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UEMS Specialist Section of Infectious Diseases

MINUTES OF EUROPEAN BOARD FOR INECTIOUS DISEASES MEETING

Venue: Hotel Bristol, Geneva

Date: 17 September 1999

Present: Dr M W McKendrick (Chairman)

Dr Daniel Lew

Dr Finn Black

Dr Haakon Sjursen

Henrique Lequour

a) European Training Programme for Infectious Diseases

The draft programme was discussed line by line and amendments made accordingly. A key change was to remove all reference to Tropical Medicine training but to include a new section for those training in Infectious Diseases who wished to have a stronger training experience in Tropical Infectious Diseases. The Chairman undertook to make an appropriate amendments and those suggested at the Section meeting and distribute the final draft to members of the Board for approval prior to being sent to UEMS.

b) Log Book

The basic two sheets of paper which make up the training Log Book for Infectious Diseases in the UK were shared with the group and the Chairman undertook to reproduce this in a form which best matches the European Training Programme and to distribute it once completed.

c) Continuing Medical Education

The issue of CME was discussed and keypoints from the European Charter on CME (1994) were presented. The report on the development of the European Accreditation Council for CME (EACCME) was outlined by the Chairman - the EACCME would be a body of the UEMS who would seek approval from all National Authorities for reciprocity of CME credits. It is intended that this body will receive recommendations regarding suitability of a meeting for CME credits from the

CME representative of the European Specialist Society or of the European Board for the Specialty; on the basis of this advice they will issue CME credits. The funding of this activity will be met by the CME providers and there was concern as to whether this was a necessary new level of bureaucracy which could cost a significant amount of money and possibly inhibit some scientific meetings. The discussions on CME would develop further during the meeting of the Section in the afternoon when two representatives of ESCMID would be in attendance. It was agreed that there should be a named member who was the CME representative on the Board. It was agreed it would be appropriate for this person to be appointed by the next meeting of the Board by which time the draft Charter on CME in Infectious Diseases will hopefully have been approved. The Charter will be tabled before the members of the Section at the meeting in the afternoon and any comments on the Training Programme will be invited from all members.

d) Survey of Number of Specialist Trainees in Infectious Diseases and Training Centres
A brief report was given of progress of this survey. As yet it is incomplete and it was agreed that information would be transmitted via the secretary when comprehensive data was available. It was envisaged that this information may be used as a means of supporting the development or further development of the specialty of Infectious Diseases in different member countries.

e) Quality Assurance issues

The principle of having European accredited training Departments was one encapsulated in the UEMS Training Charter but the bureaucracy and manpower required to establish such a system makes it not feasible in the small specialty of ID at present. This item should be left on the Agenda to be left at a later date. (Discussion at the Section meeting generally supported the principle of collecting some data on Training opportunities available at different training Centres in different countries which would form the basis of factual information which could start to be used to address issues of agreed standards for Training Centres. It was accepted though that the issue of quality assurance of individual training centres was primarily the responsibility of National Authorities not of the UEMS Board.)

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