



## **Minutes of the General Assembly of the Diabetes and Nutrition Study Group – 39<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition, Athens, Greece, June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

The General Assembly convened 18<sup>th</sup> June at 16:30.

### **Welcome**

The members were welcomed by the Chairperson, Ursula Schwab, to the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the DNSG.

### **Website**

The website domain has been changed to: <https://dnsg-studygroup.eu/> following the recommendations of the EASD. Jordi and his team in Spain have made a new web page for the DNSG that is more user friendly and informative with a new logo not including the EASD. As we do not receive any support from the EASD anymore, the financial cost of the website will be covered by the organizers of the yearly meeting from now on. Jordi is suggested for a new role in the DNSG board as responsible for the web site and communications: Communications Officer. References to all Systematic Reviews and Meta Analyses that have been commissioned by the DNSG will be included on the website. In addition to this there will be another page with the "living guideline" where there will be links to the SRMAs and the published guideline(s).

### **DNSG Finance**

We introduce a new office in the board; Communications Officer instead of Treasurer as we are not allowed to have our own account according to new regulations by the EASD.

The rest of the money on our account (2171 Euro 3.january 2021) will be used to cover 2 x 1000 Euro for the young investigator awards. In addition, 2 x 500 Euro will be used for two Travel grants financed by the Toronto 3D Foundation.

### **DNSG members**

There were proposals for 12 new members whose formal criteria had been approved by the Scientific Secretary, Anne-Marie Aas. The new members, which were accepted by the General Assembly, are as follows:

- Emily Sonestedt, Associate Professor in nutrition epidemiology, associate senior lecturer Head of the research group Nutritional Epidemiology (Sweden)
- Jesús Francisco García-Gavilan, PhD, Post-Doctoral Researcher (Spain)
- Carlos Gómez-Martínez, PhD student (Spain)
- María Ángeles Martínez, PhD Post-Doctoral Researcher (Spain)
- Tany E. Garcidueñas Fimbres, PhD student (Spain)
- Cristina Valle Hita, PhD student (Spain)

- Indira Del Socorro Paz Graniel, Post-Doctoral Researcher (Spain)
- Jeffrey I. Mechanick, Professor of Medicine (USA)
- Meaghan Kavanagh, PhD candidate (Canada)
- Daniella Lee, MSc (Canada)
- Amna Ahmed, MSc (Canada)
- Giuseppina Costabile, PhD (Italy)

### **Executive Committee Elections**

Treasurer is changed to Communications Officer.

The constitution states that all board members serve for a 3-year term after which they would have to leave the board or be re-elected. Due to the Covid pandemic and DNSG membership and board being unable to meet in person, we have decided to extend our term as the sitting Board with one year. That means that Søren and Anne-Marie have past their term. Ursula has also past her term and will move to the position of Past chair, while Ulf is leaving the board as former Past chair.

As Ulf and Anne-Marie are leaving the board and Søren was for re-election for a new term, a written election was performed where the DNSG members that were present at the General Assembly voted between the following candidates (in alphabetic order) to become three new members of the board:

- i. Anne Raben (Denmark)
- ii. Andrew Reynolds (New Zealand)
- iii. Fredrik Rosqvist (Sweden)
- iv. Maria Lankinen (Finland)
- v. Stephan Kabisch (Germany)
- vi. Søren Gregersen (Denmark) re-election

The elected DNSG Board for 2022-2023 are:

Chairperson: Cyril Kendall  
 Vice-chairperson: Hana Kahleova  
 Scientific Secretary: Haris Dimosthenopoulos  
 Communications Officer: Jordi Salas Salvadó  
 Members: John Sievenpiper  
                   Anne Raben (Denmark)  
                   Andrew Reynolds (New Zealand)  
                   Maria Lankinen (Finland)  
 Past Chairperson: Ursula Schwab

### **Future DNSG Symposia on Diabetes and Nutrition**

The 2023 meeting will be held in Pula, Croatia and Dario Rahelic will organize the meeting. The 2024 meeting will be held in Sweden and organized by Ulf Riserus. Further meetings will be held in Canada 2025 (Cyril Kendall and John Sievenpiper), Spain 2026 (Jordi Salas Salvadó), Finland 2027 (Ursula Schwab and Maria Lankinen).

**DNSG presymposium at 58th EASD 2022, Stockholm, Sweden, Sep 19, 2022**

The board has accepted an invitation from the EASD to arrange a presymposium at the EASD in Stockholm this year and has put together a program that can be found at the EASD website: <https://www.easd.org/programme-2022.html>

We encourage all members to participate at this presymposium by attending the conference either in person or virtually.

### **Awards**

Professor Matti Uusitupa was awarded an Honorary membership in the DNSG for his longstanding commitment and outstanding contribution to the group.

The Young Investigator Awards and Travel Grants for excellent science and presentation at this year's meeting were awarded at the galadinner after the General Assembly. This year's recipients were:

#### **Young Investigators:**

Elena Tore (Netherlands)

Carlos Gomez-Martinez (Spain)

#### **Travel Grants:**

Ni Jiaqi (Spain)

Bettina Schuppelius (Germany)

Ursula Schwab  
Chairperson DNSG