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Tohka Jussi	Professor, deputy member	
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Opening of the meeting

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Legitimacy and presence of a quorum

In accordance with the UEF University Regulations, meeting notices of a multi-member administrative body must be sent at least seven days prior to the meeting, unless the administrative body has decided otherwise.

The meeting notice was sent on 16 October 2025.

According to the UEF University Regulations, multi-member administrative bodies of the university have a quorum when at least half of the members, including the chair, are present. By the decision of the chair, a multi-member administrative body can hold its meeting by email or, either fully or in part, via a video conference, telephone, or some other remote participation means. The chair has decided that the meeting be organised as a hybrid meeting (ME201 + TEAMS).

Motion The meeting is deemed lawful and quorate. The agenda is approved.

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Description of the post of Professor, Neurosurgery, in order to invite MD Timo Koivisto to the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council

The School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine, of the University of Eastern Finland has proposed in its strategic human resources plan that MD, docent, medical specialist Timo Koivisto be invited to a part-time (30%) post of Professor, Neurosurgery, for a fixed term of four years. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a temporary post.

The proposed grounds for the invitation procedure are:

Timo Koivisto received a doctoral degree in Medicine in 2002 from the University of Eastern Finland. He was awarded the title of docent in Neurosurgery in 2008 by the University of Kuopio. In addition, he completed the UEF EMBA degree at the University of Eastern Finland in 2016.

Timo Koivisto currently works as Chief Physician in the Wellbeing Services County of North Savo. He has also acted as a visiting professor at the Macquarie University in Australia (2006-2007). Timo Koivisto's list of publications includes 112 peer-reviewed international scientific publications. He has supervised 7 doctoral dissertations and is currently

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supervising two more. He has also acted several times as a preliminary examiner and opponent of doctoral dissertations. Timo Koivisto has acquired almost EUR 3.0 million of research funding as the leading principal investigator or a member of a research team.

On the basis of the above, Timo Koivisto meets the requirements of the invitation procedure for the part-time (30%) post of Professor, Neurosurgery.

According to section 33 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the professorship may be filled by invitation without a public notice of vacancy when an academically distinguished person is being invited to take the position or a candidate is appointed to the position for a fixed period. Only a person who indisputably fulfils the qualification requirements may be appointed to the post by invitation.

According to section 31 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed to a permanent professorship or to a professorship that lasts for over two years shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for the successful performance of their duties, practical knowledge of the scope of the post.

According to section 10 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Dean will decide on the scope and specifications of the professor's position after consulting the Faculty Council. The Dean will decide whether the professor is required to have practical knowledge of

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the scope of the post. The Dean will make a proposal to the Rector on a person to be appointed as a professor for two years or more after consulting the Faculty Council.

The description of the post of Professor, Neurosurgery, is enclosed with this agenda item as an annex. The description of the post includes the scope and specifications of the post required by the UEF University Regulations. The description of the post requires that the person to be invited to the said post of Professor has practical familiarity with the field of the post.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed scope and specifications of the post and the Dean's proposal on the person to be invited to it.

Decision As proposed

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- 1 Description of the post, Neurosurgery
- 2 CV Koivisto Timo
- 3 List of publications Koivisto Timo
- 4 Consent to use the invitation procedure, Neurosurgery

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4

Description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Biopharmacy (Tenure Track):

Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

In its strategic human resources plan, the School of Pharmacy of the University of Eastern Finland proposes that the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Biopharmacy be filled.

The post will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Pharmacy.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed as Professor shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

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Based on the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed as an associate professor in the tenure track shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills.

Furthermore, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The post of Professor will be filled via an open call for applications as of 1 August 2026 until further notice, and the post of Associate Professor for a four-year term as of 1 August 2026. The post of Associate Professor is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

The criteria, goals and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track (Professor) will be agreed upon in detail with the person appointed to the Associate Professor position when the contract of employment is signed.

The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Biopharmacy (Tenure Track) (Annex) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.

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Description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor of Surgery (Tenure Track):

Hearing of the Faculty Council

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent teaching and research staff and Tenure Track positions.

In their strategic human resources plan, the School of Medicine and the Institute of Clinical Medicine of the University of Eastern Finland propose that the post of a Professor/Associate Professor of Surgery (Assistant or Associate Professor) be filled at the institute.

The post will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine and the workplace is placed in the wellbeing services county of Central Finland.

According to the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, a person to be appointed as Professor shall be scientifically or artistically qualified, have good teaching skills and, if important for attending to the duties, have practical familiarity with the field of the post.

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A person to be appointed as an assistant or associate professor in the tenure track in accordance with the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland shall hold a suitable doctoral degree and have good teaching skills. Furthermore, the person shall have the prerequisites to fulfil the qualification requirements of a professor by the end of the tenure track term.

The post of a Professor will be filled until further notice starting on 1 January 2026 at the earliest. In the case of an Associate Professor, the post will be filled for a four-year term starting on 1 January 2026 at the earliest. The post is filled for a fixed term due to it being a Tenure Track position.

The criteria, objectives and results to be achieved during the term in order to proceed to the next level of the Tenure Track will be agreed in detail with the appointee to the Associate Professor position when signing the contract of employment.

The description of the post of Professor/Associate Professor (Tenure Track) (Annex) includes the scope and specifications of the post as required by the UEF University Regulations.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the description of the post.

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6

The scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer in Molecular Biology that will become vacant at the Faculty: Hearing of the Faculty Council

In accordance with the strategic human resources plan of the School of Medicine, Institute of Health and Clinical Nutrition, preparations are made to open a post of University Lecturer. The post will be filled from 1 January 2026 onwards until further notice.

The scope of the post is as follows:

University Lecturer, Molecular Biology:

The duties of the University Lecturer in Molecular Biology include the planning and teaching of courses, in particular in the fields of molecular and microbiology, biosecurity and the regulation of metabolism; the supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses; and the coordination of Bachelor's theses in the academic subject of Nutrition.

According to section 11 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council will discuss proposals regarding the scope and specifications of posts that comply with the four-stage career model of the faculty's permanent and Tenure Track positions.



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Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the scope and specifications of the post of University Lecturer, Molecular Biology, that will become vacant at the faculty.

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Granting the title of docent in Public and Global Health to PhD Frank Adusei-Mensah

PhD Frank Adusei-Mensah has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Public and Global Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland. The applicant's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated at its meeting that the docentship is purposeful from the perspective of teaching and research activities. The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has invited Docent Carina Tikkanen-Kaukanen (University of Helsinki) and docent Yvonne Holm (University of Helsinki) as experts.

Docent Tikkanen-Kaukanen submitted her statement on 15 October 2025 and Docent Holm on 3 October 2025. Both experts consider the applicant to be scientifically qualified for the docentship they are applying for and are in favour of awarding the title of docent. The statements of the experts are enclosed with this agenda item as Annexes.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009, the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for

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independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or in some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated, when it processed the application, that the applicant meets the criteria of the Faculty of Health Sciences as regards teaching skills.

According to section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The applicant meets the qualification requirements of a docent specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent and decides to grant the title of docent in Public and Global Health to PhD Frank Adusei-Mensah.

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- 10 Statement of the academic subject on the title of docent,
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8

Granting the title of docent in Health Data Science to PhD Anssi Lipponen

PhD Anssi Lipponen has proposed that he be awarded the title of docent in the field of Health Data Science at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland. The applicant's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated at its meeting that the docentship is purposeful from the perspective of teaching and research activities. The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has invited Professor Reija Autio (University of Tampere) and Professor Sini Junttila (University of Turku) as experts.

Professor Autio submitted her statement on 5 September 2025 and Professor Junttila on 17 September 2025. Both experts consider the applicant to be scientifically qualified for the docentship they are applying for and are in favour of awarding the title of docent. The statements of the experts are enclosed with this agenda item as Annexes.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for

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independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated, when it processed the application, that the applicant meets the criteria of the Faculty of Health Sciences as regards teaching skills.

According to section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The applicant meets the qualification requirements of a docent specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent.

Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the University Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent and decides to grant the title of docent in Health Data Science to PhD Anssi Lipponen.

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- 16 Statement of the academic subject, title of docent in Health
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Granting the title of docent in Nutrition Science, especially Food Processing, to PhD Saara Vanhatalo

PhD Saara Vanhatalo has proposed that she be awarded the title of docent in the field of Nutrition Science, especially Food Processing, at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland. The applicant's CV and list of publications are enclosed with the agenda item as Annexes.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated at its meeting that the docentship is purposeful from the perspective of teaching and research activities. The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has invited Professor Kaisa Linderborg (University of Turku) and Professor Anne-Maria Pajari (University of Helsinki) as experts.

Professor Linderborg submitted her statement on 20 August 2025 and Professor Pajari on 6 October 2025. Both experts consider the applicant to be scientifically qualified for the docentship they are applying for and are in favour of awarding the title of docent. The statements of the experts are enclosed with this agenda item as Annexes.

In accordance with section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may award the title of docent upon application to a person who

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has comprehensive knowledge of his or her own field, a capacity for independent research or artistic work demonstrated through publications or some other manner, and good teaching skills.

The Docent Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences stated, when it processed the application, that the applicant meets the criteria of the Faculty of Health Sciences as regards teaching skills.

According to section 9(8) of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland, the Faculty Council shall decide on awarding the title of docent.

The applicant meets the qualification requirements of a docent specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent.

Motion The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent and decides to grant the title of docent in Nutrition Science, especially Food Processing, to PhD Saara Vanhatalo.

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Grading MSc Johnson Lok's doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 January 2024), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 14 of the standing rules of the Faculty of Health Sciences on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. The Faculty Council will decide on the grade of the dissertation based on the grade proposal of the opponent.

MSc Johnson Lok's doctoral dissertation and study "[Host-microbiota interactions in MASLD: from disease progression to microbiome-based therapeutics – Gut-liver axis and engineered microbiome-based hormonal therapeutics in a male C57BL/6J mouse model of diet-induced MASLD](#)" was examined publicly on 1 September 2025. The opponent Professor Alice H. Lichtenstein (Tufts University, US) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Philosophy and proposes the grade Pass with distinction.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the

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examiner's or the opponent's statement. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), a study attainment may be assessed only by those members or deputy members of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

Motion Based on the statements, the Faculty Council grades MSc Johnson Lok's doctoral dissertation as Pass with distinction.

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22 Opponent_Lichtenstein_statement_Lok

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Grading Lic.Med. Vesa Periviita's doctoral dissertation

According to section 9 of the University Regulations of the University of Eastern Finland (1 January 2024), the Faculty Council grades doctoral dissertations. According to Section 14 of the standing rules of the Faculty of Health Sciences on degrees and studies, doctoral dissertations are graded on the scale fail – pass – pass with distinction. The Faculty Council will decide on the grade of the dissertation based on the grade proposal of the opponent.

Lic.Med. Vesa Periviita's doctoral dissertation and study "[Skeletal Muscle Channelopathies with Myalgia](#)", was examined publicly on 12 September 2025. The opponent, Professor Stephen C. Cannon (University of California, Los Angeles, US) is in favour of the dissertation being approved as a thesis for a doctoral degree in Medicine and proposes the grade Pass.

According to section 44 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), before a doctoral dissertation is graded, the author must be given an opportunity to submit his or her response to the preliminary examiner's, the examiner's or the opponent's statement. The doctoral candidate has no comments on the statements. The opponent's statement is enclosed with the item as an annex.

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According to section 29 of the Universities Act (24.7.2009/558), a study attainment may be assessed only by those members or deputy members of a multi-member administrative body who have a degree or completed study attainments of an equivalent level or who have been appointed professors.

Motion Based on the statement, the Faculty Council grades Lic.Med. Vesa Periviita's doctoral dissertation as Pass.

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12**For information**

Change to the Dean's proposal to the Rector of the University of Eastern Finland, discussed by the Faculty Council on 12 June 2025, on the appointment of MD Tuomas Rauramaa to the post of Professor, Neuropathology, from 1 January 2026 onwards until further notice.

Due to the arrangements of duties within the unit, MD Tuomas Rauramaa started in the post on 1 October 2025.

Motion Marked for information.

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Granting the title of docent in Pharmacoeconomics, to PhD (Pharm.) Timo Purmonen

PhD (Pharmacy) Timo Purmonen has proposed that he be granted the title of Docent in the field of Pharmacoeconomics at the University of Eastern Finland, Faculty of Health Sciences. The applicant's CV and list of publications are attached.

The Faculty of Health Sciences' Docent Committee has noted in its meeting that the docentship is appropriate in terms of teaching and research. The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences has invited Professor Zanfina Ademi Delaney (Monash University) and Associate Professor Liza Sopina (DaCHE) as experts.

Professor Ademi Delaney submitted her statement on 18 October 2025 and Professor Sopina on 1 October 2025. Both experts consider the applicant scientifically qualified for the docentship applied for and support granting the title of Docent. The experts' statements are attached.

According to Section 89 of the Universities Act (558/2009), the university may, upon application, grant the title of Docent to a person who has profound knowledge of their field, a demonstrated ability for independent research or artistic work through publications or otherwise, and good teaching skills.

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In its consideration of the application, the Faculty of Health Sciences' Docent Committee has stated that the applicant meets the Faculty of Health Sciences' criteria with respect to teaching skills.

According to Section 9(8) of the University of Eastern Finland's Rules of Procedure, it is the task of the Faculty Council to decide on the granting of the title of Docent.

The applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a Docent set out in Section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria required for the title of Docent in the Faculty of Health Sciences' docent guidelines.

Motion

The Faculty Council states that the applicant meets the qualification requirements specified in section 89 of the Universities Act and the criteria set out in the docentship guidelines of the Faculty of Health Sciences for the title of docent and decides to grant the title of docent in Pharmacoeconomics to PhD Timo Purmonen.

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| 25 | List of publications Purmonen Timo |
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| 27 | Expert opinion Purmonen_Ademi |
| 28 | Expert opinion Purmonen_Sopina |

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Description of the post of Professor, Pathology, especially Neuropathology, in order to invite MD Tuomas Rauramaa to the post: Hearing of the Faculty Council

The School of Medicine, the Institute of Clinical Medicine at the University of Eastern Finland has proposed in its strategic personnel plan that MD, Docent, Specialist Physician Tuomas Rauramaa be invited to the position of Professor of Pathology, especially Neuropathology, on a permanent basis.

The grounds for the invitation procedure are as follows:

Tuomas Rauramaa completed the Doctor of Medicine degree in 2016 at the University of Eastern Finland. He qualified as a Specialist Physician in Pathology in 2012 at the University of Eastern Finland. He was granted the title of Docent in Pathology, especially Neuropathology, in 2020 by the University of Eastern Finland. In addition, Rauramaa was awarded special competence in neuropathology in 2015 and special competence as a medical educator in 2019.

Tuomas Rauramaa currently serves as Professor of Neuropathology at the University of Eastern Finland and as Associate Chief Physician in the North Savo Wellbeing Services County. Rauramaa's publication list includes 86 peer-reviewed international scientific publications. He has supervised two doctoral dissertations and is currently supervising three. He has also frequently served as a pre-examiner of doctoral dissertations. Tuomas Rauramaa has secured approximately EUR 2.2

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million in research funding as principal investigator or as a member of a research group.

On the basis of the above, Tuomas Rauramaa meets the requirements for the invitation procedure for the position of Professor of Pathology, especially Neuropathology.

According to Section 33 of the Universities Act (558/2009), a professorship may be filled by invitation without an open call when a distinguished person can be invited to the position or when the position is filled for a fixed term. Only a person who indisputably meets the qualification requirements may be selected by invitation. According to Section 31 of the University of Eastern Finland's Rules of Procedure, a person appointed to a professorship on a permanent basis or for a term of more than two years must be scientifically or artistically competent, possess good teaching skills, and, if it is important for the performance of the duties, have practical familiarity with the field.

According to Section 10 of the University of Eastern Finland's Rules of Procedure, the Dean decides on the scope of duties and the job description of a professorship after consulting the Faculty Council. The Dean decides whether practical familiarity with the field is required of the professor. The Dean makes a proposal to the Rector, for a period of two years or longer, regarding the person to be appointed to the professorship, after consulting the Faculty Council.

The position filling memorandum for the Professor of Pathology, especially Neuropathology, is attached. The memorandum contains the scope of duties and job description as required by the Rules of Procedure. The memorandum requires

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practical familiarity with the field from the person to be invited to the professorship in question.

Motion The Faculty Council will discuss the proposed scope and specifications of the post and the Dean's proposal on the person to be invited to it.

Decision As proposed

Annexes

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| 29 | Description of the post, pathology especially neuropathology |
| 30 | CV Rauramaa Tuomas |
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| 32 | Consent to use the invitation procedure, pathology especially neuropath |



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Closing of the meeting

The chair closed the meeting at 15:43



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The English translation of the agenda/minutes of the meeting is attached to the agenda item.