

Executive Committee:

President: Prof Stefan Post **President Elect:** Prof Emmanuel Tiret **President in Waiting:** Prof Ethem Gecim
Immediate Past President: Prof Yury Shelygin **Secretary:** Prof Eloy Espin Basany **Treasurer:** Prof Paul-Antoine Lehur
Ass. Treasurer: Filippo La Torre **Journal Representative:** Mr Peter Dawson **UEMS Representative:** Prof Dieter Hahnloser
Programme Committee Chair: Prof Anna Martling **Education Committee Chair:** Prof Klaus Matzel **Website Committee Chair:** Dr Julius Orhalmi
Research Committee Chair: Prof Dion Morton **Membership Committee Chair:** Prof Ethem Gecim **External Relations Chair:** Prof Per J Nilsson
Guidelines Committee Chair: Carolynne Vaizey

Minutes of the ESCP Annual General Meeting Held at The Convention Centre, Dublin, Ireland on Thursday 25 September 2015

1 PRESENT

Refer to appendix 1 for a list of attendees

2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ESCP President Yury Shelygin welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked ESCP Past President and local organiser Prof Ronan O'Connell for his assistance in organising a successful 10th Scientific and Annual Meeting. He began his report by reflecting on ESCP's achievements and highlights from 2014/2015.

2.1 Pre-Congress Workshops: Prof Shelygin reported on ESCP's first Pre-Congress Courses, which had taken place the day preceding the Official Opening of the Annual and Scientific Meeting. The two courses, Laparoscopic Skills and Proctology Operative Skills Courses, had been popular and initial feedback from participants was very positive. He thanked ESCP Diamond sponsor Ethicon, for their support and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland for their kind hospitality in hosting the Laparoscopic Skills Course.

2.2 Inaugural ESCP MasterClass: Prof Shelygin reflected on the first ESCP MasterClass, in cooperation with the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO), and with the support of the Russian Coloproctology Association, as a very successful event. He said that the MasterClass, held in Moscow, Russia in April 2015, was an important meeting in Russia and in the coloproctology calendar due to its powerful scientific programme. Prof Shelygin also mentioned the use of simultaneous translation between Russian and English as an important feature in its success.

2.3 ESCP Dublin: Prof Shelygin reflected on the success of ESCP's 10th Anniversary Scientific & Annual Meeting. The conference was the largest to date, with more participants than ever before. He felt that the strong scientific programme has attracted more participants, and had led to ESCP becoming a more powerful organisation. He went on to thank ESCP sub-committee members for their teamwork throughout the year, which has culminated in a very successful meeting.

Prof Shelygin concluded his report by calling on Secretary Eloy Espin Basany to lead the rest of the meeting.

3 SECRETARY'S REPORT

Eloy Espin Basany thanked Yury Shelygin and extended his personal welcome to members.

4 MINUTES OF THE AGM IN BARCELONA ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

Prof Espin Basany asked members if the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting in Barcelona on 25 September 2014 could be approved. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

5 IN MEMORY OF LATE ESCP MEMBERS

Prof Espin Basany expressed his sadness upon hearing of the passing of Prof Jean-Claude Givel and Prof Yehiel 'Chilik' Ziv. He reflected on their loyal support of the Society and sent his sincere sympathy and regards to the families of both Prof Givel and Prof Ziv.

6 ADJUSTMENT TO ESCP RULES

6.1 Formalisation of Guidelines Committee: Prof Espin Basany asked all members present to formally ratify the Guidelines Working Group as an ESCP sub-committee. There were no objections from members present and the request was approved.

6.2 Formalisation of Nominations Committee: Prof Espin Basany asked all members present to formally ratify the Nominations Working Group as an ESCP sub-committee. There were no objections from members present and the request was approved.

7 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Membership Levels: Prof Espin Basany reported that there had been a 32% increase in membership levels within the last year. He showed slides (*appended*) to illustrate the growth in ESCP's regions. He said that this growth was a combined effort by the Executive Committee, sub-committees and members and thanked them all for their support.

7.1 Honorary Member Update: Prof Espin Basany advised that honorary membership would be awarded the following day to Koutarou Maeda, Mike Parker, and Steven Wexner.

7.2 EBSQ Fellow Introduction: Prof Espin Basany advised that ESCP members who are successful in the EBSQ examination will now be regarded as ESCP Fellows, and will receive one year of complimentary ESCP membership for the corresponding year ahead.

8 NEW WORKING GROUPS

8.1 EXTERNAL RELATIONS/WEBSITE COMMITTEE AMALGAMATION (TO COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP): Prof Espin Basany informed members present that the Executive Committee propose for the External Relations and Website sub-committees will combine to form a new 'Ad-Hoc' Communications Working Group, to be formalised as a committee next year. This new group will have cross-committee representation and will be chaired by Professor Per Nilsson.

8.2 REGIONAL EVENTS WORKING GROUP: Due to the success of the inaugural MasterClass, Prof Espin Basany advised that a new cross-committee Regional Events Working Group has been formed, chaired by Professor Paul Antoine Lehur. This group will be formalised next year and will be responsible for organising localised events within ESCP, the second of which is to be held in Poland in October 2016.

9 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prof Espin Basany referred members to a separate document outlining sub-committee reports for Education, Research, Website, Guidelines, Membership and Journal which had been compiled in the interest of time, and were available at the registration desk (*see appendix*).

10 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Prof Espin Basany outlined the new Executive Committee appointments:

- **President in Waiting:** the Executive nominated Professor Ethem Gecim
- **Programme Committee Chair:** the Executive nominated Professor Anna Martling to succeed Professor Donato Altomare
- **Assistant Treasurer:** the Executive nominated Professor Filippo La Torre to succeed Professor Paul Antoine Lehur as Treasurer in one year's time

These appointments were proposed by Stefan Post, and seconded by Giovanni Romano and agreed by all members present.

Prof Espin Basany thanked those stepping down from the Executive and thanked them for their commitment to the Society, and their hard work. He invited Ronan O'Connell, Past President, and

Donato Altomare, Programme Committee Chair, to the stage, and they were duly thanked by members for their dedicated service to the Society.

Prof Espin Basany outlined the new Ordinary Members of Council:

10.2 **Regional Representatives:**

- Western Regional representative: Karen Nugent was nominated to replace Joao Pimentel
- Eastern Regional Representative: Dursun Buğra* was nominated to replace Kaspars Snippe

10.3 **National Representatives:**

- Martina Lemmerer was nominated to replace Sebastian Roka as the National Representative for Austria
- Gunnar Baatrup was nominated to replace Peter-Martin Krarup as the National Representative for Denmark
- Geza Papp was nominated to replace Istvan Beszynak as the National Representative for Hungary
- Juan Garcia Armengol was nominated to replace Gervasio Salgado as the National Representative for Spain
- Leonid Bilianskyi was nominated to replace Volodymyr Andriets as the National Representative for Ukraine

There were no objections and the appointments were approved by all members present.

*After the Annual General Meeting it was noted that Dragomir Dardanov was the intended nominee for the Regional Representative of the Eastern region. He will assume office with immediate effect and will be confirmed at the next Annual Meeting in Istanbul.

10.4 **ESCP UEG REPRESENTATIVES:**

Prof Espin Basany confirmed changes to ESCP's UEG Representatives. From the end of 2015, ESCP representatives on the UEG Programme and UEG Education Committee will also represent ESCP at the UEG General Assembly. The changes are as follows:

- Giovanni Romano steps down in December 2015 as General Assembly Representative.
- Dieter Hahnloser will replace Willem Bemelman as ESCP's UEG Programme Committee representative with immediate effect.
- Harald Rosen will replace Najib Haboubi as ESCP's UEG Education Committee representative from January 2016.

Prof Espin Basany concluded his report by calling on Treasurer Paul-Antoine Lehur to lead the rest of the meeting.

11 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Paul Lehur thanked Eloy Espin Basany and extended his personal welcome to members.

11.1 Year-end funds estimate: Prof Lehur gave an overview of conference and membership budget areas, which generate surplus funds for the "other" (special projects) and investment categories. He advised that there are now substantial funds in place and showed a projected funds estimate for the end of year 2015 of over €1m, increasing from the 2014 year end position of €1,190,000.

11.2 **Budget update Dublin**

Prof Lehur advised that whilst the original budget had projected a small profit of €22,000, due to increased sponsorship and registration levels, the meeting was now expected to yield a profit of approximately €230,052 which is an excellent result.

11.3 Categorisation of Budget: Prof Lehur explained that Integrity International fees were increasing due to the growing tasks of the Society. He informed members that ESCP's contract with Integrity International Events had recently been audited and approved by Mac Dolan & Associates Ltd and will be reviewed again in 2017 after another audit process.

Prof Lehur also advised members that ESCP are now seeking to invest funds. Prof Mike Parker, Prof Giovanni Romano, Prof Filippo La Torre and Prof Paul-Antoine Lehur, will oversee a review of the investment of funds twice yearly.

- 11.4 Istanbul preliminary forecast:** Prof Lehur proposed that that conference registration fees will remain the same as 2015, and ESCP anticipate over 1000 delegates at the conference. He also advised members that €60,747 had already been paid for the booking.
- 11.5 Future financial perspectives:** Prof Lehur advised members of ESCP's mid-long term financial perspectives. He showed slides (*appended*) to illustrate how ESCP could distribute money to ESCP sub-committees. He added that the Research Committee had received Executive approval for €100,000 as a fund to recruit a Data Manager. In addition, he illustrated how the Society might now set aside funds for sub-committee projects given its healthy position, subject to them setting out a clear business plan proposal/objectives and budgets required.
- He ended by assuring members of the Society's robust financial health, and looked forward to the year ahead. There were no questions, and the report was agreed by all members present.
- Prof Lehur concluded his report by calling on the Chair of the Trustees Giovanni Romano to report for the Trustees.
- 12 TRUSTEE'S REPORT**
- Prof Romano began his report by paying tribute to late Trustee Prof Jean-Claude Givel, saying that his thoughts and sympathies were with his family.
- 12.1 Update on Trustee Changes:**
- Prof Romano informed members of the changes to ESCP Trustees. The changes are as follows:
- Central region: Thomas Schiedeck becomes Trustee and joins continuing Trustees Giovanni Romano and Torbjorn Holm
 - Eastern region: Algimantas Tamelis is to demit office and be replaced by Evgeny Rybakov. Prong Rybakov joins continuing Trustees Tom Scheinin and Adam Dziki
 - Western region: Mike Parker is to continue in office for a further 3 years, and continues with Trustees Sebastiano Biondo and Julio Leite
- 12.2 FINANCIAL & RISK Management:**
- Prof Romano also notified members that the Trustees were pleased with the Society's financial and risk management. He highlighted the external audit carried out in May had been an effective tool and the Trustees were very pleased and satisfied with the outcome.
- 13 INAUGURATION OF NEW PRESIDENT**
- Yury Shelygin welcomed Stefan Post as the new incoming President and invited him to address the members. Professor Post said that he was very happy to be elected as President of such a prestigious Society. He said that with the support of ESCP's Executive committee and sub-committees, he hoped it will be a very successful year.
- 14 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**
- Stefan Post asked members to approve the re-election of Whitelaw Wells as Auditors to the Society, there were no objections and was agreed by all members present.
- Yury Shelygin proclaimed the meeting closed.
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
- Thursday 29th September 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey.

APPENDIX 1a – LIST OF ATTENDEES (MEMBERS)

First Name	Last Name	Country
Sergei	Achkasov	Russia
Michel	Adamina	Switzerland
Samar	Alhomoud	Saudi Arabi
Ingo	Alldinger	Germany
Donato	Altomare	Italy
Volodymyr	Andriiets	Ukraine
Tomaz	Benedik	Slovenia
Istvan	Besznyak	Hungary
Sebastiano	Biondo	Spain
Richard	Brady	UK
Dursun	Bugra	Turkey
Atila	Bursics	Hungary
Stanislav	Chernysov	Russia
Dragomir	Dardonov	Bulgaria
Paola	de Nardi	Italy
Philemon	Dikki	UK
Marc	Duinslaeger	Belgium
Mohamed	Elhemaly	Egypt
Jose	Enriquez-Navassares	Spain
Alois	Fuerst	Germany
Mark	Gimbel	USA
Nickolaos	Gouvas	Greece
Friedrich	Herbst	Austria
Torbjorn	Holm	Sweden
Roberto	Iachetta	Italy
Aldo	Infantino	Italy
Fernando	Jimenez	Spain
Ioannis	Karaitianos	Greece
Miklos	Kassai	Turkey
Amir	Keshvari	Iran
Yanislav	Kolev	Sweden
Pavle	Kosorok	Slovenia
Danko	Kostadinov	Bulgaria
Esther	Kreisler	Spain
Irmgard	Kronberger	Austria
Filippo	La Torre	Italy
Marco	La Torre	Italy
Tadas	Latkauskas	Lithuania
Julio	Leite	Portugal
Trost	Leonid	Israel
Gudrun	Lindmark	Sweden
Paulius	Lizdenis	Lithuania
Koutarou	Maeda	Japan
Yasuko	Maeda	UK
Sabry	Mahmoud	Egypt



Antonio	Manso	Portugal
Sheila	Martins	Portugal
Anna	Martling	Sweden
Svilen	Maslyankov	Bulgaria
Peter	Matthiessen	Sweden
Klaus	Matzel	Germany
Piercarlo	Meinero	Italy
Liene	Melberga	Latvia
Sean	Menezes	UK
Diederick	Meyelmans	Belgium
Heidi	Misteli	Switzerland
Alex	Moskalev	Russia
Milica	Nestorovic	Serbia
Per	Nilsson	Sweden
Ronan	O'Connell	Ireland
Julius	Orhalmi	Czech Republic
Geza	Papp	Hungary
Mike	Parker	UK
Andrejs	Pcolkins	Latvia
Damiano	Pennissi	Italy
Andreas	Pink	Germany
Sergii	Podpriatov	Ukraine
Stefan	Post	Germany
Apollo	Pronk	Netherlands
Andrew	Renaut	Australia
Giovanni	Romano	Italy
Michele	Rubbini	Italy
Roland	Scherer	Germany
Zuzana	Serclova	Czech Republic
Irshad	Shaikh	UK
Masau	Shinozaki	Japan
Matej	Skrovina	Czech Republic
Manol	Sokolov	Bulgaria
Goran	Stanojevic	Serbia
Daniel	Sterzing	Germany
Raimund	Struhal	Austria
Saulius	Svagzdys	Lithuania
Imre	Svastics	Hungary
Emiko	Takehita	Japan
Algimantas	Tamelis	Lithuania
Annarita	Totaro	Italy
Birsan	Tudor	Austria
Armen	Vardanyan	Russia
Jorg	Weber	Germany
Elroy	Weledji	Cameroon
Evaghelos	Xynos	Greece
David	Zimmerman	Netherlands

APPENDIX 1b – LIST OF ATTENDEES (NON-MEMBERS)


First Name	Surname	Country
Paolo	Arteri	Italy
V	Dyska	Czech Republic
Ajay	Gupta	UK
Dejhole	Jon	Czech Republic
In Kyu	Lee	South Korea
Mariana	Mordes	Mexico
Larisse	Orlova	Russia
Julio	Padaconsiauvinov	Greece
Manuel	Ribeino	Portugal
Enrico		Italy
		Denmark
		Denmark

APPENDIX 2: AGM PRESENTATION

Slide 1



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ESCP Annual General Meeting
Thursday 24 September 2015
Dublin, Ireland

President's Welcome & Report

ESCP President: Yury Shelygin

Minutes of the last meeting Thursday 25 September 14

ESCP Secretary: Eloy Espin Basany

Secretary's report

In memory...



Jean-Claude Givel



Yehiel "Chilik" Ziv

Adjustment to ESCP Rules

Formalisation of the two following committees, which have operated as "Ad-Hoc" working groups:

- **Guidelines Committee**

Chair: Carolynne Vaizey

Members: Willem Bemelman, Klaus Matzel, Per J Nilsson

- **Nominations Committee**

Chair: Past President

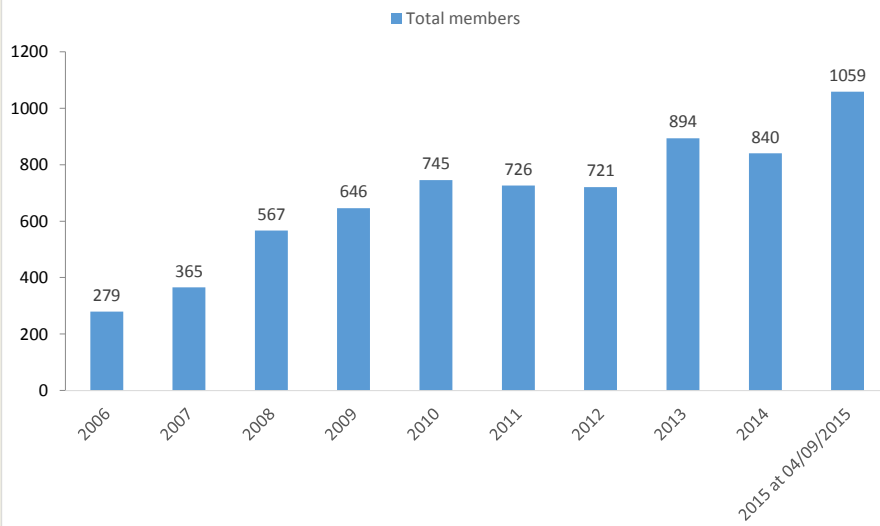
Members: Secretary, Chair of Trustees, Chairs of Membership & External Relations Committees + 1 Regional Representative from eastern, central and western regions

Membership Update



ESCP Secretary: Eloy Espin Basany

Year to Year Membership View



Secretary's report

- **Honorary member update**
- **ESCP Fellow status for all EBSQ exam holders – from 2016**

Secretary's report

Planned Committee structural changes

Combining External Relations & Website Committees to become one Communications Committee

- **Forming as a working group for the next year with responsibility for ESCP's overall communications strategy**, and covering associated society liaison, public relations, ESCP website and app
- **Formed of cross-committee representation:**
Chaired by Per Nilsson
Committee members: Julius Orhalmi (website) Peter Dawson (Journal representative), ESCP Secretary + representatives from Education, Membership, Programme, Research + a Trainee/Young member
- **"Ad-hoc" until September 16** – to be formally approved by members at the AGM 2016

Secretary's report

Planned Committee structural changes

Regional Events Working Group

- Responsibility for ESCP's developing regional events
- Comprising cross-committee representation
 - Education, programme, research, communications, membership + Secretary + Chair (Paul Antoine Lehur)
 - Smaller working groups will be allocated as Project teams for specific meetings depending on location
 - "Ad-hoc" until September 16 – to be formally approved by members at the AGM 2016

Secretary's report

Sub-committee reports are available as a handout, if you have not received one please ask at Registration

Executive Officers stepping down

- **Ronan O'Connell – Immediate Past President**
- **Donato Altomare – Programme Committee Chair**

Election of New Executive Officers

- **President - Stefan Post**
- **President Elect - Emmanuel Tiret**
- **President in Waiting (Eastern region) - Ethem Gecim**
- **Past President – Yury Shelygin**
- **Chair Programme Committee – Anna Martling**
- **Assistant Treasurer – Filippo La Torre**

Membership Committee Changes

Chair: Ethem Gecim	
Regional Representatives	Stepping down
Marc Duislaeger (West)	Kaspars Snippe (East)
Marek Szczepkowski (East)	Joao Pimentel (West)
Filippo La Torre (Central)	New Regional Representatives
Mikael Machado (Central)	Dursun Bugra (East)
	Karen Nugent (West)

Outgoing/Incoming National Representatives

	Outgoing	Incoming
Austria	Sebastian Roka	Martina Lemmerer
Denmark	Peter-Martin Krarup	Gunnar Baatrup
Hungary	István Besznyák	Geza Papp
Spain	Gervasio Selgado	Juan García Armengol
Ukraine	Volodymyr Andriets	Leonid Bilianskyi

ESCP's UEG Representatives

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Treasurer's Report

Paul Antoine Lehur
ESCP Treasurer



Treasurer's Update

- Year end funds position for 2014
- Dublin 2015 profit projection
- Year end 2015 projected funds position
- Preliminary budget for Istanbul 2016
- ESCP investment & prospective

Budget Categorisation

	1 Membership	2 Conference	3 Others	4 Investment
Income	Membership fees	Conf. fees & Sponsorship	Grants + <i>allocated funds from profit in 1+2+4</i>	Annual cash return
Expenditure	Exec & Council expenses Integrity fees Membership Office Overheads 30%	Conference expenses Integrity fees Conference Office Overheads 70%	Integrity fees Sub-com: • Research • Educational • Comm & Web • Guidelines	Invested funds (ING – Lux.)

2014 Year-End Reserves

ESCP report 2015	€
Reserves at end of 2010	391,000
Reserves at end of 2011	609,000
Reserves at end of 2012	694,000
Reserves at end of 2013	893,750
Reserves at end of 2014	1,190,000
Estimated 2014 income	
Projected 2014 year end reserves <i>before deduction of 2014 non conference costs</i>	1,062,430

Final consolidated income 2014: €326,370

2015 Year End Reserves

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Estimated 2015 income	158,050
Projected 2015 year-end reserves <i>before deduction of 2015 non-conference costs</i>	1,348,050

Budget update for DUBLIN 2015



2015 Venue
CCD, DUBLIN

Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 September 2015

Conference Budget DUBLIN as per Sept. 2015

	Copenhagen	Vienna	Belgrade	Barcelona	Dublin
Income					
Registration income	€694,254	€868,650	€745,225	€746,831	€1.124,276
Sponsorship income	€379,090	€432,700	€445,225	€357,600	€550,790
	€315,165	€320,000	€300,000	€390,000	€567,436*
Expenditure					
Venue hire	€94,782	€92,400	€61,320	€86,000	€115,743
Catering	€157,061	€170,160	€133,462	€245,200	€333,287
Other (AV, speakers, fees...)	€355,746	€378,740	€170,000	€386,350	€45,193
Profit	€86,665	€136,400	€212,200	€280,800	€230,052

Of note: initial Barcelona and Dublin forecast : around €22,000

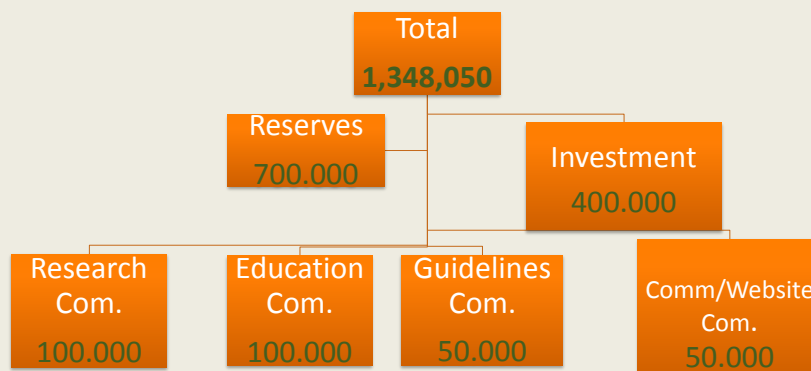
* Karl Storz: new sponsor

Budget for Istanbul 2015

- Same registration rates as for 2014
- Forecast of 1000+ delegates
- Already paid for booking: €60,747



ESCP Financial Perspectives



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10th
ANNIVERSARY
MEETING

ESCP Trustees Report
Giovanni Romano, Chair



ESCP Annual General Meeting ESCP Trustees Overview

Region	Continuing in Office	Demitting office/ replaced by
Central region	Giovanni Romano (chair) Torbjörn Holm	<i>Incoming</i> Thomas Schiedeck
Eastern region	Tom Scheinin Adam Dziki	Algimantas Tamelis <i>Replaced by</i> Evgeny Rybakov
Western region	Mike Parker Sebastiano Biondo Julio Leite	<i>Mike Parker continuing in office for a further 3 years</i>

Appointment of Auditors Whitelaw Wells



Inauguration of new President Stefan Post

Introduced by outgoing President
Yury Shelygin

Thank you for attending!

Date of next AGM:
Thursday 29 September 2016 in Istanbul