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Minutes of the **Faculty of Travel Medicine Annual General Meeting** held in person and via Microsoft Teams on **9 October 2025** at 16.45pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Dean, Professor David Ross, opened the Annual General Meeting and welcomed those attending in person and online. He acknowledged the hybrid format of the meeting and thanked members for their ongoing support and engagement throughout the past year.

Apologies received from:

Susanna Maybin

Dr Linda Irvine

Mrs Fiona Winter

Kat Hannah

Kenneth Osborne

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 October 2022

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 21 October 2024, had been circulated in advance. No amendments were proposed. The minutes were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that there were no actions or matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.

4. Dean's Report

The Dean provided a comprehensive summary of Faculty activities during the year, highlighting progress across professional engagement, partnerships, education, publications, and governance.

Key Activity and Engagement

The Dean noted engagement with several external bodies, including Public Health Scotland (Travel Medicine Review), the GMC (professional regulation discussions), and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation regarding dengue vaccine. The Faculty had also engaged with pharmaceutical partners such as Takeda and Valneva to enhance collaboration on education and vaccine awareness.

The Dean then reported that Members of the Faculty Executive Board had participated in meetings with Members of Parliament, including visits to the House of Lords. The MP for Livingston had expressed a strong interest in engaging with the Faculty and would be invited to participate in future events.

Partnerships and Collaborations

The Faculty continued to work under several active Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs):

- The International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) MoU was due for renegotiation, with Vice Dean Derek Evans leading the discussions. The Faculty hoped to explore mutual recognition pathways for ISTM certificate holders.
- The British Global and Travel Health Association (BGTHA) MoU remained strong, and there was an appetite for a joint conference between the organisations.
- The Faculty maintained a partnership with the Australasian College of Tropical Medicine, with discussions ongoing to expand engagement.
- The Faculty had successfully joined the NECTM (Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine) as a partner organisation, with representation on both the local organising and scientific committees for the 2026 Belfast conference.

The Dean emphasised the Faculty's developing ties with the Hong Kong Society of Immunisation and Travel Medicine, as part of ongoing international outreach.



Educational Developments

The Faculty's educational portfolio continued to grow, with the Postgraduate Diplomas in Travel Medicine and Expedition and Wilderness Medicine delivered in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU). The Dean was unaware as to whether any Diplomates had yet progressed to the Master's level. (Post Note – there have been several Diplomates that are now undertaking an MSc).

Proposed Name Change

Following discussion at the Faculty of Travel Medicine Executive Board, Professor Ross proposed changing the Faculty's name to the Faculty of Travel and Expedition Medicine, reflecting the Faculty's evolving scope and the increasing significance of expedition medicine within its work.

The Dean explained that a business case had been submitted to the President, with a formal meeting scheduled for the following day to discuss the proposal further. The majority of past Deans had expressed support for the name change in previous correspondence with the Dean.

- No objections to the proposal were registered from those members present.
- A formal vote was not taken because of technical difficulties.
- The Dean undertook to progress the proposal, following recommendations from the College President, with College Council before full consultation with the Faculty membership.
- Post Note: Several attendees e-mailed the Dean after the AGM highlighting potential challenges with this proposal. He has replied and is grateful for these emails, which will help in the further development of the proposal.

Publications and Communications

The Dean addressed the current status of Faculty publications:

- Emporiatics, the Faculty's educational magazine, remained temporarily paused due to digital staffing challenges and a broader review of its strategic purpose. The Dean expressed gratitude to Julie Gallagher and Mark Bailey for their editorial stewardship and confirmed that future directions would be discussed at the Executive Board.
- The Travel Medicine and Infectious Disease Journal (TMAID) continued as an important academic platform, under the leadership of Prof. Alfonso Rodríguez-Morales.
- The Guidance for Providing a Travel Health Service, led by Jane Chiodini and Oliver Koch, was undergoing revision with input from the wider membership through a consultation survey.

Membership and Representation

The Faculty reported a total of **422 members**, including 102 Fellows, 120 Members, and 59 Associates. While overall retention was strong, the Dean acknowledged a decline in affiliate numbers, particularly among those joining via diploma or conference routes. The Faculty would continue exploring strategies for growth, including opportunities arising from the proposed name change.

Regional and International Advisors were recognised for their contributions, with representation across the UK and internationally, including Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia



5. Faculty Election Results

TWO nominations were received for the post of **Honorary Secretary**. **Mark Bailey** will be elected to serve as Honorary Secretary for three years.

THREE nominations were received for the post of **Ordinary Member**. **Amy Gannon, George Kassianos and Kitty Smith** will be elected to serve as Ordinary Members for three years.

The elected members of the new Faculty Executive Board for 2025/26 will be:

Dean	David Ross
Vice Dean	Derek Evans
Honorary Secretary	Mark Bailey
Ordinary Members	George Kassianos Amy Gannon Julie Gallagher Oliver Koch Kitty Smith
Regional Member	Hanunor Rashid
Co Opted Member	Vacant

6. Any Other Competent Business

The Dean acknowledged comments from members on protecting the Faculty's history and ensuring its legacy is digitally archived.

Jane Chiodini asked whether members would be consulted on the future of Emporiatics. The Dean confirmed that wider consultation would follow the forthcoming Executive Board meeting.

7. Date and Time of next AGM

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8 October 2026