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Successful EDS Council Meeting and UEG Week Virtual 2020

With more than 10,000 participants and 2,788 abstracts submitted, the UEG Week Virtual 2020 can be described as successful. "The preparation for our first UEG Week virtual congress required incredible imagination, new techniques and tremendous team effort", summarizes Axel Dignass, the current UEG president. This year the EDS society awarded four attendance grants for the UEG Week Virtual 2020 (each EUR 130). The winners came from the Ukraine and Germany. A short overview of the congress can be found here: <https://www.nxtbook.com/ueg/UEG/CongressReview/index.php?startid=9>.

As every year, the EDS council meeting took place during the UEG Week. This time the meeting was virtually held due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this meeting, the elections and current educational activities of the society should be briefly highlighted.

Bas Wijnhoven (The Netherlands), the current EDS president, was re-elected without dissenting votes. The EDS Treasurer, Beat Gloor (Switzerland), was also re-elected. Kevin Conlon (Ireland) was proposed again and was elected editorial representative. Oksana Popova (Ukraine) was re-elected for the position of Member II of the Membership Committee and Christian Stöb (Germany) was proposed and elected without dissenting votes for the vacant position of Member III of the Membership Committee.

The 14th EDS Postgraduate Course in 2020 had to be postponed several times due to the current situation. However, the course will continue to be held as a live event in 2021, with an exact date to be announced in the EDS News and on the EDS website (<https://www.edsurgery.org/>) as soon as possible.

In addition, the EDS Council plans to hold the 15th EDS Postgraduate Course in 2022 in Tblissi (Georgia). The event will be hosted by Ivane Abiatari.