



MINUTES
Fertility Europe
Members' meeting OFFICIAL PART
Brussels, Belgium, 27th March 2017, 2-3.30 o'clock p.m.
conference room Germany

PARTICIPANTS

NAME	ASSOCIATION	COUNTRY	
Afroditi Alexopoulou (AA)	FE ExCo - Treasurer	Greece	excused - meeting with MEP
Alexandra Valerieve Veleva	Iskam Bebe	Bulgaria	present
Alisa Kaminsky	Chen	Israel	present
Aliye Sibel Tuzcu	Cider	Turkey	present
Anita Fincham (OM)	FE Office Manager	Poland	present
Denisa Priadkova	Bocian	Slovakia	present
Donia Scicluna	Malta Infertility network	Malta	present
Elin Einarsdóttir (EE)	FE ExCo - Vice Chair	Iceland	excused -meeting with MEP
Hana Konecna	Adam	Czech Republic	present
Hildur Dis Kristjansdottir	Tilvera	Iceland	present
Indiana Husic - Sabanovic	BH	Bosnia Hercegovina	present
Ioanna Manolia	Kiveli	Greece	present
Irena Rozic (IR)	RODA	Croatia	present
Irina Popova (IP)	FE ExCo - Deputy member	Bulgaria	present
Johanna Repo	Simpukka	Finland	present
Karianne Bye	Onskebarn	Norway	present
Klaudija Kordic (KK)	FE ExCo - Secretary	Croatia	present
Maria Koumparou	Magna Mater	Greece	present
Marijke Merckx	De Verdwaalde Ooievaar	Belgium	present
Mariya Zhekova	Zachatie	Bulgaria	present
Monika Bulmanska-Wingett (MBW)	Nasz Bocian	Poland	present
Nicoleta Cristea-Brunel	SOS Infertilitatea	Romania	present
Ofra Balaban (OB)	FE ExCo - Member	Israel	present
Patrizia Ricciardone	Amica Cicogna	Italy	present
Rebecca Nielbien	Maia	France	present
Satu Rautakallio-Hokkanen (SRH)	FE ExCo - Chair	Finland	present
	Freya	Holland	PROXY holder Klaudija Kordic
	Barnlångtan	Sweden	PROXY holder Satu Rautakallio-Hokkanen
	Fertility Network UK	UK	PROXY holder Johanna Repo
	Nas San	Montenegro	PROXY holder Irena Rosic

1. **Statutes:**

MBW gave presentation about proposed changes in the statutes.

Among proposed changes there was a deadline of 45 days for publication of Minutes on FE

website. This seemed too long time, but SRH explained, that ExCo minutes have to be approved first at another ExCo meetings and only then can be published. It may take up to 45 days during holiday time. At other times it should be done faster. This explanation was satisfactory to the Members.

Another point for discussion was point 16.1.2.: 'Any member of the Executive Committee, deputy or any member of their immediate families shall not be contracted by Fertility Europe except for supplying professional services, i.e. accounting, legal services etc. under the condition that the services are actually required by Fertility Europe at the time of hiring. The detailed policy on the above shall be provided by the Executive Committee in cooperation with the relevant Working Group.'

Rebecca Nielbien proposed that hiring or contracting an ExCo member or their relatives should not be allowed and some other Members agreed.

SRH asked for vote, if we should accept point 16.1.2 in above form (YES - 4, NO - 16)

Irena Rozic asked if it should be possible for ExCo members to have a contract for unpaid work.

MBW explained, that contract in the meaning of new statutes was paid work.

Karianne Bye noticed that removing ExCo members from possible hired specialists group may cause unnecessary cost by need to find experts elsewhere.

SRH asked Members to vote amended point 16.1.2.: 'Any member of the Executive Committee, deputy or any member of their immediate families shall not be contracted by Fertility Europe.' (YES - 21, NO - 0), so the point got approved in a changed form.

After that there were no more points, that the Members wanted to discuss or amend, so SRH asked the Members to vote approving proposed statutes in whole.

(YES - 21, NO - 0) and the statutes got approved.

2. **In-fertility**

The statement from email to the Members about this item on agenda: 'As some of you already know, there has been a new network called "In-Fertility" established by Denisa Priadkova in 2016 with similar/same targets and aims as Fertility Europe. This new network has already contacted our stakeholder ESHRE and members of FE to join the network. The Executive Committee has received inquiries about this matter from members of FE. Therefore the Executive Committee decided to take this topic for a discussion and decision of the member associations if there is reason to terminate the FE membership of Občianske združenie BOCIAN/Slovakia because of behaviour of its Chair which is detrimental to the best interests of Fertility Europe. (Statutes 8.4)' Executive Committee proposed to DP by email to explain the situation with In-fertility and DP agreed to do it at the meeting.

DP started from saying it is all not true.

KK explained, that ExCo had information from ESHRE that DP was asking them for meeting and funding. Also ExCo has proof, that DP asked members of FE to join In-fertility.

Nicoleta Brunel asked if any of the members present in the room was approached by DP.

Hildur Dis Kristjansdottir said that she was approached as an individual, not as Tilvera.

DP explained that In-fertility approaches individuals, not organisations.

MBW asked DP, why all the individuals in FE were not approached, if In-fertility was looking for valuable members.

SRH reminded the Members, that DP agreed to have 5 minutes explanation and asked DP to deliver it.

DP said that she started the network, when she got revoked from FE ExCo. Organisations from Spain, Germany, Hungary, Austria were not members of FE and DP wanted to work with them. She decided that it is easier to work with individuals then with organisations. So she approached the individuals and organisations that could not work with FE and never had intention to replace FE.

The projects are described on [In-fertility website](#).

MBW asked why FE was not approached?

DP answered that some people from FE were approached and she is working with people from Nasz Bocian for example.

Irena Rozic remarked that the countries that DP mentioned were not members even when DP was

in ExCo. She asked why DP did not tell FE that she wanted to organise this new network. DP said that she did not trust Fertility Europe, but some members of ExCo did know about the network.

Nicoleta Brunel reminded the Members that DP hijacked a facebook group with over 600 members, that she was asked to close. SRH added that DP was asked to close the group as she had previously removed all other administrators and FE had no control over the group.

Irena Rozic asked DP if she would still be able to work for FE with all the new network obligations. DP answered that she was intending before to spend all this energy on FE, but as it is not possible after revocation, she is working with her new initiative, which is not aimed to harm or replace FE. Nicoleta Brunel expressed a doubt about honesty of DP's intentions, as (apart of hijacking the fb group) DP being at ESHRE congress in Helsinki as FE, was already posting on facebook as a new network.

Some Members were confused by the discussion and they asked for more information before they can vote on terminating membership of Slovak Bocian. After a suggestion from Rebecca Nielbien, SRH asked the Members if they would like to vote to postpone voting on terminating membership of Bocian till the Council Meeting in Geneva. Members would like to have more information and postpone the voting on excluding Bocian from FE. (YES - 15, NO - 4)

3. End of meeting

Satu Rautakallio-Hokkanen ended the meeting at 3.30.