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2. Minutes of the EAPC General Assembly Geneva, 23 September 1999
Centre International de Conférence de Genève, Rue de Varembe 15, 1202 Geneva
Switzerland

1. 102 members were present at the second call. The General Assembly was declared quorate.
2. Geoffrey Hanks, the outgoing President of the EAPC, welcomed the participants to the General Assembly.
3. The Minutes of the General Assembly held in London on 12 September 1997 (published in the EAPC Newsletter n° 28, Jan/Feb 1998) had been approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly held in Milan on 16 December 1998.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly held in Milan on 16 December 1998 had been approved at the first ordinary General Assembly after the changes to the Bylaws, held in Milan on 16 April 1999.

The President informed the General Assembly that according to the new Bylaws of the EAPC the financial report for each year must be presented and approved before the end of April of the following year. Therefore a General Assembly must now be routinely held before the end of April each year.

The Minutes of the General Assembly held in Milan on 16 April 1999 were **approved**.

4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. The President presented his report for the period 1997-1999 and it was **approved** unanimously. ([download president's report from eapcnet.org](http://eapcnet.org)) The report is also published in full in the EAPC Newsletter.
6. The budget for 2000 was presented by Heidi Blumhuber on behalf of the treasurer René Schaerer. Heidi Blumhuber again drew attention to the increase in cost of running the Association and the increasing difficulty of raising funds to underwrite this. In spite of this some small reserves have been accumulated during recent years and she proposed that the reserves be used to cover any shortfall in the coming year if any of the anticipated income did not materialise. The budget for 2000 was **agreed** unanimously. It was also unanimously **agreed** that the reserves may be used to cover any shortfall.
7. The Chairs of the Steering Committees of the Education Network (Bernadette Wouters and Naomi de Stoutz), ([download Education Network report from eapcnet.org](http://eapcnet.org)) the Research Network (Franco de Conno), ([download Research Network 1999 from eapcnet.org](http://eapcnet.org)) and the Ethics Network (Charles-Henri Rapin) tabled their reports for the period 1997-1999. These reports are also published in full in the Newsletter.





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8. Carlo Peruselli (Webmaster) and Axel Vanderperre (Consultant, from Medli International) presented a report on the development of the EAPC website. The website can be visited on www.eapcare.org.
9. Maurice Chausson, the EAPC representative at the Council of Europe, presented a report and in particular drew attention to the recent report of the Council on palliative care. Mr Chausson on behalf of the EAPC had been very active in representing the views of the Association. The very positive report on palliative care was warmly **welcomed** by the General Assembly. (download NGO from eapcnet.org)
10. Xavier Gomez-Batiste presented a proposal to establish a new network on policy and public health in relation to palliative care. This proposal was **agreed** and endorsed by the General Assembly. (download Public Health & Policy Network from eapcnet.org)
11. Silvio Necchi presented a report outlining the background to the changes in the Bylaws of the Association and a summary of the most important items in the new Bylaws. Most of these were of a fiscal nature but one important change in the structure of the membership related to the voting procedures and the principle of "one man – one vote". The implications of these changes had been discussed at length by the Board and had also now been discussed with all of the Collective Members. The Bylaws allow modification to the Internal Rules of the EAPC to allow it to continue with its essential structures unchanged.
12. On behalf of the Board Silvio Necchi nominated the following candidates to the Board of Auditors of Accounts: Avv. Fabrizio Longhini, Dott. Silvio Ceretti and Dssa. Ersilia Todesca. The following candidates were nominated as substitutes: Dott. Roberto Sorghi, and Dott. Giugliano Necchi. These nominations were unanimously **approved** by the General Assembly.
13. Tony O'Brien presented a report summarising the new Internal Rules of the EAPC. (See Congresses – Events on eapcnet.org) and are available to any member on request from Head Office. The new Internal Rules were overwhelmingly **approved** by the General Assembly.
14. Elections to the Board of Directors. The President drew attention to one of the new Internal Rules which made the outgoing President of the EAPC an ex-officio member of the new Board for a period of 4 years from the time of demitting office.

Thirteen individuals had been nominated for election to the Board and there were 13 vacancies.

Board Members standing for re-election

Prof	Charles-Henri	Rapin	physician	Switzerland
Dr	Michele	Salamagne	physician	France
Dr	Carl-Johan	Furst	physician	Sweden
Dr	Carlo	Peruselli	physician	Italy



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Dr	Friedemann	Nauck	physician	Germany
Dr	Tony	O'Brien	physician	Ireland
Mrs	Verena	Luchsinger	nurse	Switzerland
Mrs	Annette	Welshman	nurse	Italy

New candidates proposed by the Board

Prof	Stein	Kaasa	physician	Norway
Dr	Xavier Gómez	Batiste	physician	Spain
Mr	Silvio	Necchi	accountant	Italy
Mr	David	Oliviere	social worker	Great Britain



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Other candidates

Dr Marilene Filbet physician France

The General Assembly unanimously **endorsed** the election of all 13 candidates. Sebastiano Mercadante (joint Chair of the Scientific Committee) and Giorgio Trizzino (Chair of the Organisation Committee) presented their plans for the 7th Congress of the EAPC to be held in Palermo, Italy in April 2001. (see www.kenes.com/eapc)

15. Any other business

- a. There was a request from the floor that future elections to the Board of Directors of the EAPC should be by secret ballot. Thus the voting sheet should not bear the name and number of the individual member casting the vote. This was **agreed** by the Assembly.
- b. The President announced that whilst meeting in Geneva the Board had accepted the application for Collective Membership of the Dutch Network of Palliative Care Services (NPTM). At the same time the NPTM had made an application to host the 8th Congress of the EAPC in the year 2003 and the Board had approved this application. The General Assembly **welcomed** these decisions.

17. Date of next General Assembly

The next General Assembly of the EAPC will be held before the end of April 2000. The delegation from Israel invited the Board to meet during the first Congress of the Israel Association for Palliative Care to be held in March 2000. The General Assembly **welcomed** this proposal and the Board of Directors will announce the date and venue in due course.

