WG sections**

The following 3 WGs and some of their sections were addressed:

#### Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease in Special Populations

##### **Section Hypertension in Women**

- Costas Thomopoulos will decide as soon as possible on core nucleus for the section
- Discussion was raised on having at least a female Vice-Chair for the section
- Jana Brguljan volunteered for the position as well as Maria Dorobantu

#### Lifestyle, Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy and Adherence

2 sections were formed:

- **Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy and Adherence** chaired by M. Burnier
- **Lifestyle** to be chaired by Véronique Cornelissen ( PhD, Specialist in sports & exercise medicine)

#### Small Arteries

The section **Endothelins and Endothelial Factors** previously chaired by Gianpaolo Rossi ceases to exist. Endothelium-related topics may be in the future incorporated in the section **Microcirculation and Inflammation** chaired by Agostino Virdis.

In general, there must be a discussion on the following issues regarding WG sections:

- How to handle sections
- Is there a need for an “overall” chairman for WGs with sections?

### **7.c Contribution of the WGs to ESH 2022**

It is planned that all WGs will have a session at the upcoming ESH 2022 in Athens.

### **7.d How to improve communication within and between WGs**

Despite Covid-19, the WGs were very active. However, there seems to be a lack of internal communication within the WGs. Most of the time, only the nucleus communicates with each other. This needs to be changed to attract more members to the WGs.

Collaboration between the working groups is also very rare. There is already some progress, but it is very small. This needs to be expanded as there are many interdisciplinary issues, such as adherence in children.

## 8. ESH RESEARCH PROJECTS

### 8.a ESH Blood Pressure Control Study: Analysis & Publication (E. Agabiti Rosei)

R. Kreutz thanked E. Agabiti-Rosei for taking over the topic. E. Agabiti Rosei reported that a colleague from Greece and one from Croatia are currently analyzing the data. There will be a meeting shortly to discuss the publication of 2 papers resulting from the study.

T. Weber pointed out that he heard from the Excellence Center in Graz that they contributed to the study with a considerable number of patients, but apparently the data sent to Zagreb disappeared. He suggested that the Graz Center should also be included as co-author in the publication. Otherwise, it would be disappointing for the colleagues to collect data and then find out that it was not included. **He asked K. Tsioufis and E. Agabiti-Rosei to review this matter.**

### 8.b ESH ABPM Covid-19 Study | Update (A. Januszewicz, T. Weber)

A. Januszewicz, also on behalf of T. Weber, presented an update on the ESH ABPM Covid-19 study. He reminded the audience about the organizational structure of the study with Wiktoria Wojciechowska as the lead.

The study protocol and all required documents (e.g., ethics committee approval prepared by the National Institute of Cardiology for all centers in Poland) were sent to all participating centers in December 2021. Currently, all centers are seeking approval from their local ethics committees. Furthermore, W. Wojciechowska and A. Januszewicz are currently preparing a protocol study article to be submitted to Blood Pressure.

The study is registered internationally on [clinicaltrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov).

Discussions with potential sponsors are ongoing. OMRON has already agreed to provide a small amount of funding for the study.

### 8.c Excellence Centres Covid-19 Survey, Part II (T. Weber)

T. Weber summarized the content of the second part of the Covid-19 Survey among the Excellence Centres. Responses were received from 54 ECs out of 18 European and 3 non-European countries.

T. Weber showed a chart visualizing the reduction in diagnostic tests and therapeutic procedures from 2019 to 2020.

A paper on the study titled "Covid-19 associated reduction in hypertension-related diagnostic and therapeutic procedures on Excellence Centers of the European Society of Hypertension" was submitted to Blood Pressure.

## 9. ESH SUMMER SCHOOL (J. Brguljan, D. Lovic)

The date and location for the upcoming ESH Summer School were confirmed and if the pandemic situation allows, the Summer School will take place on September 17-22, 2022 in Sremski Karlovci, Serbia.

**A call for nominations will be sent in April 2022.** Applications can be submitted until May 2022 allowing enough time to prepare students for the meeting and organize groups.

D. Lovic mentioned that Servier might be sponsoring some parts of the event. Menarini is also interested.

## 10. ESH EXCELLENCE CENTRES (T. Weber)

T. Weber presented the 2 newly approved Excellence Centres:

- Kantonsspital Graubünden, Switzerland - Dr. Reto Venzin & Prof. Thomas Fehr
- Unidade de Hipertensão Arterial e Risco Cardio-metabólico do Centro Hospitalar de Gaia/Espinho, Portugal – Dr. Vitor Paixao Dias

## 11. ESH ANNUAL MEETINGS

### 11.a 2022 ESH Annual Meeting, June 17-20, 2022, Athens (K. Tsioufis, M. Massaro)

The Annual Meeting in Athens (31st European Meeting on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Protection) will take place in a hybrid format from June 17 to 20, 2022. The venue will be the Megaron Athens International Conference Center. The faculty will be hosted at the Crowne Plaza Athens Hotel.

M. Massaro gave a brief update on the current status of planning:

- 7 rooms are blocked in the Megaron Conference Center to have as many parallel sessions as possible
- Sponsoring: many sponsors are already confirmed; some are still pending
- In total there are 11 sponsored sessions → M. Massaro is optimistic that there will be more (12 sessions @ ESH 2019, 22 @ ESH-ISH 2021)
- 839 abstracts have been received so far. The most selected topic is Blood Pressure Measurement. Most of the abstracts received are from Greece. Submissions for late-breakers will be possible until March 14.
- Social Program needs to be defined.

Some important notes on the hybrid mode and features were also shared with the Council members:

- Breaks between each session have been scheduled (min 5 max 15min).
- All congress timings will be expressed in EEST (Eastern European Summer Time) and refer to Greek time.
- Sessions online must be selected in advance
- Posters will be available on the platform online for virtual participants, while an E-poster area with some totems for consultation will be setup at the congress venue for in-presence participants.
- Exhibition will be done in presence only → sponsors are not interested in virtual exhibition
- Allocate satellite symposia at lunchtime in Trianti Room (min 750 max 880 seats – COVID protocol), while the Teaching Seminar will be held in the Banqueting room (min 300 max 390 seats – COVID protocol).
- Registration fees were shown.

This year AIM would like to test a new feature – ESH Bespoke TV. The partner for this will be WebsEdge. WebsEdge is a global leader in Conference TV - both for onsite and virtual meetings - which helps conference organizers and associations through the power of high production value filmed content. They are specialized in providing leading associations in the Medical and Scientific sectors with dedicated Conference TV for their major events. The objective is to produce an engaging series of bespoke TV shows, that attract and inform the meeting delegates, and larger audience of



stakeholders through on site and online broadcast of a daily program. This opportunity for ESH 2022 will be offered at no extra cost on the event budget. WebsEdge will cover the broadcasting costs through a series of high-quality topic specific films produced for institutions and researchers in the sector. All Council members were in favor for this new tool.

M. Massaro asked the Council members for their support in promoting ESH2022, for example by using the Congress banner in emails or retweeting the Twitter campaign.

Finally, a report on the Hellenic Society of Hypertension Meeting was provided. The ESH Annual Meeting will be anticipated by the Hellenic Antihypertensive Congress, which will take place at Megaron Athens International Conference Centre (MAICC) on June 16 afternoon and June 17 morning. This solution will allow Greek delegates to attend both meetings with a single registration fee. Sponsorship packages for Hellenic companies have been created to give them the opportunity to be part of the European Meeting and increase their visibility at international level.

R. Kreutz and K. Tsioufis thanked M. Massaro for the presentation.

#### **11.b 2023 ESH Annual Meeting, June 23-26, 2023, Milan (G. Mancia, M. Massaro)**

ESH 2023 Annual Meeting will take place on June 23-26, 2023. The venue will be the MiCo, the Milan Congress Center. Future updates will be communicated in due time.

#### **11.c 2024 ESH Annual Meeting, May 30 – June 3, 2024, Berlin (R. Kreutz)**

The date for the 2024 ESH Annual Meeting will be May 30 to June 3, 2024. The congress will take place at Estrel Congress Center in Berlin. AIM is already in contact with the local agency Diaplan. R. Kreutz and R. Schmieder are the presidents of this meeting.

#### **11.d. ESH-ISH Future Joint Meetings (R. Kreutz)**

Usually ESH-ISH Joint Meetings take place every 6 years in Europe. According to this, the next meeting should have been held in 2026. However, because of the one-year delay of the last joint meeting due to Covid-19, the next joint ESH-ISH meeting will take place in 2027.

## **12. INTERACTION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES AND NATIONAL SOCIETIES**

### **12.a ESC | ESH-ESC Joint Sessions for ESC Congress in August 2022 (T. Kahan, E. Agabiti-Rosei)**

T. Kahan reported on the proposals for ESC Congress submitted through the ESC Council on Hypertension and Intrascopy on Oct 15, 2021:

#### **Cardiac imaging to assess hypertensive heart disease in women and men**

- Echocardiography to assess hypertensive heart disease and coronary circulation | Giovanni de Simone, Italy
- Magnetic resonance imaging to assess hypertensive heart disease and coronary circulation | Elisabeth Pieske-Kraigher, Germany
- How cardiac imaging techniques reveal sex differences in hypertension mediated cardiac dysfunction | Eva Gerds, Norway

### **Vascular imaging to assess hypertension mediated arterial dysfunction**

- Echocardiography, magnetic resonance imaging and pulse wave analysis to assess aortic wall properties and function, and arterial-ventricular coupling in hypertension | Thomas Weber, Austria
- How to assess small artery and microvascular dysfunction in hypertension | Rosa Maria Bruno, France (Prof Carolina De Ciuceis, Italy)
- Cardiovascular imaging techniques reveal sex differences in hypertension mediated vascular damage | Eva Gerds, Norway (Isabella Sudano, Switzerland)
- The format will always be: Session title, 3 presentations and speakers, no chairs.

Another proposal for the ESC Congress was submitted by E. Agabiti Rosei on behalf of the ESH on November 15, 2021 focusing on the topic of “Cardiovascular Imaging”. The suggested presentation titles are:

- Cardiovascular alterations in hypertensive children and adolescents (E. Lurbe, Spain)
- Gender differences of vascular alterations in hypertension (I. Sudano, Switzerland)
- Inflammation and microcirculation in hypertension (D. Rizzoni or E. Agabiti Rosei, Italy)
- The right ventricle in hypertension (C. Cuspidi, Italy)

All proposals still need to be reviewed by the ESC CPC and the decision is still pending.

### **12.a ESC | ESH-ESC Joint Sessions for ESH 2022 in Athens (T. Kahan, E. Agabiti-Rosei)**

The proposal for the Joint ESH-ESC Session at ESH 2022 was shown.

#### **Hypertension and organ damage**

- The right ventricle in hypertension | Marijana Tadic, Serbia
- LVH in hypertensive children and adolescents | Empar Lurbe, Spain
- Cardiac effects of renal denervation | Felix Mahfoud, Germany
- Heart failure in CKD. The role of hypertension | Pantelis Sarafidis, Greece

K. Tsioufis thanked T. Kahan and E. Agabiti Rosei for their efforts in both matters. R. Kreutz approved the proposal for the ESH-ESC Joint Session for Athens.

### **12.a ESC | Future Hypertension Guidelines (R. Kreutz, T. Kahan)**

Immediately after the Council Meeting in Baveno in September 2021, a letter from R. Kreutz and G. Mancina to express the commitment to continue the work on joint hypertension guidelines was sent to ESC. ESC’s letter of response indicated that they would also like to continue the partnership, however the wording was changed from Joint ESC-ESH Guidelines to ESC Guidelines in collaboration with ESH.

In early January, an email was received from Colin Baigent, Chairperson of the ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, stating that the ESC will publish 4 updated clinical practice guidelines in 2024, which will cover the topics of atrial fibrillation, arterial hypertension, chronic coronary syndromes, and peripheral arterial and aortic diseases. They are planning an open call to broaden the pool of contributors and give topic experts the opportunity to volunteer to be part of the 2024 ESC Guidelines Task Force. In general, it is good to have as many experts as possible working on guidelines, but this email again contradicts the already existing partnership between ESH and ESC in the matter of joint guidelines.

As a follow-up to the ESC response letter and email, another official letter was sent by ESH to disagree with this procedure.

G. Mancia reported that in connection with the letter to ESC, a copy of email correspondence between the ESC Board and ESH Council representatives from 2016 was also forwarded, containing a detailed agreement on the development of future joint hypertension guidelines. The current ESC position completely contradicts this agreement.

T. Kahan has also been in contact with the ESC to emphasize the importance of joint guidelines and equal partnership. The ESC Council on Hypertension, which he chairs, was not even involved in the decision to include ESH only as a collaborative partner. He pointed out that the ESC does not always have insight into previous agreements and that the decision was not intentional. He and G. Parati will contact them to see what the ESC Hypertension Council can do to find a better solution.

A lively discussion followed on the importance of an equal contribution to future guidelines.

R. Kreutz pointed out that they will not give up on negotiations and will keep the Council members informed about the progress.

### **12.b Interaction with National Societies (M. Dorobantu)**

M. Dorobantu gave a quick summary of the virtual meetings that were held with the representatives of the National Societies in conjunction with the Joint ESH-ISH Conference in April 2021. The main topics were:

- ESH website update: possibilities of advertisements for National Societies
- Translation of 2021 ESH Guidelines on BPM
- Participants for ESH Working Groups
- ESH ABPM Covid-19 Study

The ESH website was updated with the current status of Presidents and other Office Bearers for each society. Some societies followed the proposal to upload a society profile on the ESH website.

The process of applying for affiliation or association status for National Societies needs to be reviewed and documents need to be updated on the website.

### **13. ESH SATELLITE MEETINGS & ENDORSED MEETINGS (A. Januszewicz)**

A. Januszewicz reported on the current status of ESH Satellite Meetings and Endorsed Meetings for 2022.

#### ESH Satellite Meetings

- Educational Meeting of WG on Diabetes and Metabolic Risk Factors, May 5-8, 2022 in Chalkidiki (V. Kotsis)

#### ESH Endorsed Meetings

- Argentina Society of Hypertension Satellite Symposium, April 7, 2022 in Rosario, Argentina (A. Coca)
- 6th European Forum on Hypertension, May 19-21, 2022 in Gdansk, Poland (M. Burnier)

D. Lovic mentioned other endorsed meetings. He will send the current list shortly after the Council Meeting.

#### 14. ESH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

##### 14.a 2nd webinar “Educational Imaging Program in Hypertension – focus on MRI” (A. Januszewicz)

A. Januszewicz gave an update on the 2nd edition of the webinar series in cooperation with Siemens Healthineers Poland. This webinar will focus on “Cardiac Magnetic Resonance and Echocardiographic Imaging in Hypertension” and will be held on February 23, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM CET. It will again be broadcasted via YouTube. Invitations will be sent to all ESH members immediately after the Council Meeting.

Lectures will be given by T. Kusnetsova, A. Kasiakogias and M. Spiewak, followed by live echo examinations and MRI handled by M. Spiewak and P. Stoklosa.

The following faculty members will be moderating and co-chairing: T. Kusnetsova, A. Kasiakogias, A. Persu, M. Pruijm, A. Januszewicz and M. Spiewak.

#### 15. ANY OTHER ISSUES (A. Januszewicz)

T. Kahan reported that he is part of a taskforce on vascular medicine of ESVM. They approached him and asked if ESH would be interested in writing a paper or short guidelines on the topic of “Optimal Blood Pressure in Peripheral Arterial Disease”.

R. Kreutz agreed on this as a good possibility to increase visibility for ESH. The next step for T. Kahan would be to approach A. Persu and the WG on Large Arteries to ask for support.

#### 16. DATES FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

A. Januszewicz asked everyone to save the date for the next Council meeting in 2022:

- (1) June 17, 2022, Athens – in conjunction with ESH 2022

He proposed to hold the fall 2022 meeting in Warsaw as initially planned for 2020. The selection of the date will be made in due time (A. Januszewicz).

#### 17. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The President thanked all Council members attending in presence and virtually for this successful meeting and the fruitful discussions. He pointed out that there is a lot to do before the next Council meeting in June 2022.

He closed the meeting wishing everyone all the best.



**Reinhold Kreutz**  
ESH President



**Andrzej Januszewicz**  
ESH Secretary