Minutes

1. **Opening of the meeting and Registration of those present.**
The president welcomed those present. 41 members/honorary members were registered.

2. **President’s Business**
   (a) **Correspondence and Collaborations.**
   (i) The inaugural meeting of the European Society for Virology (ESV) was held on 24 April. ESCV will pay about €500 to be a society member. Individual membership is also possible.
   (ii) FEMS – ESCV will continue as an associate member of FEMS as the Council has agreed that full membership is too expensive. The Meetings Secretary is the contact person and will attend their meetings when necessary.

   (b) **By-Laws.**
   The Council had agreed two changes.
   Section D ESCV Members
   New members will now be able to join the Society without waiting for prior approval by Council. Instead the names of new members will be presented to Council.
   Section E Membership fee
   Members who fail to pay their membership fee will continue to receive electronic correspondence from the Society for only one year.

3. **New Officers of the Society**
The president reported that the treasurer Marc van Ranst had resigned. The Council had agreed that Bert Niesters should act as Treasurer until the election of a new Treasurer is held in 2010. Bert will continue as Webmaster, with the help of a web assistant. SGM continue to handle membership.

The President changes next year. Thus Peter Coyle will become President and nominations were invited for First Vice President, who will be elected by Council at the 4th European Congress of Virology at Lake Como in April 2010.

It had been suggested to Council that (1) The terms of the General Secretary, Treasurer, Meetings Secretary and Publication Officer should change from 5 years to 3 years, and renewable twice (to give a maximum of 9 years). (2) The first vice president should no longer be the President-elect; this will enable the
President to be elected from among the Officers. The necessary changes to the By-Laws and Practice will be drafted by the Executive and presented to Council at the Lake Como meeting.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   (a) Financial Report. Bert Niesters reported that he would not be able to give a full report as Marc van Ranst had only recently resigned. He hoped to complete the accounts by 1 December. €15,000 will be paid to the ESCV from the Amsterdam meeting. The Financial report for 2008 is on the members’ part of the ESCV website.

   (b). Membership status. During 2008-2009 ESCV had only about 300 members who had paid their membership fees, as reminders were not sent out in 2008. The Society expects to have 500-600 paying members. Reminders had recently been sent out to about 300 members for 2008 &/or 2009 and further emails will be sent out where necessary.

   (c) List of New Society Members was not yet available.

   (d) Membership fee: This is currently €40. The Council have agreed to increase this to €45 if the financial situation suggests this is necessary.

5. Meetings Secretary’s Report
   (a) Current meeting. The Meetings Secretary thanked Gulden Yilmaz for organising the current meeting. 381 persons had registered and about 250 abstracts had been received.

   (b) Future meetings. 4th European Congress of Virology, Villa Erba, Lake Como, April 7-11 2010. ESCV is hoping to negotiate an extension to the deadline for early registration for our members. Deadline for abstracts is 1 November. Further information is available from the website http://www.eusv.eu/

   Funchal, Madeira. September 2011. To be organized Paolo Paixao and colleagues from Portugal. More information will be provided next year.

   Possible winter meeting 2011. The Meetings Secretary reported that a meeting in the UK was being considered, as there will otherwise be a very long interval between the Lake Como meeting in April 2010 and the ESCV meeting in Madiera Sept. 2011.

   (c) Travel grants 10 or more travel grants will be available from ESCV for the 4th European Congress of Virology. Deadline for applications will be 1st December. All applicants must send all necessary information before the deadline, which will be strictly adhered to.
6. **Journal of Clinical Virology**  
The impact factor has increased to 3.35. ESCV members can obtain JCV at a reduced rate. Currently ESCV pays for 200 subscriptions, but only 140 members subscribe to it via ESCV; the Society loses money therefore on the current contract.

7. **AOB**  
The Council has agreed that three past officers of ESCV should be invited to become honorary members; Otto Haller, Jurjen Schirm and Werner Wunderli.

8. **Date and place of next general assembly**  
During the European Virology Congress, Lake Como, 7-11 April 2010.