

STROKE ALLIANCE FOR EUROPE (SAFE) General Assembly 2019

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday 24th June 2020

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS and DECISIONS

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President Jon Barrick (JB) welcomed the members to the General Assembly.

The number of member organisations present was 24 sufficient to be quorate.

These were:

Fundacio Ictus	Catalonia
Croatian Stroke Society	Croatia
Mozdani Val	Croatia
Cyprus Stroke Association	Cyprus
Cerebrum	Czech Republic
Sdruzeni CMP	Czech Republic
Stiftung Deutsche Schlaganfall-Hilfe	Germany
Hellenic Action / Alliance for Stroke	Greece
Nemzeti Stroke Liga	Hungary
Heilaheil	Iceland
Irish Heart Foundation	Ireland
Neeman Association for Stroke survivors	Israel
Associazione Lotta Ictus Cerebrale (ALICE)	Italy
Hersenletsel.nl	Netherlands
Association for a fight against stroke, STROKE Ohrid	North Macedonia
Norsk forening for slagrammede	Norway
Portugal AVC	Portugal
Serbian Stroke Association	Serbia
Združenje bolnikov s cerebrovaskularno boleznijo	Slovenia
STROKE-Riksförbundet	Sweden
Beyinder	Turkey
Ukrainian Anti Stroke Association	Ukraine
Stroke Association	United Kingdom
Different Strokes	United Kingdom
Also present, without voting rights, Associate Members:	
Turkish Cerebrovascular Society	Turkey

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:

Belgian Stroke Council

Aivoliitto ry

France AVC

Medical Foundation "Mkurnali"

ParSirdi.lv

BLETZ Asbl

Stroke Fundation

Porazka

Federacion Espanola de Ictus

Belgium

Finland

France

Georgia

Latvia

Luxembourg

Poland

Slovakia

Spain

2. Approval of previous minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the GA held on 29 November 2019 were unanimously approved as a true and accurate representation of the General Assembly.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the GA 2019 minutes.

4. Review of the 2019 Annual Accounts and the SAFE Work Plan 2020

The Treasurer Chris Macey presented the final accounts to December 2019 for approval.

Thanks were given to all our supporters in 2019 for their continued support and recognition of the importance of the voice of the stroke survivor. We hope to continue our relationships with these organisations, whilst always looking for new ones.

Looking ahead to 2020, Chris presented the meeting with a revised finance review showing an expected increase in income from sponsorship, and donations received of €24,000. The increase in sponsorship resulted in an increase in expenditure on projects, and in an expected surplus instead of the previously forecasted deficit.

SAFE Director General, Arlene Wilkie, presented an updated work plan for 2020. Many projects had been reviewed and amended due to the COVID19 pandemic.

- The 1st European Life After Stroke Forum (ELASF) originally planned for November 2019 had now been postponed to 12 March 2021. The venue in Barcelona remains the same.
- With respect to the Economic Impact of Stroke in Europe report, scheduled for launch at the joined ESOC/WSC in November 2020. The congress had now been changed to a virtual meeting. SAFE will be looking at how the launch of the report will be changed and the membership will be informed as soon as possible.

- SAFE has previously held three regional conferences during May and June each year. The result of the European travel ban had meant a change in our intentions, and we have therefore held the first virtual meeting of the SAFE membership. Plans are being made for one conference to be held in Ljubljana on 23 November 2020, but this will of course depend on the situation with the COVID19 pandemic. Again, this will be confirmed with members as soon as possible.
- SAFE is continuing to work on the Stroke Action Plan for Europe with the European Stroke Organisation (ESO) and have three places on the Implementation Committee. Plans are being made for this work to progress at EU level and at national level with our members.
- Our partnership with the Angels project has been extremely successful. Currently we have translated brochures into 16 languages, which have been distributed in 15 countries. We are in negotiations with Angels for new translations, updates and reprints. Our thanks go to the UK Stroke Association for supplying the original information leaflets.
- SAFE's involvement with EU funded research projects continues, remaining partners with five projects and in 2020 becoming involved with a sixth. We will continue to use the funding from these projects for dissemination amongst our membership, for which grants are paid.
- We are looking at how we can better communicate with our members. We are currently sending a bi-monthly newsletter to members and will shortly be circulating a member's survey asking what the membership would like from SAFE. A membership information pack will shortly be available on the SAFE website, we are proposing to hold further virtual meetings, and also virtual catch-ups with the Director General and Secretariat.

5. Resolutions

The accounts for 2019 were received by a unanimous vote.

6. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

7. Date and venue of next General Assembly

23 November 2020, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Signed and ratified by



Marina Charalambous
(Secretary)



Jon Barrick
(President)