

Executive Committee

President: Prof Z. Krivokapic **President Elect:** Prof S. Laurberg **President in Waiting:** Prof Ronan O'Connell
Immediate Past President: Prof F Penninckx **Treasurer:** Prof T. Schiedeck **Secretary:** Mr Peter Dawson **Journal Representative:** Prof N. Haboubi **Scientific Committee Chairman:** Prof E. Tiret **Ass. Scientific Chairman:** Prof Donato Altomare **UEMS Representative:** Prof K Matzel
Research Committee Chair: Prof S. Laurberg **Non-Exec. Membership Officer:** Prof S. Post **Website Committee Chair:** Mr M. Kassai

MINUTES OF ESCP ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday 24 September 2011

Copenhagen, Denmark

1 Present

See appendix 1

2 President's Welcome and Report

2.1 Prof Penninckx welcomed all to the meeting and then went on to thank personally Lindsey Whitehouse for all her assistance, presenting her with a gift. Prof Penninckx then thanked Prof Ronan O'Connell for all his work as Secretary, also presenting him with a gift.

2.2 Prof Penninckx then mentioned the growth of ESCP together with its official journal Colorectal Disease and outlined that although co-ownership of the Journal with ESCP had been discussed, it was decided not to pursue this. The subject has, however, been left open for possible future discussion.

2.3 Prof Penninckx described how ESCP is becoming more respected and mentioned future participation in the Tripartite 2014 meeting in Birmingham as well as a place in the International Council for Coloproctology.

2.4 Prof Penninckx then outlined how ESCP had been successful in re-establishing the relationship with Ethicon, Johnson & Johnson (as an important sponsor), but that details would be confirmed by the Treasurer in due course.

2.5 Prof Penninckx then reported that the incoming Secretary, Prof Johann Pfeifer, had tendered his resignation for health reasons and gave his thanks to Mr Peter Dawson for agreeing to step in to the role with immediate effect.

Prof Ronan O'Connell thanked Prof Penninckx for all his work in his presidency over the past year.

3 Minutes of the last meeting were approved with no matters arising.

Proposed by Mr Peter Dawson and seconded by Prof Zoran Krivokapic.

4 4.1 Special Resolutions/Adjustments to ESCP Rules

Delete rule 6.2 which is now obsolete

Prof O'Connell outlined the reasons for deleting rule 6.2 (see appendix 2, slide 6). This was proposed by Prof Hector Ortiz and seconded by Prof Søren Laurberg.

4.2 Amend rule 8.1 to include the Immediate Past President in the Executive

Prof O’Connell outlined the wish to include immediate past presidents in the Executive to maintain the experience and wisdom within the Executive for an additional year (see appendix 2, slide 7). This was proposed by Prof Hector Ortiz and seconded by Prof Zoran Krivokapic. No objections, motion was passed.

4.2 Delete rule 4.9 – Annual Membership shall be payable on 31st January each year

Prof O’Connell outlined the reasons to change this to a rolling subscription:-

- Electronic/online membership allows you to join at any time throughout the year.
- Rolling subscription gives 12 months membership regardless of when you join.

Prof O’Connell also explained that annual membership running from date of payment is already covered under rule 4.10, so no additional rule is required. This was proposed by Prof Giovanni Romano, seconded by Prof Peer Wille-Jorgensen. No objections, motion passed.

5 Secretary’s Report

5.1 Prof O’Connell confirmed that Prof Johann Pfeifer had resigned from the incoming Secretary position due to health issues and that Mr Peter Dawson will now replace him in this role. Prof O’Connell expressed his personal thanks to Mr Dawson for stepping into this role so swiftly.

5.2 Membership Committee

Prof O’Connell gave notice that it is the intention of the Executive to propose changes to rules next year, in particular with regard to the formation of a Membership Committee, led by Prof Stefan Post, Membership Officer.

National Representatives will form Regional sub-groups within the Membership Committee and these groups will meet before the Council meeting to discuss any regional issues. These groups will therefore be required to be formalised within the rules.

5.3 External Affairs Committee

Prof O’Connell outlined the desire for Council to form an External Affairs Committee as a result of ESCP becoming increasingly engaged with external organisations and the need therefore for ESCP to be represented appropriately. Prof O’Connell described how this is a mark of ESCP becoming more recognised as the voice of colorectal surgery not only in Europe but also elsewhere.

5.3 Website Committee – membership of Executive

Prof O’Connell raised the issue of a change to rules regarding the membership of Executive to include chairman of Website Committee ‘ex officio’ in the Executive. This appears to be an oversight in the current rules which will be corrected next year. No objections were raised.

5.4 Location of Winter Council & Executive meeting

Prof O’Connell explained that the winter council meeting has traditionally taken place in Vienna, but that some council members have had difficulty with travelling to and from Vienna in one day, resulting in additional expense to the society in overnight accommodation.

Prof O'Connell outlined the proposal for the winter meeting to be moved to a more central European 'transport hub' and that Frankfurt had been agreed as the most central location. Prof O'Connell then explained that on the recommendation of the Executive, Council has approved the winter meeting be moved to Frankfurt and that this will result in a saving of approximately €4,000.00 in overall expenses for travel and accommodation. No objections were raised.

5.5 Membership Book

Prof O'Connell encouraged members to hold on to their membership book as a valuable addition due to its content, i.e.

- Contact details for all members
- Rules and Constitution information easily accessible at the back

Prof O'Connell added that members may come to rely on the new website for this information, but that the book has been a significant addition to the Society.

5.6 Fellowships & Bursaries

Japanese Society

Prof O'Connell reported the continuation of the reciprocal relationship with the Japanese Society and their sponsorship of this year's successful applicant, Mr Samson Tou, who will present at the JSCP annual meeting in November 2011.

Prof O'Connell also acknowledged Dr Hiroyoshi Matsuoka as this year's visiting Japanese guest of ESCP who presented his abstract just before The Six Best in Copenhagen.

ASCRS

Prof Ronan O'Connell reported that ESCP has a good ongoing relationship with ASCRS and acknowledged the participation of their President, Steven Wexner at this year's meeting and expressed his hope for next year's incoming president to participate in ESCP 2012.

Prof O'Connell outlined the reciprocity between ESCP and ASCRS; that the Best Paper from the ASCRS meeting is now presented at the ESCP meeting. He detailed that Dr Matthew Kalady from Cleveland Clinic, Ohio presented this year in Copenhagen and the expectation is for the winner of The Six Best in Copenhagen to present at the next ASCRS meeting.

Pre-Conference Placements (sponsored by Covidien)

Prof O'Connell acknowledged the continued support of Covidien for the Pre-Conference Trainee Placements of which there were 8 successful applicants this year. Prof O'Connell gave thanks to the Danish and Swedish centres which hosted the placements (in Copenhagen and Malmo) and encouraged members to remind trainees to apply for future opportunities.

Clinical Attachments

Prof O'Connell outlined the generous offer from Medtronic to contribute to a number of bursaries that ESCP will develop this year – the plan is to provide €10K to 5 individuals in order to facilitate a 3 month clinical attachment for each, with an emphasis on dysfunctional disorders on 4 of the 5.

Prof O'Connell explained that the first step would be to look for units around Europe who wish to apply as a centre – a proforma will be developed for this. He then went on to detail the expectations of this clinical attachment:-

- The individual would be expected to become part of the team
- The individual would be mentored in operative techniques
- The individual would learn new techniques and skills

Prof O'Connell expressed the desire of the Executive to increase these clinical attachments to up to 10 each year and that centres should present their proposals using a template which will be provided by ESCP.

5.7 External Relations

ASCRS

Prof O'Connell explained that the reciprocal agreement between ASCRS and ESCP extends to allowing ESCP members access to a reduced rate of registration for the ASCRS meeting and vice versa.

European National Societies

Prof O'Connell added at this point that he had been approached by a number of National Representatives on why this reciprocity could not be extended to National Societies. He explained that ESCP is a society of individuals and not the overall representative body for the National Societies. Prof O'Connell highlighted that, under the Charities Law, member subscriptions for the Society must cover the operating costs and for this reason it is not possible to extend the reciprocity further. Prof O'Connell confirmed that it was from a strategic standpoint that ESCP wished to develop reciprocity with ASCRS.

Tripartite Meeting

Prof O'Connell confirmed that the next Tripartite meeting will take place in Birmingham, UK in 3 years' time and thereafter there may be a move to have a bi-annual meeting. He added that there may be future plans to include ESCP in a Quad-partite Meeting.

SECCO

Prof O'Connell explained that SECCO wants to develop a presence within ESCP and to develop an ongoing relationship. Prof O'Connell confirmed that ESCP welcomes this development and will be something for the proposed External Affairs committee to develop further.

UEGF

Prof O'Connell acknowledged the ongoing relationship with UEGF and the financial benefits of this being that of a €25K donation per year. Prof O'Connell explained the reciprocal element being ESCP's presence at the UEGF Council and various committees as well as at the annual UEGF meeting. Prof O'Connell confirmed that there will be a stand representing ESCP at the forthcoming Digestive Diseases week in Stockholm, as part of the 'Village' of societies.

ESSO (European Society of Surgical Oncology)

Prof O'Connell reported on the proposal from ESSO to provide global membership for members of ESCP to ESSO with a modest donation from ESCP. Prof O'Connell confirmed that the ESCP Council has agreed to this proposal and is a matter for the new External Affairs to develop further.

ICF (International Colorectal Forum), Verbier

Prof O'Connell outlined the proposal from ICF for ESCP to adopt the ICF meeting as their winter clinical meeting as well as the venue for the council and executive meeting. He explained that the ESCP Executive had brought recommendation to Council not to endorse this meeting for the following reasons:-

- ESCP do not have control over the programme nor seek it
- ESCP would not wish to restrict themselves to one venue which may be seen as an elitist resort given its location (ski resort)
- ESCP would not wish to exclude members from attending due to cost implications

Prof O'Connell confirmed that although ESCP are happy to advertise the ICF meeting, they do not endorse it as a society nor do they wish to adopt it.

Prof Najib Haboubi confirmed at this point that the decision regarding the ICF is not a specific or personal, but a policy which applies to all societies. Prof O'Connell concurred with Prof Haboubi and went on to confirm that ESCP policy states that as a society it does not endorse individual society or hospital meetings.

6 Website Report

6.1 Mr Miklos Kassai reported that the new website had now been launched, reminding members that their login details had been reset and emailed to them for reference. He confirmed that login details for all members are as follows:-

- Username: (email address)
- Temporary Password: escpuser

and asked members to change their password once logged in.

6.2 Mr Miklos Kassai then reported that aside from the new design of the website itself, the background benefits of the new member database which allows easier management and filtering of data. He also made reference to the new payment system which is much safer than the previous system.

6.3 Mr Miklos Kassai outlined that there had been various issues arising as a result of the new website development, one of which was the membership renewal. He also explained that the option of online membership had been raised, but that a decision on this has not yet been reached. Mr Kassai invited members to forward any comments to the Executive on the option of an online membership and outlined that the value of such a membership may be felt in the Eastern European countries in particular if it could be provided at a reduced rate to the standard membership.

- 6.4** Mr Miklos Kassai expressed his hope that the website would become one of the most important places for the cross-recognition of other societies as a result of the new Member Network and encouraged other societies to reciprocate on this basis, mentioning the Japanese, Asian and American societies as well as all over the world. He also outlined the potential for the website to make the whole idea international.
- 6.5** Mr Miklos Kassai explained that unfortunately the website launch had been delayed and this had not allowed sufficient time for any necessary tweaking, asking members to bear with ESCP while any minor issues were ironed out.
- 6.6** Mr Miklos Kassai outlined future plans for the website as follows:-
- Increased activity – members were encouraged to add content to the website to assist in making the most of the facility
 - Website Polls – the first of which will be ideas for ESCP Vienna 2012
 - Greater functionality – web events, specialties
 - Job Opportunities – local, national or international, e.g. research posts
 - Virtual Booth – attracting industry to exhibit their product/s in a 'virtual booth' area of the website with the possibility of revenue coming from this. Emphasis was placed on the importance of not allowing such 'exhibitors' to pester members.
- 6.7** Mr Miklos Kassai confirmed that there is still a vacancy for an Eastern European member on the Website Committee in order to balance out the representation.

Prof Ronan O'Connell acknowledged the volume of work which had been involved in the development of the new website and thanked Mr Kassai for his involvement.

7 Membership Update

Prof O'Connell gave apologies on behalf of Prof Stefan Post (Membership Officer) who was unable to present due to other commitments.

On behalf of Prof Post, Prof O'Connell reported that membership had stabilised at just over 700, with 70% of members in only 7 countries in the Western and Central areas. Prof O'Connell highlighted the strongest countries which make up over 50% of membership (see appendix 2, slide 17) and the importance of reaching more of a balance in membership across all regions.

Prof O'Connell acknowledged that by country, membership in the UK is at least 3 times greater than any other and how important it is that membership is encouraged in other countries.

Prof O'Connell reported that there have been losses in membership in some countries over the past year and also that per million inhabitants, the Scandinavian and Baltic states all have the highest number of members. He also mentioned that Germany, France, Italy and Spain all have a bit of work to do to increase membership.

8 8.1 Prof O’Connell outlined forthcoming appointments for President and other ongoing officer positions as follows:

President – Zoran Krivokapic
President Elect – Søren Laurberg
Immediate Past President – Freddy Penninckx
Treasurer – Thomas Schiedeck (demits 2013)
Scientific Committee Chair – Emmanuel Tiret (demits (2012)
Research Committee Chair – Søren Laurberg (demits 2012)
Website Committee – Miklos Kassai (demits 2014)
Journal Representative – Najib Haboubi
Training & Education Committee Chair – Lars Pålman (demits 2012)

Prof O’Connell confirmed that Prof Najib Haboubi is a permanent appointment as he is nominated via the Journal rather than by ESCP.

8.2 Election of Officer and Executive Committee Members

President in Waiting – Prof Ronan O’Connell (2013-14)
Secretary – Mr Peter Dawson
UEMS Representative – Prof Klaus Matzel
Assistant Scientific Committee Chair – Prof Donato Altomare

Prof O’Connell expressed his gratitude to the Executive for their nomination to appoint him as President in Waiting for 2013-14 and detailed new appointments (as above), highlighting that Prof Donato Altomare will succeed Prof Emmanuel Tiret as Scientific Committee Chair at next year’s conference. All new appointments were proposed by Prof Giovanni Romano and seconded by Dr Anna Martling. No objections, motion carried.

8.3 National Representatives

Prof O’Connell highlighted that the following 4 National Representatives will continue in office:-

- Greece – Ioannis Karaitianos
- Romania – Viorel Scripcariu
- Slovakia – Jozef Korcek
- Spain - Jose Enriquez Navascues

Professor O’Connell welcomed and congratulated the new National Representatives taking office, as:

- Finland – Arto Rantala
- France – Jean-Luc Faucheron
- Germany – Alexander Herold
- Latvia – Ints Bruneniekš
- Lithuania - Zilvinas Saladzinskas
- Norway – Hartvig Kørner
- Portugal – Pedro Correia da Silva
- Russia – Evgeny Rybakov
- Serbia – Goran Stanojevic
- Slovenia – Mirko Omejc
- Sweden – Mikael Machado
- United Kingdom – Paris Tekkis

9 9.1 Treasurer's Report

Prof Thomas Schiedeck outlined the current position:

- Reserves at end 2009: €391,000
- Membership 2010: 775
- Income at Year End 2010: €66,720

Prof Schiedeck reported that the income at the end of 2010 was necessary to cover all administration costs. Estimated surplus for 2010 was €49,400 but the additional expenditure mostly on the website deposit as well as the Membership Book, had left an actual surplus of €27,000.

Prof Schiedeck reported that the estimate balance for 2010 year end was €488,222 but that fortunately as a result of income from the conference in Sorrento and non-conference income totalling €61,720 the reserves at the end of December 2010 were €512,000. He advised that if the future ESCP had to cover the costs of an event as a result of being declined then ESCP should have around this sum in the bank and then cautiously advised the estimated bank figure after Copenhagen as €545,000.

Prof Schiedeck explained how the new website had been the largest investment in the last year and the ongoing year and estimated that in September 2011 the surplus for 2011 will be €12,800.

Prof Schiedeck went on to highlight that the surplus figure at the end of Copenhagen is much more than originally feared and gave thanks to Lindsey and her team for their efforts, stating the importance of the surplus being at a level which ESCP can deal with. He then reported that the estimated surplus for Vienna would be greater again at €33,600.

9.2 Membership Fees/Conference Fees

Thomas Schiedeck outlined that ESCP will try to keep membership and conference fees at the current rate and summarised that the society is in a health and balanced state.

Prof O'Connell put forward the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was proposed by Prof Søren Laurberg and seconded by Prof Hector Ortiz. No objections, motion carried.

Prof O'Connell confirmed that the re-appointment of the Auditors is included in the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report (above).

10 Trustees' Report

Prof Hector Ortiz reported on behalf of the Trustees that the business affairs of the Society are being handled in a correct manner and the finances are under good control under the guardianship of Prof Thomas Schiedeck; the Society being in a healthy position generally.

Prof Ortiz outlined new Trustee appointments from each of the 3 regions as follows:-

- Central Region – Arne Wibe
- Western Region – Paul Lehur
- Eastern Region – Sergey Achkasov

Prof O'Connell confirmed that Trustees do not need to be confirmed at the AGM, they are for noting only.

11 Future Meetings of ESCP

Prof O'Connell advised that there have been many discussions over venues in the past couple of years and that because of the issues with Valencia, ESCP 2011 came to Copenhagen. He confirmed that next year's conference will take place in Vienna, with ESCP 2013 in Belgrade and 2014 in Istanbul. He advised it was likely that for 2015-16 ESCP would revisit the Western and Central areas of Europe.

12 Inauguration of President

Prof O'Connell invited Prof Freddy Penninckx to inaugurate Prof Zoran Krivokapic as the new ESCP President.

Prof Penninckx wished Prof Krivokapic and the ESCP good luck and success with taking the society forward. Prof Krivokapic in return thanked Prof Penninckx for all his outstanding work over the past year as president and also thanked Prof O'Connell for his hard work over the last 3 years.

Prof Zoran Krivokapic then went on to give his presentation as incoming ESCP President, expressing his happiness and pride in taking on this role for the year ahead as a fulfilment of his personal dream.

Prof Krivokapic gave personal thanks to those friends and teachers who had helped him in becoming a surgeon in coloproctology and ultimately ESCP President 2011/12

Prof Krivokapic also thanked his team of doctors and nurses as well as his family and then went on to thank everyone in the ESCP who had supported his promotion, adding that he would do his best to fulfil their expectations.

Prof Krivokapic acknowledged the Yugoslavian Society of Coloproctology as strong and consistent in their promotion of colorectal science in Central and Eastern Europe and went on to dedicate his new title of ESCP President to all YSC members as well as his home country, Serbia.

Prof Ronan O'Connell thanked Prof Krivokapic for his stunning video presentation, adding that he looks forward to many more presentations.

13 Close of Meeting

Prof Ronan O'Connell briefly presented the new ESCP logo as very attractive and colourful, adding that it had been felt that the original logo needed to be replaced with something more modern to correspond with the new website development.

Prof O'Connell thanked the Executive, Council, National Representatives as well as Lindsey Whitehouse and Integrity for their hard work and support during his tenure as ESCP Secretary. .

14 Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 29 September 2012, Vienna.


Appendix 1 – Attendance list

Suhail	Abbas	Norway
Petri	Aitola	Finland
Omer	Alabaz	Turkey
Roderick	Alexander	United Kingdom
Volodymyr	Andriiets	Ukraine
Istvan	Beznyak	Hungary
Sokol	Bilali	Albania
Mihalj	Bogar	Serbia
Peter	Bondeven	Denmark
Milan	Breberina	Serbia
Attila	Bursics	Hungary
Xavier	Centeno	Spain
Peter	Dawson	United Kingdom
Marc	Duinslaeger	Belgium
Katrine	Emmertsen	Denmark
Marie-Louise	Feddern	Denmark
Alexis	Freitas	Austria
Nikolaos	Gouvas	Greece
Najib	Haboubi	United Kingdom
Friedrich	Herbst	Austria
Alexander	Herold	Germany
Jiri	Hoch	Czech Republic
Marja	Hyöty	Finland
Franc	Jelenc	Slovenia
Claes	Johansson	Sweden
Katalin	Kalmar	Hungary
Ioannis	Karaitianos	Greece
Miklos	Kassai	United Kingdom
Dragutin	Kecmanovic	Serbia
Pavle	Košorok	Slovenia
Pedrag	Kovacevic	Serbia
Zoran	Krivokapic	Serbia
Filippo	La Torre	Italy
Søren	Laurberg	Denmark
Matthew	Lee	United Kingdom
Martina	Lemmerer	Austria
Anna	Licht	Hungary
Mikael	Machado	Sweden
Peter	Mansson	Sweden
Velimir	Markovic	Serbia
Anna	Martling	Sweden
Peter	Matthiessen	Sweden
Klaus	Matzel	Germany
Dragan	Mihajlovic	Serbia
Pawel	Mroczkowski	Germany

Appendix 1 – Attendance list...cont'd

Alister	Myers	United Kingdom
David	Neufeld	Israel
Wee Sing	Ngu	United Kingdom
Ronan	O'Connell	Ireland
Julius	Orhalmi	Czech Republic
Hector	Ortiz	Spain
Szekeres	Pál	Hungary
Alper	Parlakgumus	Turkey
Maja	Pavlov	Serbia
Erkki	Pekkala	Finland
Gianluca	Pellino	Italy
Freddy	Penninckx	Belgium
Sune Høirup	Petersen	Denmark
Vilius	Petrauskas	Lithuania
Jelena	Petrovic	Serbia
Tomislav	Petrovic	Serbia
Alexander	Pietsch	Germany
Joao	Pimentel	Portugal
Milos	Popovic	Serbia
Igor	Pravosudov	Russian Federation
Arto	Rantala	Finland
Sebastian	Roka	Austria
Aleksandra Dikic	Rom	Serbia
Giovanni	Romano	Italy
Miguel Ruiz	Marin	Spain
Minarti Darminto	Samsuria	Indonesia
Aleksandar	Sepetkovski	Serbia
Matej	Skrovina	Czech Republic
Richard	Sim	Singapore
Pranas	Sniuolis	Lithuania
Goran	Stanojevic	Serbia
Tryggvi	Stefansson	Iceland
Anton	Stift	Austria
Marek	Sczcepkowski	Poland
Algimantas	Tamelis	Lithuania
Henriette Vind	Thaysen	Denmark
Emmanuel	Tiret	France
Ilija	Tripkovic	Serbia
Ioannis	Tsiaousis	Greece
Hagit	Tulchinsky	Israel
Josef	Wafah	Austria
Dirk	Weimann	Germany
Arne	Wibe	Norway
Yehiel	Ziv	Israel


Appendix 2



Delete rule 6.2 which is now obsolete

- 6.2 For continuity, National Representatives formerly elected to the European Association of Coloproctology (EACP) Council, shall complete their term of office as paid up National Representatives on the ESCP council, thereby establishing a rolling programme of election from the outset. National Representatives shall then be elected to the ESCP Council on a rolling three-yearly programme, to provide continuity, with effect from the Annual General Meeting in 2006 when one third will be elected in the first instance

Slide 6




Amend rule 8.1 to include the Immediate Past President in the Executive

- 8.1 President, **Immediate Past President**, President Elect, President in Waiting, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chairman of the Programme Committee, Assistant Chairman of the Programme Committee, Representative of the Division of Coloproctology within the Section of Surgery UEMS, Journal Representative, Chairman of the Training and Education Committee, Chairman of the Research Committee

Slide 7

Appendix 2...cont'd

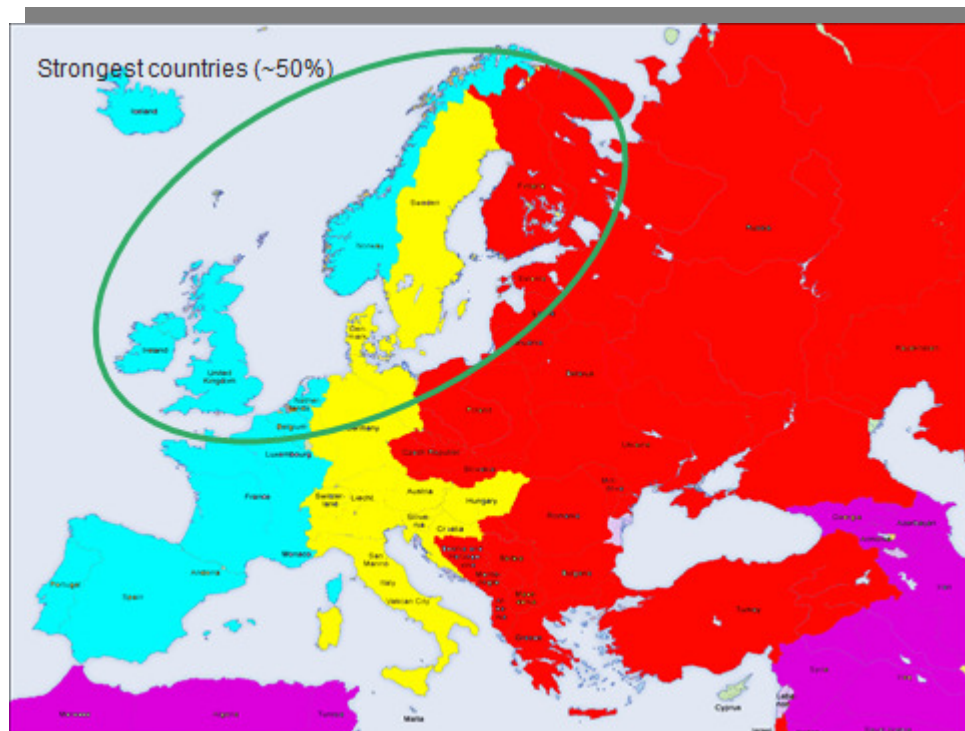
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Delete rule 4.9.

- 4.9 Annual fees shall be payable on 31st January each year.

(Annual membership from date of payment covered under existing 4.10)

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