Summary for the IAEMGS Council Meeting/ August 30th, 2022

The IAEMGS Council meeting started at 7:00 pm on August 30th, 2022, as part of the 13th ICEM, in Ottawa, Canada. Most participants (14) were in person, although some were present by videoconference (7). Dr. Paul White (IAEMGS president) initiated by introducing the current IAEMGS Executive Board and Council, recapitulating the overall missions of IAEMGS and explaining the general organization of IAEMGS. The organization of the 13th ICEM, as well as the money raised for the Hollaender travel awards for young researchers to attend the meeting, with priority to those from low and middle-income countries (supported by EMGS Hollaender fund, JEMS, UKEMS, EEMGS, EMM journal, HESI (Health and Environmental Sciences Institute- and Mutagen-Brazil). He also presented the Financial Statements for the society, where the balance was close to US$ 1800.00 on December 31st, 2021. He informed that the ICEM meeting had more than 500 attendants. Most probably it will not provide profit for the societies but announced that the IAEMGS Executive Board and the Member Society organizing the ICEM negotiate a profit-sharing arrangement that can include allocation of up to 10% of the conference profit as payment to IAEMGS.

Dr. White also explained how the Executive Board election proceeded, with a Nominating committee (with six members from different Member Societies) that consulted the member societies and indicated the candidates for president, treasurer, and secretary positions The member societies organizing the current ICEM (North American EMGS) and the next ICEM (European EMGS) appointed the two vice presidents. The names were Dr. Paul White (North American EMGS) and Prof. Sabine Langie, Maastricht University, the Netherlands (European EMGS). He then announced the newly elected Members of the Executive Board for the next term (2022-2026) as president Dr. Gareth Jenkins (UK- EEMGS), as Secretary Dr. Wagida Anwar (Pan-African EMGS), and, as Treasurer, Dr. Noemi Tirado (ALAMCTA). The new members of the IAEMGS were congratulated.

A motion for IAEMGS constitutional amendment was previously proposed by Dr. Catherine Klein (EMGS) to change the mechanisms of payment and determination of the membership dues by the IAEMGS council. After discussion by the Council members, the text of the amendment was slightly changed and approved unanimously. The final text is:

**TEXT TO BE DELETED:**

**Article IV, Section I:**

*Member Societies shall pay annual dues to the IAEMGS based on the number of their active members as described below.*

*When any Member Society has failed to pay its dues for two consecutive years, Council may decide to terminate its membership. The annual contribution from each Member Society shall be USD $0.50 for each of the first 200 members, $0.75 each for the next 200 members, and $1.00 each for the remaining members. An officer list and dues will be submitted to the Headquarters at the end of each calendar year or not later than January 31st of the following year.*

**NEW TEXT:**

**Article IV Section I:**

*Member Societies shall pay annual dues to the IAEMGS. Membership dues will be established by Council; Council can change the dues as required. Notification of a change in dues must be made to the Council; Council will have the opportunity to send comments for up to 30 days after notification. The dues increase must be approved by two-thirds of the council.*

*Membership dues shall be payable on or before January 31st of the calendar year for which assessed. Any member society whose dues are unpaid on such date will be so notified. When any Member Society has failed to pay its dues for two consecutive years, Council may decide to terminate its membership.*

Dr. Gareth Jenkins (newly elected IAEMGS president) was asked to talk and thanked everyone for the honored position that he was elected to. He thanked Dr. White for his stewardship of IAEMGS during the last five years and for his efforts in generating funding to support attendance at the meeting for participants from LMIC countries. Then, at 8:00 pm, Dr. White closed the Council meeting.