



Minutes of the Business Meeting of the European Bone Marrow Working Group (EBMWG)

At the XXIst EA4HP* meeting, Florence, 18 September 2022, 7.15-8 pm

1. Opening

The chair Hans Michael Kvasnicka opened the meeting and welcomed the members present in Florence and online. He then proceeded with an in memoriam for the “founding mothers” of the EBMWG Prof. Kristin Henry and Dr. Nina Hurwitz. Both had organized the first meetings and course of the EBMWG in Utrecht, NL, together with Jan van den Tweel and Demi Anagnostou, as was commemorated with historic photographs and documents.

The Bone Marrow Day at the XXIst EA4HP meeting has been attended by 795 participants (243 online, i.e. approx. 31%), of whom 24 signed for the day only, pointing towards the needs and expectations of the society to the EBMWG and the importance that hybrid meetings gain.

2. Report of the Chairman

During the past year EBMWG representatives have had an active role and organized several meetings:

- **Bone marrow symposium and workshop** at the virtual **20th EA4HP meeting** April 28, 2021
- **WHO classification** presentations and discussion, April 28, 2021
- **Hematopathology session on myeloid neoplasms** at the virtual **33rd European Congress of Pathology** August 30, 2021
- **EA4HP webinar on mastocytosis**, April 6, 2022
- **XV EBMWG International Course and Workshop on Bone Marrow Pathology**. May 28-31, 2022, Lund, Sweden
- **Hematopathology session on myeloid neoplasms** at the **34th European Congress of Pathology**, September 5, 2022, Basel, Switzerland

3. Forthcoming meetings of the EBMWG were announced:

- a. **EA4HP webinar on myelodysplastic neoplasia and mimics**, October 19, 2022

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- b. **XVIth EBMWG International Course and Workshop on Bone Marrow Pathology.** May 13-15, 2023, Barcelona, Spain. Local organizers: Maria Rozman, Elias Campo and others.
- c. **EBMWG Scientific and Business meeting.** Autumn 2024, Paris, France. Local organizers: Antoine Martin and Barbara Burroni.
- d. **XXIInd EA4HP meeting (Bone Marrow Day).** September 21-26, 2024, Dubrovnik, Croatia. Organizers of the bone marrow day: Board of the EBMWG.
- e. **XVII EBMWG International Course and Workshop on Bone Marrow Pathology.** Spring 2025, Oxford, UK. Local organizer: Daniel Royston.
- f. **EBMWG Scientific and Business meeting.** Autumn 2026, Stockholm, Sweden. Local organizers: Leonie Saft and Monika Klimkowska.
- g. **XVIIIrd EBMWG International Course and Workshop on Bone Marrow Pathology.** Spring 2027, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Local organizers: Veronika Kloboves-Prevodnik and Gorana Gašljević.

4. Publications

Since the last business meeting 3 summaries of previous EBMWG workshops were published:

- Hebeda, K., Boudova, L., Beham-Schmid, C., Orazi, A., Kvasnicka, H. M., Gianelli, U., & Tzankov, A. (2021). Progression, transformation, and unusual manifestations of myelodysplastic syndromes and myelodysplastic-myeloproliferative neoplasms: lessons learned from the XIV European Bone Marrow Working Group Course 2019. *Annals of hematology*, 100(1), 117-133.
- Tzankov, A., Duncavage, E., Craig, F. E., Kelemen, K., King, R. L., Orazi, A., ... & George, T. I. (2021). Mastocytosis: lessons learned from the 2019 Society for Hematopathology/European Association for Haematopathology workshop. *American journal of clinical pathology*, 155(2), 239-266.
- Leguit, R. J., Orazi, A., Kucine, N., Kvasnicka, H. M., Gianelli, U., Arber, D. A., ... & Ponzoni, M. (2022). EAHP 2020 workshop proceedings, pediatric myeloid neoplasms. *Virchows Archiv*, 481(4), 621-646.

5. Status of the new EBMWG Homepage <https://www.ebmwg.org/>

The EBMWG homepage has been moved to a new platform. This allows a members-only section, protected by member ID and password, with an official member list and presentations from scientific meetings and workshops available to download. Hopefully issues with sending emails to our members will

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also be solved. Thanks to Jon van der Walt the archive has been filled with many images and historical documents.

6. New members

The meeting welcomed several colleagues to the EBMWG: Sławomir Pakuło (Gliwice, Poland), Fina Climent Esteller (Barcelona, Spain), Tanja Lakic (Novi Sad, Serbia), Raffaella Santi (Florence, Italy), Natalia Papaleo (Barcelona, Spain) and Carlos Eduardo Couto Faria (Coimbra, Portugal).

7. New members of the EBMWG board

Due to their expired terms Umberto Gianelli (past chair) and Konnie Hebeda (secretary) leave the board. Leonie Saft has accepted the position of incoming chair, Roos Leguit will be the new secretary, and Dan Arber agreed to prolong his term as representative of the Society for Hematopathology. From this meeting on the new EBMWG board for 2022-2024 will be formed by:

Chair: Alexandar Tzankov

Past chair: Hans Michael Kvasnicka

Secretary: Roos Leguit

Incoming chair: Leonie Saft

SH representative: Dan Arber

8. EBMWG Conference Chair Award 2022

The new **EBMWG Conference Chair Award** was presented to Anna Porwit and Mats Ehinger to honour their achievements in the organization of the fruitful 2022 EBMWG International Course and Workshop.

9. Honorary member

Jon van der Walt was made EBMWG Honorary Member as a longstanding, enthusiastic, driving force behind the EBMWG. His activities for the EBMWG spanned countless inspiring educational sessions, board membership, regular contribution to workshops, active stimulation and recruitment of young pathologists and a huge collection of photographs of EBMWG meetings, which he donated to the archive.

After handing over presidency by Hans Michael Kvasnicka, the new chair, Alexandar Tzankov, took over and deeply thanked the leaving board members before closing the meeting.

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