



**Annual Business Meeting of ARTERY Society**  
to be held on Friday 6 October 2023 18.05-19.05 CET  
in The Forum, Bundeskunsthalle Museum, Museum  
Mile Bonn, Helmut-Kohl-Allee 4, 53113, Bonn,  
Germany

**Invited to Participate:** All Members of the ARTERY Society

**Secretariat:** Alexandra Graves, Jacinta Scannell (The Conference Collective Ltd)

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. President's Report** *Professor Thomas Weber*
  - i. Executive Committee activities
- 3. Treasurer's Report on behalf of Professor Alun Hughes** *Dr Carmel McEniery*
  - i. Income and expenditure Report - ratification
  - ii. Appointment of the auditors for 2023
- 4. Secretary's Report** *Professor Pedro Cunha*
  - i. Artery 22 Conference (including attendance and abstract submissions)
  - ii. Membership update and applications to ratify for 2023
- 5. Young Investigator Update** *Dr Alessandro Giudici*
- 6. ARTERY Research Journal** *Professor John Cockcroft*
- 7. Social Media and Communications update** *Dr Chloe Park*
- 8. New President's Report** *Dr Carmel McEniery*
  - i. Executive Committee Election Results
  - ii. Thank you to leaving Executive Committee members
- 9. AOB and Close of meeting** *Dr Carmel McEniery*
- 10. Date of next meeting**  
TBC

## Present

Davide Agnoletti	John Cockcroft	Patrick Lacolley	Enrique Rodilla
Kunihiko Aizawa	Kennedy Cruickshank	Stephane Laurent	Arno Schmidt-Trucksäss
Riaz Akhtar	Domonkos Cseh	Christopher Mayer	Patrick Segers
Alberto Avolio	Pedro Cunha	Barry McDonnell	Bart Spronck
Johannes Baulmann	Verena Dittrich	Carmel McEniery	Dimitrios Terentes-Printzios
Elisabetta Bianchini	Francesco Faita	Gary Mitchell	Areti Triantafyllou
Lucas Van Bortel	Jan Filipovsky	János Nemcsik	Valentina Vassilenko
Xela Dafaue Bouzo	Alessandro Giudici	Peter M Nilsson	Thomas Weber
Rosa Maria Bruno	Bernhard Hametner	Chloe Park	Berend Westerhof
Dinu Santha Chandran	Alun Hughes	Raj Rajkumar	Ian Wilkinson
Rachel Climie	Daniel Kulin	Veronique Regnault	

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## Minutes

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from P Boutouyrie.

### 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 22 October 2022 were accepted as a correct record.

### 3. President's Report, presented by *Professor Thomas Weber*

#### **Artery 22 Conference (including attendance and abstract submissions)**

T Weber noted that there were just over 200 attendees for the Nancy 2022 meeting which was a good number as this was the first full meeting after the Covid pandemic. A total of 128 abstracts were received which is low but again, this is due to the pandemic, and noted that low abstract submissions have been apparent at many conferences in 2022.

He advised that plans for 2022 and 2023 included the PWV Position paper for arterial stiffness in clinical practice. Several meetings have been held and the progress of the paper has already been reported in the session, Position Paper: PWV in Clinical Practice which was held on Thursday morning.

There has been a change of publisher for ARTERY Research, this is due to Atlantis Press being brought by Springer Publishing earlier in 2022. A new contract has been signed which is more advantageous to ARTERY, however, it is based on an increase in submissions and will require the Editors and Executive to work together to increase submissions. The APC income will be reduced but there will be no annual fee, and there will also be an annual payment from the publisher to cover journal administration costs to ARTERY. J Cockcroft will give further details in his report.

#### **Executive Committee activities**

One of the main activities for 2023 will be to introduce working groups, each working group will have a joint chair one from the Executive Committee and one with relative experience who does not have to sit on the Executive Committee.

### **VasAgeNet**

A working group will be set up to facilitate the integration with VascAgeNet and how to agree how they can best be supported, this will be joint chaired by Prof R M Bruno and Prof A Hughes and will include several VascAgeNet members.

### **ARTERY Journal**

A working group will focus on implementing a strategy for the next PubMed application (the earliest this can be done is July 2023) and increase submissions. This committee will be jointly chaired by Prof J Cockcroft and Prof P Cunha.

Servier has generously supported the society for many years, the nature of their support has changed recently as it is now offered an unrestricted grant which means that there will no longer be a lecture sponsored by Servier during the conference. Instead, there will be a series of educational webinars during 2023 that Servier will sponsor.

Finally, T Weber thanked the Conference Collective, the secretariat that works closely with the Executive and organise the annual conference.

## **4. Treasurer's Report, presented by *Professor Chakravarthi Rajkumar***

### **Income and Expenditure Report**

C Rajkumar advised that he took over the role of treasurer from A Hughes in 2021 and the finances were in good health. The bank balances were presented and costs were briefly explained. The funding from Servier has not yet been received but when it is, the current balance will be EUR364,308, although, there are still some conference costs to be paid. The conference expenditure is high, contributing factors are the lower number of delegates, and a more expensive venue, there are also society management fees and Executive Committee meeting costs.

The cash balance is higher than in previous years but, as noted above the projected conference costs are higher also than in previous years.

### **Appointment of the Auditors for 2022**

C Rajkumar confirmed that accounts are submitted in the October following the end of the previous financial year, which is why approval is sought for the previous year (at the ABM in 2022 the 2021 accounts are approved and auditors for 2022 confirmed). C Rajkumar confirmed that the conference budget for 2023 will be based on a strategy that is more sustainable with a much lower loss.

There are also plans to invest some of the reserves but this is a longer-term strategy.

At the request of C Rajkumar, members voted to approve the 2021 accounts and appoint the auditors for 2022. These were approved by the members.

## **5. Secretary's Report, presented by *Professor Pedro Cunha***

### **Membership update and applications to ratify for 2022**

P Cunha presented the membership numbers and noted that there has been a slight drop in numbers. The current numbers included those who have still not paid to date, members can still pay for the current year and he encouraged all colleagues to do this. It was also hoped that membership applications will increase, especially with the integration of VasAgeNet that is planned. Currently, there are members from 40 countries which is an excellent global split.

All new members listed below were endorsed unanimously.

Aleksandra Sylwia Klosinska	Jeremy Lagrange
Catherine Fortier	Karsten Königstein

Cédric Neutel	Michelle Meyer
Domonkos Cseh	Ryan Pewowaruk
Elif Oztemiz	Tanja Dudenbostel
Froso Sophocleous	Verena Dittrich
	Xela Dafaue Bouzo

### **Proposed membership fees for 2023**

This will be reviewed in 2023 by the Executive Committee.

#### **6. Young Investigator Update, presented by Dr Alessandro Giudici**

A Giudici confirmed that as well as the 55 students who are currently members there are approx. 50 Young Investigators in the Artery YI group. The YI AGM was held on Thursday and there was a discussion on the actions that could be implemented to help increase participation. Ideas included meeting more regularly online and a mentorship programme.

#### **7. Social Media and Communications update, presented by Dr Chloe Park**

C Parks presented her Artery communication plan for 2022-2023 which was to continue to increase the social media followers on the current platforms (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook), promote ARTERY23, continue with public engagement for the Vasular Ageing Awareness Week with VasAgeNet and welcomed more ideas for public engagement.

She also planned to communicate and disseminate the webinar series through the various social media channels and also upload to YouTube. Support of the ARTERY Journal through regular tweets about papers, lay summaries, interviews with authors, and editor highlights was also proposed.

#### **8. ARTERY Research Journal, presented by Professor John Cockcroft**

J Cockcroft noted that T Weber had already confirmed that the new contract with Springer Publishing was ready to be signed. He wished to thank J Scannell and A Graves from Conference Collective for their continued support and organising of the meetings.

The journal working committee is an excellent idea and he is looking forward to working with P Cunha to implement a strategy to reach the requirements for a successful submission to PubMed.

#### **9. AOB and Close of meeting**

There was no AOB, T Weber thanked all members for their support.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

Friday 6 October 2023, Bonn, Germany (TBC)