



Minutes of the General Meeting European Bone Marrow Working group (EBMWG)

Date: September 22nd 18:15-19:00

Place: Dubrovnik, Croatia (at the 22nd EA4HP meeting)

1. **Opening by the Chair:** The meeting is opened by Alexandar Tzankov (Chairperson).
2. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**
The Minutes of the Business Meeting of the EBMWG at the XXIst EA4HP meeting, Florence, 18 September 2022 are approved by the General Meeting.
3. **Report of the Board concerning the scientific and business activities of the Association since the last meeting.**
During the past two years, EBMWG members have been active in the organization and participation of several meetings, including the following:
 - **XVI EBMWG International Bone Marrow Course and Workshop**, Barcelona, April 13-15, 2023
 - **European School of Pathology (EScOP) course for Bone Marrow Pathology**, Jun 29th – Jul 1st 2024
 - **36th European Congress of Pathology (ECP)**, Florence Sept 9th, 2024: Hematopathology session: Application of ancillary techniques for diagnostic resolution of reactive and neoplastic bone marrow diseases
 - **Bone marrow day** at the **22nd EA4HP meeting**, Dubrovnik, Sept 22nd, 2024.
The bone marrow day was very successful with a high number of participants (612) with 13 participants attending only the bone marrow day. There were 36 scientific abstracts and 164 workshop cases. The feedback was very positive with 65.8% of participants finding the event extremely useful for their professional activity, 80.2% indicating that the event very much fulfilled their educational goals and expected learning outcomes, 87.5% finding that the presented information was very well balanced and consistently supported by a valid scientific evidence base, and 64.2% agreed very much that the the information that was learned would be implemented in their practice.

Furthermore, EBMWG members have contributed to several publications and books, including the following:

a. Publications

- Leguit R, Rozman M, Kvasnicka HM, Hasserjian RP, Arenillas L, Matutes E, Climent F, Orazi A. Systemic mastocytosis with associated myeloid neoplasm; Report from the XVI European Bone Marrow Working Group Course and Workshop, Barcelona 2023. Submitted
- Torlakovic EE, Calvo KR, George T, Hyjek E, Lee SH, Porwit A, Sabattini E, Saft L, Zhou X, Tzankov A. Clinical applications of bone marrow CD34 immunohistochemistry (BM CD34 IHC) assay; International Council for Standardization in Hematology (ICSH) guidelines. *Int J Lab Hematol*. 2024. Accepted
- Saft L, Kvasnicka HM, Boudova L, Gianelli U, Lazzi S, Rozman M. Myeloid/lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and tyrosine kinase fusion genes: A workshop report with focus on novel entities and a literature review including paediatric cases. *Histopathology*. 2023 Dec;83(6):829-849.
- Wang SA, Orazi A, Gotlib J, Reiter A, Tzankov A, Hasserjian RP, Arber DA, Tefferi A. The international consensus classification of eosinophilic disorders and systemic mastocytosis. *Am J Hematol*. 2023 Aug;98(8):1286-1306.
- Leguit RJ, Orazi A, Kucine N, Kvasnicka HM, Gianelli U, Arber DA, Porwit A, Ponzone M. EAHP 2020 workshop proceedings, pediatric myeloid neoplasms. *Virchows Arch*. 2022 Oct;481(4):621-646.
- *Virchows Archiv*, Volume 482, Issue 1, Jan 2023. Annual Review Issue: Advances in the classification of myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms as revealed in the International Consensus Classification. Issue editors: Daniel A Arber, Elias Campo, Elaine S. Jaffe.
- *Pathobiology* 2024 Feb; 91(1): 5–798 Current Challenges in the Characterization of Myeloid Neoplasms. Guest editors: Julia T. Geyer, Alexandar Tzankov, Michael Kluk.

b. Books

- WHO Classification of Tumours: Hematolymphoid Tumours, 5th Edition.
- Hematopathology 3rd ed, <https://shop.elsevier.com/books/hematopathology/jaffe/978-0-323-83165-9>, ISBN: 978-0-32383-165-9. Elsevier, Philadelphia
- The international Consensus Classification of Myeloid and Lymphoid Neoplasms. Publication date: Jan 31, 2025
- *Planned: Next edition of Diagnostic Bone marrow Hematopathology. Edited by Jon van der Walt, Attilio Orazi, Daniel A. Arber (Anna Green, Alexandar Tzankov)*

c. Other activities

- BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH), a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Through BVGH's African Access Initiative (AAI), they are working directly with Ministries of Health and hospitals across 7 African countries to understand the needs and priorities, then delivering on initiatives that are tailored to each site's unique needs. The EBMWG has been reached out to gauge interest in potentially sourcing guest lectures for either of these virtual training programs, and/or any volunteers willing to travel to one of the on-site locations to provide in-person training on hematologic pathology (BVGH would cover much of the costs associated with any travel for the in-person trainings). Teddy Olberding, Program Manager, would be delighted to coordinate a call to discuss more specifics of these programs and answer any questions anybody from the EBMWG might have. Please feel free to communicate over: tolberding@bvgh.org
- The hematopathology group; offers diagnostic consultational services for colleagues throughout the world. To register at the platform (the hematopathology group is a

personalized closed community), please drop a mail to the iPath-network secretariat: office-ipathnetwork@web.de

- EA4HP WEBINAR | OCTOBER 4, 2023 “Current Classification of Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPNs)” Speaker: Hans Michael Kvasnicka; Moderator: John Goodlad

4. **Financial report of the Secretary / Treasurer**

Nothing to report yet. An e-mail will follow asking members for a voluntary donation to the EBMWG account.

5. **Recommendations and election by voting on new memberships**

The following were recommended and after voting accepted by the General Meeting as new members of the EBMWG:

- Maria Rodriguez Pinilla - supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Maria Rozman
- Thomas Menter - supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Stefan Dirnhofer
- Stefano Lazzi - supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Lorenzo Leoncini
- Alex Jenei - supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Stefan Dirnhofer
- Jan Bosch Schips - supported by Fina Climent and Maria Rozman
- Georgia Levidou - supported by Christine Beham Schmid and Ioannis Anagnostopoulos
- Francesca Magnoli - supported by Emauela Boveri and Elena Sabattini
- Nandan Padmanabha - supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Stefan Dirnhofer
- Hanine Medani - supported by Anna Green and Alexandar Tzankov
- Cristian Miruna - supported by Konnie Hebeda and Georgian Halcu

6. **Awards**

a. **EBMWG Conference Chair Award 2024**

Dr. Maria Rozman was awarded the EBMWG Conference Chair Award 2024 for her great achievements in the organization of the fruitful 2023 EBMWG International Course and Workshop.

b. **Poster Prize**

The Poster Prize for the Best Scientific Poster of the Bone Marrow Day by the EBMWG and EA4HP was awarded to **Dr. Lana Koubaitary** for the presentation of the poster “CD142 is Overexpressed in Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia: A Study of 80 Cases by Immunohistochemistry”.

7. **Official status of EBMWG**

The EBMWG was registered on Sept 5th 2024 as an official non-profit association at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce, with pro bono help of Gijs ter Braak, lawyer from Simmons & Simmons LLP in Amsterdam.

The most important changes include the following:

- A deed of incorporation is now present, on display at the EBMWG website
- The Secretary is in charge for 4 years
- The Board shall prepare annual accounts and an annual report on that financial year
- An audit committee of 2 individuals (to be appointed, see #11) examines the annual reports and reports its findings to the General Meeting

- The General Meeting must be held every year (on the BM day of the EA4HP meetings and at the Business Meeting of the EBMWG: **next to be held on November 14th, 2025**)
8. **Recommendations and election by voting on new Board members**
Dr. Mats Ehinger is presented to and accepted by the General Meeting as new incoming chair ("Chairman Elect").
 9. **Extension of the term of the Secretary / Treasurer**
The General Meeting voted positive for the extension of the term of the Secretary / Treasurer by Dr. Roos Leguit.
On behalf of the Secretary, members are encouraged to contact Dr Leguit to check and update their e-mail address if they haven't received any e-mails on behalf of the EBMWG during the past year.
 10. **Appointment of an audit committee**
Prof Dr. Falko Fend and Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Kvasnicka are appointed by the General Meeting as the two members of the audit committee examines.
 11. **Announcement of the date for the next annual General Meeting**
The next annual meeting of the General Meeting will be held at the EBMWG Scientific and Business Meeting on November 14th, 2025, in Paris.
 12. **Change of chairperson**
Prof Alexandar Tzankov hands over the position of chairperson to Dr Leonie Saft. Prof. Tzankov is acknowledged for his outstanding work as a chairman, including the organization of several, very successful educational meetings and, the challenging task of formalizing the EBMWG, becoming an official association, for which we all are very grateful.
 13. **Upcoming meetings**
Our new chairperson, Dr. Leonie Saft, continues chairing the General Meeting and briefly presents the upcoming meetings:
 - **Tutorial on Neoplastic Hematopathology, January 20th-24th, Phoenix, USA.** Organizers: Danial Arber and Attilio Orazi. <https://cme.uchicago.edu/TNH2024>
 - **XVII EBMWG 2025 Course and Workshop, April 10th-12th, Salzburg, Austria.** Local organizer: Karl Sotlar. <https://www.ebmwg2025.com>.
Topics: Histiocytic and dendritic cell neoplasms, Myeloid neoplasms with unusual patterns of disease progression other than acute leukemia, and B-cell proliferations in the bone marrow without defining molecular features.
More information can be found on the congress website:
<https://www.ebmwg2025.com>
 - **EBMWG Scientific and Business Meeting, November 14th-15th, Paris, France.** Local organizers: Barbara Burroni and Antoine Martin
 - **SH-EA4HP Workshop on malignancies and reactive disorders encountered in children, adolescents and young adults, September 4th-6th 2025 in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA**
 - **XXIII EA4HP Meeting (Bone Marrow Day), Autumn 2026, Berlin, Germany.** Organizer: Dr. Leonie Saft (Chair of the EBMWG)
 - **XVIII EBMWG International Course and Workshop. Spring 2027, Ljubljana, Slovenia.** Local organizers: Veronika Kloboves-Prevodnik and Gorana Gašljević

- **EBMWG Scientific and Business Meeting.** Autumn 2027, Stockholm, Sweden. Local organizers: Leonie Saft and Monika Klimkowska
- **XXIV EA4HP Meeting (Bone Marrow Day),** Autumn 2028, Barcelona, Spain.

14. **Closure of the EBMWG General Meeting**

The General Meeting is closed by the new chairperson, Leonie Saft.