



# Minutes of the DFSG Business Meeting 2025

*Don Giovanni 1-2-3, Don Giovanni Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic*

*September 13 2025, 18:00-18:30*

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## 1. **Welcome**

The DFSG Chairperson, Anna Trocha, welcomed the members to the meeting.

## 2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the last Business Meeting, held on 7 September 2024, were approved.

## 3. **DFSG 2025 and DFSG Organisation Finances**

The DFSG Treasurer, Roberto Anichini, presented the financial report. DFSG 2025 has generated a surplus, which will be transferred to the DFSG Organisation accounts and used to support future conferences, research groups, DFSG participation at EASD, and other initiatives.

The conference received 245 registrations, a number consistent with previous years.

## 4. **Future DFSG Symposia at EASD**

It was agreed that DFSG will, without requiring further approval, automatically organise a symposium at all future EASD conferences, if invited to do so.

## 5. **Executive Committee**

The Chairperson expressed gratitude to the outgoing members of the DFSG Executive Committee:

- Roberto Anichini (Committee Member 2017–2025, Treasurer 2021–2025)
- Fran Game (Committee Member 2016–2025, Scientific Secretary 2021–2025)

Three candidates had announced their candidacy for the two vacant seats on the Executive Committee. Following the vote, the following members were elected for a three-year term:

- Erika Vainieri (UK, King's College Hospital, London)
- Patrick Lauwers (Belgium, Antwerp University Hospital, Edegem)

From 2025, the following appointments were confirmed:

- Scientific Secretary: Marco Meloni (Italy)
- Treasurer: Mateo López-Moral (Spain)

The Executive Committee from September 2025 will consist of:

- Anna Trocha, Germany – Chairperson
- José Luis Lázaro Martínez, Spain – Vice-Chairperson
- Marco Meloni, Italy – Scientific Secretary
- Mateo López-Moral, Spain – Treasurer
- Elisabetta Iacopi, Italy – Committee Member
- Prash Vas, United Kingdom – Committee Member
- Vladimíra Fejfarová, Czech Republic – Committee Member
- Erika Vainieri, United Kingdom – Committee Member
- Patrick Lauwers, Belgium – Committee Member

## 6. **DFSG 2026**

The next DFSG conference will be held in Italy from 24 to 26 September 2026 (Thursday to Saturday).

## 7. **Research Group Updates**

- **Prevention of the First Ulcer Research Group:** This group concluded its activities in Summer 2025, having successfully achieved its aims. Accomplishments and information are available here:  
[https://dfsg.org/research\\_groups/prevention\\_of\\_the\\_first\\_ulcer\\_research\\_group/](https://dfsg.org/research_groups/prevention_of_the_first_ulcer_research_group/)
- **Charcot Foot Research Group:** The group welcomed two new members and said farewell to three. Further information on its activities can be found here:  
[https://dfsg.org/research\\_groups/charcot\\_foot\\_research\\_group/](https://dfsg.org/research_groups/charcot_foot_research_group/)
- **Prevention of Recurrence and Readmission Research Group:** Established in Summer 2025, this new group consists of five early-career investigators and five mentors. The group will address topics including epidemiology, causes of recurrence/readmission, patient characteristics, and pathways for prevention. The young investigators will contribute to data collection and analysis, paper writing, and

proposals for clinical improvements in daily practice, with the aim of reducing the global burden of recurrence and readmission. Updates will be available here:

[https://dfsg.org/research\\_groups/prevention-of-recurrence-and-readmission-research-group/](https://dfsg.org/research_groups/prevention-of-recurrence-and-readmission-research-group/)

#### 8. **Closing**

The Chairperson, Anna Trocha, closed the DFSG 2025 Business Meeting.