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### **Minutes from the third annual meeting of the U.E.M.S. Section for Infectious Diseases, September 17, 1999 at the Hotel Bristol, Geneva, Switzerland**

Members present: Daniel Lew. Switzerland, Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle. Sweden, Tatjana Jeren, Croatia, Mary Horgan. Ireland. Franc Strle. Slovenia. Haakon Sjursen, Norway, Haluk Eraksoy, Turkey, Gabor Ternak, Hungary, Finn Black, Denmark, Henrique Lecour, Portugal, Sergio Pauluzzi, Italy, Georg Maschmeyer, Germany, Mike McKendrick, UK.

Observers: Daniel Christmann and Christian Perronne, France, Antonio Guerrero and Jesus Fortun, Spain, Jos van der Meer, the Netherlands, Dirk Vogelaers, Belgium, Claude Carbon and Roger Finch, the European Society for Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology (ESCMLD).

1. The President, Daniel Lew, greeted everyone welcome to the meeting. The minutes from the second annual meeting in London, September 11, 1998, were approved.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer, Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, gave information on the Section's financial situation. Member countries with outstanding dues for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were reminded to send in their payments to Sparbanken Finn, Lund, Sweden, clearing nr 8359-2, account number 214.046.904-6 which is the account of the Specialist Section for Infectious Diseases. The year 1998 saw a balance of SEK 16,517, and so far for 1999 the total balance of the account is SEK 23,313. It was decided that the annual membership due to the Section remain unchanged at 200 US dollars.
3. The President gave information about the organisation and aims of the U.E.M.S. It was pointed out that countries which have specialists in infectious diseases but where the specialty is not officially recognised (Belgium, Spain, Austria, Finland) should be encouraged to work towards official recognition and apply via their National Medical Associations for membership in the UEMS Specialist Section. In France the specialty is recognised in hospitals but not in outpatient practice, in the Netherlands the specialty is recognised. France and the Netherlands also are encouraged to seek official membership in the Section.  
Daniel Lew also pointed out that Infectious Diseases is not on "Directives 93-15-EEC" which means that there is no free mobility for ID specialists. It was agreed that we should work on this when the charter for specialist training is accepted and when the CME program is set.
4. The European Board of Infectious Diseases (EBID) has discussed tropical medicine at their meeting in the morning of September 17. The suggestion is that the charter for specialist training in ID contain an offer of the possibility to get training in tropical infectious diseases within the ID specialist

training and otherwise leave the situation as it is.

Paediatric ID was also discussed by EBID. It is a fact that the specialty of paediatrics has several sub specialities. The suggestion is that paediatric ID not for the moment be a part of the training program for ID. Daniel Lew will keep in touch with representatives of paediatric ID. This suggestion was also approved.

5. The European Board of Infectious Diseases was established in September 1998 at the second annual meeting of the Section for Infectious Diseases. President of the Board is Mike McKendrick and the other members are Haakon Sjørnsen, Finn Black, Daniel Lew and Henrique Lecour. The objectives set for the Board at its establishment was to produce an agreed training program at the next annual meeting. The future agenda of the Board contains a position paper on CME for infectious diseases, envisage a European log book for the specialty, investigate the service delivery, integration and training of infectious diseases and clinical microbiology through collection of data on these points from the member countries and to produce a list of European training institutions for the specialty of ID.  
The President of the Board presented the draft for a training charter for infectious diseases and suggested some changes in the version earlier sent out to the members. A detailed discussion of the draft ensued and resulted in several suggestions for changes and modifications. The meeting agreed on modifications and assigned the task of revising the draft accordingly to the Board. The log book system was discussed. Such a system is already operative in many of the member countries. A European log book is viewed as a help and a support, especially for those member countries which do not have a national log book. The meeting also discussed the demands on training centres. It was agreed to start investigating current training centres from a clinical point of view.
6. Mike McKendrick gave an overview of the UEMS position with regard to CME (continuing medical education) and the charter of UEMS on CME, dated in 1994. There is a proposition to establish a European Accreditation Center for CME (EACCME) which will give credits for external CME based on advice from CME representatives of the Sections and/or the European Boards. The administrative expenses for EACCME would be borne by the CME providers.  
EBID has produced and presented a first draft for a position paper on CME in ID and the President of the Board asked all present at the meeting to communicate back any comments to him.
7. Claude Carbon, chairman of the subgroup of education for ESCMID, informed us that the subgroup will set up a permanent office in Basel. This office will administrate the different CME activities of ESCMID: it will control the way credits are delivered, it will list the activities of ESCMID and interact with national authorities responsible for accreditation of educational activities for CME accreditation, it will manage a web-site where the activities are listed and the amount of credits for each event. ESCMID is working to find a way to harmonise the handling of CME accreditation and credits by different European scientific societies. ESCMID realises that all this presupposes some kind of control of the academic standards of educational events. ESCMID views itself as a provider of CME activities in the form of conferences, courses, scientific journals, circulation of young students and investigators. There are difficulties: the recognition all over European states of credits recognised for an event in one country, an independent assessment for CME accreditation since this cannot be done by the European societies as providers of CME activities. As it is today, an event must be negotiated with national authorities in several countries separately. The establishment of EACCME would solve some problems, but will probably be an expensive venture.  
There was discussion on how ESCMID and the UEMS Section and Board of Infectious Diseases may interact and this question will have to be discussed further. Daniel Lew asked if the Section might be allowed to use some of the ESCMID infrastructure (for instance, a UEMS site or connection on the ESCMID web site containing the charter for specialist education and the position paper on CME), and Claude Carbon promised to take up this question in the ESCMID executive committee.
8. A questionnaire with request for data to do a survey of manpower in the specialty in Europe was sent out last spring by e-mail. Data collection is ongoing. Mike McKendrick encouraged those who have not yet answered or who have not received the questionnaire to send in their data as soon as

possible.

9. Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle has declined to be reelected as Secretary/Treasurer. Haakon Sjursen was nominated for the position, accepted and was unanimously elected to serve as secretary/treasurer from March 2000.
10. There was no other business.
11. For the next annual meeting of the Section there is the suggestion to hold this in connection with the ECCMID in Stockholm on the 27th of May, 2000 or in Denmark on the 9th of September, 2000. Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle and Finn Black will investigate the possibilities in their respective countries and confer with Daniel Lew within the near future.
12. The President thanked all participants for a constructive meeting and declared the annual meeting closed.

Lund and Geneva, September 30, 1999

Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, secretary

Daniel Lew, president

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