



## MINUTES

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the European Hematology Association  
Friday, 14 June 2024, 13:30 to 14:30 hours CEST  
Hall N103, Madrid Spain

### Chairs:

Antonio Almeida, EHA President  
Martin Dreyling, Treasurer

### Presenters:

Torsten Haferlach, SWG Executive Board member, Guest Speaker  
Matteo G Della Porta, Guest Speaker  
Martina Muckenthaler, Chair Nomination Committee

### Attendees:

148 in person EHA Members  
66 online EHA Members

## AGENDA

### 1. Opening and welcome

Welcome to the annual general meeting of EHA by Antonio Almeida, EHA President. Voting explanation as Members could either scan the QR code, or enter the URL in the browser on their devices.

### 2. Exclusive Presentations by Torsten Haferlach and Matteo Della Porta

- AI implementation studies support opportunities in clinical trials..
- The ethical aspect of using AI remains a vital question. When comparing physicians and Chatbots for online patient queries, the chatbot answers patients' questions very well, including demonstrating empathy.
- Access to healthcare data is needed to accelerate the generation of insights; currently, 97% of healthcare data remains unused.
- Synthetic data is accelerating research in hematology.
- Synthetic data can accelerate clinical research in hematology.
- The dataset of real and synthetic data provided the same results.
- Four different EU countries provide strong support for clinical trials using synthetic data.

### 3. Annual report 2023 Review

Antonio Almeida, presented a video that summarized the Annual Report for 2023. Highlights were as follows:



- 2023 marked significant transformation for the European Hematology Association (EHA), with a 25% membership growth, ending the year with 6,800 members from over 120 countries.
- The EHA Congress was a key event, attracting over 13,000 participants in Frankfurt, Germany, and receiving more than 2,500 abstracts.
- EHA connected with over 2,700 professionals through various meetings and tutorials worldwide to share scientific knowledge and to create new partnerships.
- The launch of the EHA Guidelines mobile app empowered healthcare professionals globally to access consensus-based treatment and diagnostic guidelines.
- HemaSphere achieved an impact factor of 9.1 in 2022, publishing over 160 manuscripts.
- The EHA Campus expanded significantly by offering 170 comprehensive courses and clinical cases with a 26% growth. EHA funded 26 research projects, mentored 64 research training scholars, and hosted the first in-person retreat for the Lighting the Flame project.
- EHA's involvement in EU policy included working with policymakers to revise key sections of EU pharmaceutical legislation and contributing to the implementation of the Health Technology Assessment Regulation.
- Collaboration was strengthened in 2023, with new relationships formed with key stakeholders, National Societies, and the addition of a new member to the Patient Advocacy Committee.

#### 4. Financial report 2024

Martin Dreyling, EHA Treasurer, gave a short update on the Annual report and Accounts for 2023.

Balance sheet	31.12 2023	31.12 2022	31.12 2021
<b>ASSETS</b>	35,836	30,854	27,910
Fixed Assets	367	260	180
Receivables	4,136	1,957	1,108
Cash (equivalents)	31,333	28,637	26,622
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	35,836	30,854	27,910
Current liabilities	7,125	4,940	5,188



Reserves	28,637	25,914	22,722
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Statement of income and expenses	Actuals 2023	Budget 2023	Actuals 2022
Income	23,546	20,658	21,251
Expenses	(20,753)	(21,619)	(17,923)
Gross Results	2,794	(961)	3,327
Financial income	4	-	(136)
Result before Taxation	2,798	(961)	3,192
Reservation Special Purpose Reserve	(1,500)	-	0
Result after donation Special Purpose Reserve	1,298	(961)	3,192

- The full management report on the general affairs of the Association and on its management (Annual Report) is available for viewing at the Executive office;
- Details to the items on the balance sheet and the profit and loss account as well as the notes thereto are available for viewing at the Executive office;
- The auditor's report concerning the truth and fairness of these documents is available for viewing at the Executive office.
- The Annual Report for members will be available on our website on June 17, 2024 (<https://ehaweb.org>)

Amounts in €'000	Budget 2024*	Actuals 2023	B24 %A23	Budget 2023	B23 %B22	2022
Income	22,976	23,546	-2.4%	20,658	+3%	21,251
Expenses	(27,648)	(20,753)	+33%	(21,619)	+21%	(17,923)
Gross result	(4,672)	2,794	-267%	(961)	-129%	3,327
Financial income	75	4	+1875%	-	+100%	(136)
Result before taxation	(4,597)	1,298**	-454%	(961)	-130%	3,192



### Approval Procedure

**The EHA Members attending the Business Meeting are asked to:**

Approve the 2023 financial statements, the 2024 budget and the management accountability.

**APPROVED BY MEMBERS**

### 5. Election results for Councilors EHA Board 2024–2028

Martina Muckenthaler, Chair Nomination Committee, explained the process for EHA Nomination.

- Members were able to nominate candidates from January 11, 2024 – February 6, 2024.
- 48 applications were received for 2 vacancies.
- Ballot voting opened on April 11, 2024, and closed on May 10, 2024.
- 846 members voted for their most suitable candidate.
- The new board members officially start their term today during this AGM.

The outcomes of the nominations ballots were also presented and members' were asked to approve the new Board members and Executive Board member for the coming term.

### New councillors EHA Board 2024-2028

- Prof. Lucia de Franceschi, University of Verona and Policlinico GB Rossi, Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Verona (AOUI), Italy
- Prof Evangelos Terpos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

### Re-elected as Secretary of Executive Board Member 2024-2027

- Prof Kirsten Grønbaek, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

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### 6. Farewell old Board and Presidential handover

Antonio Almeida, EHA President, on behalf of EHA, said farewell to

- Prof Mariane de Montalembert, Hopital Necker, France
- Prof Hermann Einsele, University Hospital Würzburg, Germany

### 7. Looking Ahead 2023-2024

EHA President, Antonio Almeida, presented the new vision statement of EHA.

**"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."**

- Over the past two years, the Association has engaged with these thoughts, leading to significant transformation.
- Global connection remains central to EHA's vision, with a robust community of enthusiastic professionals.



- EHA goes beyond physical and intellectual borders by fostering an exchange of knowledge, research, and best practices.
- EHA acts as a catalyst for innovative ideas, breakthroughs, and lasting relationships.
- New brand identity inspired by the community of medical and clinical pioneers, EHA team's passion, and the life force driving their work, resulting in a distinctive, contemporary, and vibrant icon fit for the future.

## 8. Closure

EHA Members are given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the information given during this meeting. No questions are raised by EHA Members.

Antonio Almeida, EHA President, thanked all the EHA members present for their attendance and closed the meeting at approximately 14:30 pm CEST.