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## **UEMS Specialist Section of Infectious Diseases**

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### **Minutes from constituent meeting for the Specialist Section for Infectious Diseases of the U.E.M.S., held in Brussels on the 15th March, 1997**

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#### **Members present:**

Croatia : Tatjana Jeren  
Denmark: Finn T. Black, Bente Klarlund-Pedersen  
Germany: Georg Maschmeyer, Ernst Rainer  
Italy : Sergio Pauluzzi, Fredy Suter  
Norway: Haakon Sjursen  
Portugal: J. Sariva Cunha, Henrique Lecour  
Slovenia : Franc Strle  
Sweden : Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle  
Switzerland : Daniel Lew  
Turkey : Haluk Eraksoy  
United Kingdom : Barbara Banister

1. An introduction was held by Dr R Pfeiffer, Secretary General of the U.E.M.S. The U.E.M.S. was created in 1958. It now has 18 full members consisting of the countries in the European Union plus Norway, Switzerland and Iceland. Associate members are Hungary, Malta, Slovenia, Turkey, Poland and Slovakia.

The Management Council of the U.E.M.S. consists of 2 delegates from the National Medical Association for each country. Two plenary assemblies are held each year. Each country has one vote.

There are now 35 monospecialist Sections. Each country is represented by two delegates, nominated by the national Associations. The Specialist Sections meet at least once a year and should have a president, a secretary and a treasurer. The Sections report to the Secretary General and reports are published in a secretarial report before the general assemblies. They are also sent to the National Associations.

In 1965 the directives drew up minimal criteria for education of specialists. The only criterion at present is the minimal duration of time for specialist training. The aim of the U.E.M.S. is to specify a program for the training of specialists.

Infectious diseases is an independent specialty in Portugal and Sweden. In Denmark, Italy, UK, Norway and Ireland it is a subspecialty within internal medicine. In the recent proposal (1996) for classification and training durations of the specialties registered in the doctor's directives a minimum 5 years duration is proposed for infectious diseases.

2. Dr Barbara Bannister, UK, was elected president and Dr Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, Sweden, was elected secretary/treasurer on a provisional basis for one year.
3. Finances were discussed. To cover the costs of office material and postage, a fee of 200 US dollars was decided for the first year to be collected from each national specialist association.
4. Discussion of goals. Short descriptions were made of the specialist training within the specialty in the UK, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and Portugal. It was decided that the Section should do an inventory of the specialist training in the member countries. The secretary will draw up a questionnaire which will be sent to all section members. The questionnaire will cover the core basic training in medicine and the specialist training. It will also contain questions about what goals we feel the specialist training should aim at, how the training should be carried out and what large problems exist in each country. In the future discussions the section will also deal with the questions of common examinations, basic requirements within Europe for the specialty, training in microbiology, internal medicine, paediatrics, tropical medicine, sexually transmitted diseases, pulmonology etc. Another important issue is the quality control of the specialist training and an inventory of the instruments for control in the member countries will be included in the questionnaire. The represent and the secretary will compile and do a summary of questionnaires w hen these have been returned.
5. Planning of the future:
  - Each delegate reports back from this meeting to his/her National association.
  - The secretary will design the above mentioned questionnaire forms, send them out to all delegates who will answer the questionnaire and send it back to the secretary. The president and the secretary will compile the answers and these will be presented at the next meeting and form the basis for the discussion of the continued work of the Section.
  - The next meeting is planned to take place end of October in Porto, Portugal. Dr Henrique Lecour will investigate the possibilities for such a meeting and keep in touch with the secretary regarding this.
6. The president declared the meeting closed.

Lund, Sweden, and London, UK, April 18, 1997

Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle  
Secretary/Treasurer

Barbara Bannister  
President

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