



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

Date: Friday, November 14th, 2025

Place: Paris, France and online (TEAMS)

1. Opening by the Chair

The meeting is opened by the Chairperson, Leonie Saft, at 5 pm local time.

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Assembly (AGM) held during the XVII EBMWG Course and Workshop in Salzburg, Austria, on May 10th, 2025, are approved.

3. Scientific and business activities of the EBMWG since the last meeting.

a. Meetings

The XVII EBMWG Course and Workshop in Salzburg, Austria, April 10-12, 2025, hosted by Dr. Karl Sotlar, was a great success, with 262 participants (161 in person, 101 online) from 46 countries, with 70 case submissions. It was the 3rd meeting in hybrid format (Lund 2022, Barcelona 2023).

b. Publications

One bone marrow workshop report from the EA4HP Meeting in Dubrovnik 2024 has been published in Pathobiology; two additional reports will soon be submitted for publication:

- Myeloid neoplasms with evidence of the additive / cumulative effect of molecular genetic alterations that “pave the way” to a specific disease category or entity: lessons learned from cases submitted to the 22nd Meeting of the European Association for Haematopathology/Society of Hematopathology (EA4HP/SH) Bone Marrow Workshop organized by the European Bone Marrow Working Group (EBMWG), Dubrovnik 2024. Alexandar Tzankov, Anna C Green, Roos Leguit, Leonie Saft, Olga K. Weinberg, Alexandra Traverse-Glehen. Accepted for publication by Pathobiology
- Reactive and therapy induced bone marrow changes linked to systemic infectious and noninfectious disorders including MAS/HLH. Report from the European Association for Haematopathology, Dubrovnik 2024. Anna Green, Alexandar Tzankov, Olga K. Weinberg, Alexandra Traverse-Glehen, Leonie Saft, Roos J. Leguit. In progress
- Myeloid/lymphoid precursor cell neoplasms and mixed phenotype acute leukemias: A Bone Marrow Workshop Report from the 22nd EA4HP Meeting, Dubrovnik, 2024. Leonie Saft, Alexandar Tzankov, Alexandra Traverse-Glehen, Anna Green, Roos Leguit, Olga K. Weinberg. In progress

c. Other activities

EBMWG (candidate) members have been involved in the following activities:

- ESP Webinar, May 7, 2025: At the crossroads: thymus and haematopathology. Moderator: Laurence de Leval
- Webinar EA4HP, June 25, 2025: Chronic Neutrophilic and Chronic Eosinophilic Leukemias: A Practical Approach to Differential Diagnosis. Moderator and speakers: Leonie Saft, Umberto Gianelli, Alex Jenei, Raffaella Santi
- Webinar EA4HP, October 20, 2025: Marginal Zone Lymphoma with a Focus on Nodal and Splenic Types. Speaker: Alexandra Traverse-Glehen

4. Financial update by the Secretary / Treasurer

An update of the 2025 budget was presented by the Secretary/Treasurer, Roos Leguit. The updated costs for 2025 are €10,456 and the income is €11,130 (mainly due to a huge and very generous donation from Karl Sotlar, coming from the surplus of the EBMWG Course and Workshop in Salzburg).

5. Update on the professionalization of the EBMWG by the Secretary/Treasurer

The EBMWG has signed contract with Danny Douwes, Quality Company Support, to professionalize administrative aspects of the EBMWG, to provide secretarial support including the set-up of administrative systems and an official website. The new website is in progress and 75 members have been officially registered so far. The services will be finalized not later than on December 31, 2025. Sponsors will be sought in order to ensure continuation of professional secretarial assistance. A liability insurance for EBMWG board members have been signed..

6. Bylaws

The bylaws (sent to EBMWG members along with the agenda of the general meeting one month prior to the meeting) are discussed. The following additions and changes are proposed:

- Membership fee: the following sentence will be added "To avoid being charged for the following year's membership fee, cancellation must be submitted in writing at least one month prior to the end of the current year".
- The regulations regarding honorary membership are clarified: Honorary members will be exempt from paying ordinary membership fees; additionally, honorary members are exempt from paying registration fees for the EBMWG course/workshop and the scientific and business meeting (excluding social events).

The bylaws are approved by the general assembly with the suggested adjustments.

7. Recommendations and election by voting on new memberships

The following 14 candidate members were unanimously accepted by the general assembly:

- **Sergej Konoplev** supported by Sa Wang and Rober Hasserjian
- **Kedar Inamdar** supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Kikkeri Naresh
- **Anca-Irina Toma** supported by Konnie Hebeda and Roos Leguit
- **Dina Soliman** supported by Falko Fend, Attilio Orazi, Leonie Saft, Karl Sotlar
- **Gorana Gašević** supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Mats Ehinger
- **Veronika Kloboves Prevodnik** supported by Alexandar Tzankov and Mats Ehinger

- **Carlo Pescia** supported by Umberto Gianelli and Rafaella Santi
- **Nathanael Baily** supported by Leonie Saft and Rob Hasserjian
- **Laurence De Leval** supported by Leonie Saft and Roos Leguit
- **Osvaldo Padilla** supported by Attilio Orazi and Alexandar Tzankov
- **Kaaren Reichard** supported by Rebecca King and Roos Leguit
- **Filiz Sen** supported by Robert Hasserjian and Mariko Yabe
- **Haluk Kavus** supported by Robert Hasserjian and Olga Pozdnyakova
- **Tim Farren** supported by Hanine Medani and Anna Green

We warmly welcome our new members!

8. Proposal for XIX EBMWG International Course and Workshop, 2029

The city of Basel was proposed as the site of the XIX EBMWG International Course and Workshop, hosted and locally organized by Alexandar Tzankov. The proposal is gratefully accepted by the general meeting.

9. Upcoming meetings

- January 18-22, 2026: Tutorial on Neoplastic Hematopathology: Focus on new classifications. Phoenix USA, Organized by Daniel Arber and Attilio Orazi.
- 3-8 October 2026: 23rd Meeting of the EA4HP. Bone Marrow Day on Sunday, 4th of October, Berlin, Germany
- March 6-8, 2026: European School of Pathology (EScoP) course on pathology of haematolymphoid organs: Lymph node pathology
- April 15-17, 2027: XVIII EBMWG International Course and Bone Marrow Workshop, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Local organizers: Veronika Kloboves-Prevodnik and Gorana Gašljević
- Autumn 2027, Scientific and Business Meeting of the EBMWG. Local organizers: Leonie Saft and Monika Klimkowska.

10. Announcement of the date for the next Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each AGM must be held within the first 5 months of the financial year and will be held digitally in spring 2026. The preliminary date is set on **May 11th, 2026**.

11. Other

- Jan Bosch Schips shares his good experiences with the young EA4HP and proposes a similar initiative for the EBMWG. The suggestion and format will be further discussed in upcoming board meetings.
- Mats Ehinger informs that he has been approached by the European Hematology Association (EHA) who is seeking support by the EBMWG to participate in educational sessions for hematologists and oncologists. The proposal and possible format will be further discussed at upcoming board meetings. Robert Hasserjian suggested to ask for sponsorship in return for our contributions. This will be taken into further consideration.

Honorary membership is granted to Anna Porwit for her great and long-lasting (>25 year) support of the EBMWG. Anna has served as both Secretary (2004-2008) and Chairperson (2008-2014) participated as panel member and speaker in numerous bone marrow courses and workshops and has significantly contributed to the field of bone marrow diagnostics.

12. Closure of the EBMWG annual General Meeting

The meeting is closed by the Chairperson, Leonie Saft at 5.32 pm.