

Minutes
Radiology Trainees Forum
General Assembly
Saturday, March 3, 2012; 10:00-11:30
Meeting Room 5, Level O3, ACV

<i>PRESENT</i>			
RTF Chairperson		D. Bulja (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	
RTF Vice-Chairperson		S. Hutchings (United Kingdom)	
Public Relations Officer		V. H. Koen (the Netherlands)	
Research Officer		M. Edjlali-Goujon (France)	
<i>ESR Officials</i>			
ESR President		A. Palkó	
ESR Education Committee Chairperson		É. Breatnach	
ESOR Scientific/Educational Director		N. Gourtsoyiannis	
<i>RTF National Delegates</i>			
Austria	R. Schernthaner	Lithuania	A. Bajorinaite
Belgium	T. Couvreur	Malta	R. Grech
Bulgaria	V. Groudeva	Norway	E. Olstad
Czech Republic	L. Hrdina	Poland	K. Sprężak
Denmark	L. Nørgaard	Romania	C. Minoiu
Estonia	K. Roos	Serbia	P. Avramov
Germany	P. Bannas	Slovakia	J. Sykora
Greece	A. Diamantopoulos	Spain	P. Rodriguez Carnero
Italy	M. Belfiore	Sweden	H. Ståhlbrandt
Latvia	A. Šmite		
A. Kastler (France)		N. Pyatigorskaya (France)	
		E. Szabó (assistant to A. Palkó)	
<i>ESR Office</i>			
K. Endl (minutes)		B. Ohr	
		J. Reiter	

<i>APOLOGISED</i>			
<i>RTF National Delegates</i>			
Croatia	A. Šverko Peternac	Russia	E. Bulanova
Ireland	A. Kilcoyne	Slovenia	D. Plut
Montenegro	D. Raceta Masic		

<i>NOT PRESENT</i>			
<i>RTF National Delegates</i>			
Albania	A. Roji	Macedonia	P. Janevski
Belarus	R. Sakovich	Portugal	J. Traila Campos
Finland	M. Jousi	Switzerland	C. Bieg
Georgia	A. Baramidze	Turkey	U. Orhan
Hungary	A. Levai	Ukraine	O. Chuvashova
Iceland	H. Már Jónsson		

AGENDA

1. Welcome, apologies, approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, October 17, 2011 (online)
3. Welcome on behalf of the ESR President (A. Palkó)
4. Activity Report from the ESR Education Committee (É. Breatnach)
 - a. European Diploma
 - b. Training Curricula
 - c. White Paper on Undergraduate Education
5. General update on the activities of the RTF Board (D. Bulja)
 - a. Working plans of RTF
 - b. RTF Survey
 - c. Stimulation of involvement of undergraduates in meetings and ECR
 - d. Stimulation of more active involvement of RTF national delegates over the year
6. Report on ESOR activities (N. Gourtsoyiannis)
7. ECR 2012
 - a. RTF Booth
 - b. Meet & Greet session with delegates
 - c. ECR 2013 – topics / speakers for the highlighted lectures (D. Bulja)
8. Reimbursement policy, Invest in the Youth Programme (R. Grünkranz)
9. Promotion of Rising Stars and Invest in the Youth Programme in medical schools in Europe (R. Grünkranz)
10. Discussion of candidates for RTF Board beginning with ECR 2013
11. Miscellaneous
12. Date of next meeting: ECR 2013

1. Welcome, apologies, approval of agenda

D. Bulja welcomed everyone; the agenda was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, October 17, 2011 (online)

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Welcome on behalf of the ESR President (A. Palkó)

A. Palkó welcomed everyone and explained that the RTF delegates are the future of radiology and might one day be leaders in ESR as well. He informed that the Resonant Body [*note: renamed to 'ESR Leadership Institute' on March 29*] had been created and invited anyone interested in participating in the political activities of ESR to contact the ESR office.

RTF delegates interested in participating in ESR activities to inform ESR

4. Activity Report from the ESR Education Committee (É. Breatnach)

a. European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR)

B. Ohr informed about the EDiR which aims to create a high standard of radiology in Europe. He gave details about the first two exams that had been held in 2011 and the next that will be held on Monday, March 5 and mentioned the examination that will be held during an Oncologic Imaging Course in Dubrovnik. Further road shows are planned in cooperation with national societies. B. Ohr also informed that the European Board of Radiology (EBR) has been established in Barcelona, which will be responsible for EDiR in the future. B. Ohr remarked that RTF could assist in the diploma case production, recommend learning resources and support candidates; moreover RTF should actively promote EDiR. É. Breatnach strongly encouraged everyone to take EDiR as it will become increasingly important as additional qualification. A brief discussion about reasons for taking the diploma followed. É. Breatnach assured that while English is the language of the exam, the level of English is not tested. Example questions can be found online in the ESR Self-Assessment.

RTF delegates to promote EDiR

b. Training Curricula

É. Breatnach quickly presented the important facts about the European Training Charter for Clinical Radiology, i.e. that it is a general radiology training with a 3+2 structure and with subspecialty interest training. It does not offer subspecialisation, which can only be achieved through a fellowship. ESGAR had developed a template for subspecialty submissions to make sure that subspecialty interest training curricula for years 4+5 are more homogenous in the future. É. Breatnach also stated that the RTF's involvement in the European Training Assessment Programme (ETAP) should be taken seriously.

With regard to the multimodality imaging curriculum that was written jointly by ESR and the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM), É. Breatnach remarked that parts II and III had recently been approved by EANM and will be published shortly.

c. White Paper on Undergraduate Education

This agenda item was not discussed.

5. General update on the activities of the RTF Board (D. Bulja)

a. Working plans of RTF

In 2011 the RTF General Assembly, 3 online meetings of the RTF board and the

first online RTF General Assembly had taken place. The working plans for 2012 include: active promotion and personal involvement of RTF national delegates in ESOR programmes, active promotion of the RTF Promo Kit and its content to fellow colleagues and to students, submission of at least one case to EDiR, stimulation of involvement of undergraduates in ECR, promotion of the Rising Stars programme and the active promotion of ESR learning tools. With regard to the case submission it was discussed that the case does not need to be perfect but that it will also help the delegates to prepare for the exam as they will learn what the questions are like.

b. RTF Survey

D. Bulja presented the results of the RTF Survey in detail.

c. Stimulation of involvement of undergraduates in meetings and ECR

D. Bulja asked everyone to actively participate in all RTF activities at ECR, including the Rising Stars lounge and the Meet & Greet Sessions.

d. Stimulation of more active involvement of RTF national delegates over the year

This item was not discussed separately.

6. Report on ESOR activities (N. Gourtsoyiannis)

This item was not discussed.

7. ECR 2012

a. RTF Booth

This item was not discussed.

b. Meet & Greet session with delegates

This item was not discussed.

c. ECR 2013 – topics / speakers for the highlighted lectures (D. Bulja)

The well-visited RTF Highlighted Lecture 2012 included three presentations and a book raffle sponsored by Springer. From ECR 2013 onwards the lecture will be held in a new time slot, namely on Sunday from 10:30-12:00. D. Bulja asked the RTF delegates to think of topics and email their suggestions to him. He remarked that it would be good to have one topic about technical applications like PET/CT or functional MRI, one addressing undergraduate education and one on abdominal ultrasound or something similar. The ESR Office will send the working plans for 2012 to all RTF delegates.

RTF delegates to email suggestions regarding topics for RTF Highlighted Lectures to D. Bulja

ESR Office to send working plans 2012 to all RTF delegates

8. Reimbursement policy, Invest in the Youth Programme (R. Grünkranz)

As R. Grünkranz was not present, this item was not discussed.

9. Promotion of Rising Stars and Invest in the Youth Programme in medical schools in Europe (R. Grünkranz)

As R. Grünkranz was not present, this item was not discussed.

10. Discussion of candidates for RTF Board beginning with ECR 2013

D. Bulja asked the delegates for suggestions of candidates for new RTF Board to be elected at ECR 2013.

RTF Delegates to make suggestions regarding RTF Board elections

11. Miscellaneous

A. Kastler reported about the survey on different radiology training structures in Europe which he had done among RTF delegates.

C. Minoiu informed about his proposal on radiology residency exchange programmes, as well as the 5 internships the Romanian Society is offering, which everyone can apply for.

12. Date of next meeting: ECR 2013

D. Bulja thanked everyone and closed the meeting.