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**EUROPEAN FAMILY THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of EFTA General Assembly**

***Friday 29th August 2025, 17-18 pm CET***

*Salle HIRSCH  
Université Lumière Lyon 2  
4 bis rue de l'Université, 69007 Lyon, France*

Chaired by Umberta Telfener, EFTA President  
General Secretary: Radmila Vulic-Bojovic

Number of participants: 87 members – list available

1. Minutes from GA 24.05.2025. (Vote)
  - Read by the President Umberta Telfener
  - APPROVED unanimously, no against, no abstentions
  
2. Report from the President
  - The whole organization and the GB showed more energy
  - The relationship between the Chambers was very good, until the request to formulate a statement on Gaza
  - Training standards accomplished
  - EFTA Conversations and EFTA Research Cafes established and continuing
  - Ongoing work on forming a World Federation with a goal to expand systemic thinking and to demonstrate its importance
  - More content to be uploaded on the EFTA website
  - Future work: AI, ethical shared work, efforts to attract more membership, forming of interest groups.
  
3. Reports from the General Secretary (Radmila Vulic Bojovic) and General Treasurer (Maurizio Frisina)
  
4. Reports from the 3 Chambers
  - TIC (Joana Sequeira)
  - NFTO (Hans Christian Michaelsen)
  - CIM (Martine Nisse)

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5. Awards: The following persons were awarded:

- **Valerie O'Brien** in recognition of her work in Chairing the Task Force charged with the development of European Training Standards for Family Therapy and Systemic Psychotherapy 2022 – 2025.
- **Mathias Ochs**, for his pioneering contribution in establishing and popularizing EFTA research Cafés and his vital role in making the EFTA-RELATES 2025 congress so special, as the Chair of Scientific Committee
- **Hans Christian Michaelsen**, for his long standing work for EFTA and his contribution to being connected and enjoying being an efta member. He has an appreciative, trustworthy and honest approach to everyone.
- **The whole CIM board 2022-2025** (M. Nisse, V. Sallay, M. Frisina, F. Ferrari, M. Cassen, M-J Schon, I. Ursini) for the outstanding and exemplary team-work that allowed the revitalization of CIM.
- **Slavica Gajdadzic Knezevik**, for her outstanding contribution for developing systemic practice in the region and across different professional contexts
- **Fabienne Dardenne**, our historic secretary, the heart of EFTA

6. Demission of the old GB and introduction of the new one for the period 2025 – 2028

The following 22 members are nominated to the Board of EFTA:

**NFTO:**

Yara Doumit  
Lucie Hornova  
Cinthe Lemmens  
Matthias Ochs  
Radmila Vulic-Bojovic  
Hans Christian Michaelsen  
Sharon Tate

**CIM:**

Martine Nisse  
Maurizio Frisina  
Federico Ferrari  
Myriam Cassen  
Marie Jeanne Schon  
Viola Sallay  
Iva Ursini

**TIC:**

Umberta Telfener  
Nevena Calovska  
Joana Aleluia Sequeira  
Slavica Gajdadzis-Knezhevijk  
Helena Lopo Diez  
Yvain Piketty  
Valerie O'Brien  
Vassilis Charalambopoulos

- The issue of the 2 persons in the newly elected CIM Board with the same amount of votes (Iva Ursini & Lisa Fellin). 4 past presidents suggested that the membership revotes between the two people who are even; CIM Board to deal with the matter in the near future

7. Suggestions for the location of the next EFTA Congress in 2028 open

*Minutes finalized by EFTA General Secretary and approved by EFTA President*