



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

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Location: Online (Teams)

Present: L. Saft, R. Leguit, M. Ehinger, A. Tzankov, R. Hasserjian, A. Green, S. Konoplev, U. Mickys, K. Tomberg, A. Schmitt-Graeff, C. Behan-Schmid, M. Rozman, A. Wotherspoon, M. Nakashima, A. Bonometti, G. Gasljevic, B. Wroblewska, H. Medani, T. Farren, K. Sotlar, B. Burroni, M. Moonim, H. Klavus, F. Fend, F. Climent, N. Bailey, A. Jenei, D. Soliman, D. Arber, G. Levidou.

Excused: J. van der Walt

1. Opening by the Chair

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Leonie Saft, at 4:30 p.m. (local time).

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Assembly (AGM), held in Paris, France, on November 15, 2025, were approved without amendments.

3. EBMWG Secretariat

Danny Douwes (Quality Services) was introduced by the Chairperson and will assist with secretarial and financial services, including:

- Membership fee collection
- Assistance with tax-related matters (e.g., financial reporting)
- Website maintenance and updates (www.ebmwg.com)
- Secretarial services (including communication with and reporting to the Secretary/Treasurer)

Danny can be contacted at secretariat@ebmwg.com.

4. Educational, Scientific and Business Activities Since the Last Meeting

4.1. Educational and Scientific Activities

EBMWG members have participated in scientific and educational activities, including:

- Neoplastic Hematopathology Tutorial, January 18–22, 2026, Phoenix, Arizona
- EuroClonality Workshop, March 4–6, 2026, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- EScoP Course on Pathology of Haematolymphoid Organs, March 6–8, 2026
- Classification Amendment Meeting (CAM), Chicago, March 18–20, 2026
- EA4HP Webinar on Haematopathology of Inborn Errors of Immunity, April 15, 2026

4.2. Publications

Two BMWS articles (EA4HP Dubrovnik, 2024) have been published, and one has been resubmitted after revision.

- 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. Pathobiology 2025. PMID 41078052
- 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. Am J Clin Pathol. 2026 Apr 3;165(4), PMID: 41948832
- 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. Submitted

4.3. Business activities

The EBMWG board has engaged a professional secretarial service, a new website has been set-up (ebmwg.com), and the membership inventory has been carried out. A EBMWG Strategy Group has been created with the primary task to establish and sustain long-term, tailor-made partner- and sponsorship collaborations.

5. Financial update by the Secretary / Treasurer

The financial report for 2025 was presented by Secretary/Treasurer (RL). The EBMWG achieved a profit of €1,706 in 2025 thanks to donations and surplus payments from the Salzburg congress. The largest expenses were for website development and setting up of membership administration. The bookkeeping was approved by the audit committee which gave a positive recommendation to grant discharge to the board. The General Assembly granted discharge to the board from liability for the year 2025.

The estimated budget for 2026 was presented by RL. The expected income from membership fees is €10,000; additional €10,000 are anticipated from sponsorships. The expected expenses include approximately €2,556 for fixed costs (such as bank fees, insurance, membership administration, website-related). Additional hours for secretarial and financial services are estimated to be 30 hours/each. With the anticipated sponsorship income, these goals are expected to be achievable.

6. EBMWG Partner- and Sponsorship

Several EBMWG members have been engaged in attracting potential sponsors.

Tailor-made long-term sponsorships are important to sustain and further develop the educational and scientific goals of the EBMWG. Scientific and educational collaborations with mutual benefit may for example include the generation of morphology case studies, the publication of educational materials (e.g., training webinars), fellowship and travel awards, research collaborations.

Additionally, sponsoring companies may also benefit from valuable opportunities for networking and marketing visibility (e.g., via the EBMWG website).

Exhibition booths at international meetings organized by the EBMWG may also be of interest to sponsors.

7. Recommendations and election by voting on new memberships

Anna Kwiecinska has been the only candidate member since the last EBMWG meeting in Paris. Anna is a senior consultant in clinical hematopathology at Karolinska University Hospital. Her membership was strongly supported and unaimously approved.

8. Upcoming Meetings

- October 3–8, 2026: 23rd EA4HP Meeting, Berlin
- Spring 2027: XVIII EBMWG Course & Workshop, Ljubljana
- Autumn 2027: EBMWG Meeting, Stockholm
- Spring 2029: XIX EBMWG Course & Workshop, Basel

An additional call for abstracts was announced for the Berlin meeting (deadline: May 21).

9. Other Matters

The proposal to establish a young EBMWG has not yet been pursued.

Collaboration with the European Hematology Association (EHA) remains under consideration.

The issue of membership fees for retired members was discussed, with the Board noting that this is not currently addressed in the bylaws and will be revisited at the next meeting.

10. Next General Assembly

The next General Assembly will take place on October 4, 2026 (6:30–7:15 p.m.), during the EA4HP Meeting in Berlin. The board of directors will be reconstituted during the General Assembly in October 2026.

11. Closure

The meeting **was closed** by the Chairperson, Leonie Saft, at **5:30 p.m.**