



**Assembly of the
Young Confederation of European
Otorhinolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery**

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 13:15 – 14:15.
Location: Liffey Meeting Room 2, CCD, Dublin, Ireland

MINUTES

1. Executive Board Welcome

On behalf of the entire Executive Board of the Young Confederation, François Simon welcomes all those present to the first Assembly of the Young Confederation of European ORL-HNS and opens the meeting.

2. Affirmation of Voters and Quorum

François Simon announces that the quorum is achieved with 46 voters present out of a total of 51 who confirmed their attendance. (See Annex 1: Young Confederation_Assembly_2024_Participants) in separate attachment.

3. Vote on opening the Assembly to guests

With a total quorum of present Voters, it is voted to open the Assembly to the guests present and thanks the members of the Presidential Council of the Confederation for their attendance.

4. Report of the Executive Board

François Simon and Daniele Borsetto report about the activities of the Young Confederation since its creation during the 2022 congress in Milan.

a) Status of the Young Confederation

François Simon reports that the Young Confederation is two years old; it was created in Milan in 2022 and it is integrated into the Confederation of European ORL-HNS as a section.

- The Young Confederation has two votes at the General Assembly of the Confederation.
- One of the members of the Executive Board can attend in person the Presidential Council meetings where they can pass messages and discuss projects.
- Together with the Presidential Council of the Confederation, they have prepared the Young Confederation Internal bylaws to run the daily business.

b) Membership update

François Simon explains who can become member of the Young Confederation:

- Any member of a Confederation subspecialty society, and/or member of the corresponding national ORL-HNS society, and/or any individual member of the Confederation younger than 45 years of age at the time of the application.
- The membership with the Young Confederation ends automatically at the end of the year in which the respective member turns 45.
- It needs to be proved at the time of registration the membership and the date of birth.
- Members as of June 17, 2024: 396. The main goal for the next term is to try to increase this number and asks all the members present to promote the Young Confederation at the events they participate in. All members receive some units of the bookmarks to expand awareness.
- The members of the Young Confederation have access to many things:
 - Access to the Young Confederation multimedia learning portal.
 - Regular information by email about the Young Confederation news and events via newsletters and social media.
 - Opportunity to apply for Confederation grants, awards, fellowships and observerships.
 - Discounts on standard registration fees to Confederation congresses and educational events.
 - Reduced online subscription to the official Journal of the Confederation "European Archives of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology", including online access to all regular issues of the Journal and any supplements, see the information here.
 - Access to ENT & Audiology News e-magazines and e-newsletters directly to your inbox every month at no cost.
 - Inclusion in the Young Confederation community- easily connect with your peers, ask for advice, publicise your own events, and receive support and friendship.

c) Educational activities

Daniele Borsetto and François Simon present the educational activities done during these past two years, what is currently going on, and the plans for the future.

- The Young Confederation has been involved in the organization of the 7th Congress of European ORL-HNS:
 - Prepared the Educational track, dedicated room Wicklow Hall 2b: 8 round tables, 7 keynote lectures, 6 instructional courses, and the Residents' quiz.
 - Proposed Chairs for Free Paper Sessions and Poster Discussion Sessions.
- The Young Confederation has organized monthly webinars with younger and senior expert speakers. The Young Confederation needs to improve the number of attendees versus the number of registrations.
- He informs that the recordings of the webinars and CEORL-HNS congresses are available for members in the Members 'area section of the webpage and can be viewed at any time.
- Prepared a questionnaire to try to understand the position as consultant and to know what difficulties you are finding in your country. The questionnaire "Research in barriers to research in ENT" will be sent to all members and young colleagues just after the congress.
- The Young Confederation has the opportunity of having two special issues at in the European Archives of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology: Artificial intelligence - Hypopharyngeal and Laryngeal SCCs.
- Organizes quizzes once per month that are posted on social media. Trainees and young consultants love these because they are a way to share experience very quickly and can help to prepare for the exam.

The plans for the future are:

- Launch of fellowships.
- It has been approved to hold the first dissection course in November 2025. The Confederation supports the course with 30k. The Young Confederation is trying to find as much finance as

possible to try to reduce the registration fees. The course will cover rhinology, head and neck and otology, the duration will be six days.

- Send quarterly newsletters.
- The Young Confederation is planning to create an Atlas.
- Collaborates with the CEORL-HNS Academy

Daniele Borsetto requests the members present to bring their own ideas to work together.

With a total quorum of the present Voters, the Report of the Executive Board is accepted.

5. Young Confederation internal rules

Daniele Borsetto presents the internal rules created by the Young Confederation with the approval of the Presidential Council of the Confederation. The object of the internal rules is to run the daily business of the Confederation and they are available at the Young Confederation webpage.

With a total quorum of the present Voters, the Young Confederation internal rules are accepted.

6. Election of the New Executive Board 2024-2026:

Daniele Borsetto explains that one of the priorities is to give opportunities to everybody to be represented. It was discussed with the Confederation that after two years it would be wiser to replace fifty percent of the Executive Board and the others leave in two years, to keep the aim of what has been going on. This is why it was decided to open a call to become part of the Executive Group: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Social Media Chair and/or the subgroups.

He explains that they had more than 100 applicants and informs that it was not an easy job to select the members as they need to be well represented geographically. From five applications received to be Chair and Vice Chair, two were considered not eligible, two were French and one Italian; this is why they propose the following candidates:

- Chair: Vittorio Rampinelli from Italy
- Vice-Chair: Sara Atallah from France
- Social Media Chair: Eishaan Bhargava from UK

The proposed representatives present themselves.

The subgroup leaders have been changed too because people who have been in those groups have been looking for who was proactive and enthusiastic and was decided to replace the leaders for:

- Head and Neck: Aina Brunet from Spain
- Otology: Lukas Anschuetz from Switzerland
- Rhinology: Anda Gata from Romania

With a total quorum of the present Eligible Voters, the new members of the Executive Board are accepted.

7. Presentation of the new Executive Board.

Daniele Borsetto presents the new members of the Executive Board:

Chair: Vittorio Rampinelli, Italy
Vice-Chair: Sarah Atallah, France
Strategic Chair: Pavol Surda, United Kingdom
Educational Chair: Daniele Borsetto, United Kingdom
Social Media Chair: Eishaan Bhargava, United Kingdom

Subgroups:

Head & Neck and Laryngology: Aina Brunet, Spain

Otology and Lateral Skull Base: Lukas Anschuetz, Switzerland

Pediatrics: François Simon, France

Rhinology: Anda Gata, Romania

8. Next General Assembly of the Young Confederation.

It will take place on the occasion of the 8th Congress of European ORL-HNS in Gothenburg, April 2026.

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9- Any other Business.

- Cem Meco, Past President of the Confederation explains that he, together with the President-Elect of the Confederation started the process to create the Young Confederation and have the full support of the Senior group, which is represented at the Assembly by himself, Jan Plzák – President-Elect and President from Wednesday, June 19; Per Cayé-Thomasen current President of the Confederation; and Tomislav Baudoin, President-Elect for the period 2026-2028. He stresses that the Young Confederation is the future of the Confederation and invites them to bring ideas on educational activities. He thanks the Young Confederation Executive Board for the work done.
- Jan Plzák, President-Elect of the Confederation, invites them to ask for any support they need in the future. He informs that the main contact persons are Miroslav Tedla, Secretary General-Elect, and Gloria Casanova, Executive Officer.
- Daniele Borsetto reminds the members of the Young Confederation present about the get-together event taking place in the afternoon and informs them that although some of the applicants have not been selected to be part of a group, they should feel free to send their ideas to the Executive Board.

Daniele Borsetto and François Simon thank all the participants for their attendance and close the Assembly at 14:00 h.