



UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES  
EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

**U.E.M.S.**

**UEMS Specialist Section of Infectious Diseases**

---

**MINUTES OF THE EUROPEAN BOARD OF INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES IN PERUGIA**

**HELD ON THE 15 SEPTEMBER 2001**

---

PRESENT: Mike McKendrick  
Haakon Sjursen  
Mary Horgan  
Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle  
Daniel Lew  
Henrique Lecour  
Finn Black

The minutes of the meeting of 2 April 2001 were accepted.

**Matters Arising**

**CME (CME/CPD)**

It was agreed that the term CME/CPD should be adopted until CPD was more universally accepted.

The minutes of the meeting attended by Finn Black and Barbara Bannister on behalf of UEMS and Roger Finch and Peter Schoch on behalf of ESCMID were noted and the contents discussed. There was lengthy discussion about the principles of CME and the development of a European Board for Accreditation of Infectious Diseases (EBAID).

The principle of the Board consisting of 2 Members of the European Board for Infectious Diseases, 2 Members of the European Section for Infectious Diseases and one Member of ESCMID with the secretariat servicing the EBAID being provided by ESCMID was agreed.

It was felt important that the postal address of EBAID should not include any reference to ESCMID and should be an anonymous P.O. Box. *(It was also agreed later at the Section that it was important to state in the operating guidelines that approval for accreditation of any ESCMID event should always be provided by a UEMS Member.)*

The Chair of the Board will always be a UEMS Member. It was also agreed that the EBAID should only provide approval for accreditation for international meetings and not for national meetings and should not be seen as a surrogate authority for CME/CPD approval in countries who do not yet have systems established for national CME/CPD.

It was agreed that as much as possible should be done electronically.

A draft application form for approval of meetings had been written by Barbara Bannister; this was discussed at the Board and later at the Section and amendments suggested.

It was agreed that a system of funding should be developed. This was further discussed at the Section meeting and it was felt that payment for CME/CPD approval should be prospective and should be based on

- a) the number of delegates expected to attend the meeting
- b) the number of CME activities requiring approval, i.e. it would not discriminate on financial grounds against small international meetings.

It was agreed that for the next year, Membership of the EBAID would be as follows:

- 2 members of the EBID - Finn Black as the Chairman of the EBAID and the current President of the EBID, Mike McKendrick.
- 2 Section Members - Barbara Bannister and the current President of the Section for Infectious Diseases, Daniel Lew.

It was not clear from discussions whether there was yet any agreement that accreditation of European meetings from EACCME would receive recognition from National bodies. This may be dependant upon the supporting structures such as EBAID - the situation regarding this relationship needs to be clarified.

Thanks were expressed ESCMID - to Roger Finch and particularly Peter Schoch - for their contributions in drawing up the protocol and guidelines which were discussed in greater detail at the Section meeting. Revised guidelines will be distributed to the Section electronically prior to approval.

**Action – Finn Black to circulate updated draft of workings of the EBAID, application form, charging system etc. for comment**

### Training Programme

The content of the training programme was discussed. There were no major developments, amendments or modifications. Some modifications of language in relation to the importance of, for example, training in HIV and AIDS were discussed and will be included in the revised curriculum document. There was also discussion about a letter from Professor Gruwez who suggested a revised format of Chapter 6 which related to the Training Programme. Mike McKendrick reported that an e-mail was sent to him raising some issues on this in June to which he had had no reply. Mike McKendrick undertook to send him the updated

modification to the Training Programme to the UEMS to put on the webpage.

**Action – MWM (sent Sept 2001)**

#### Log Book

There was discussion about the Log Book which was approved last year to go on the webpage. Daniel Lew suggested that an additional page should be included to incorporate the Educational Supervisor's annual report and Mike McKendrick agreed to incorporate a suitable page for this purpose.

**Action – MWM (sent Sept 2001)**

#### Database from European Centres offering Training to Trainees of other European Countries

It was agreed that this issue was deferred as there had been no evidence of demand for such a database from the membership of the Section.

#### National situation in ID with regard to conformity to UEMS standards.

The current situation with regard to written Training Programmes, consistency with the UEMS guidelines, availability of a Log Book and which National Authority is responsible for training was requested of all Section members in June 2001. The data was presented (*and was discussed country by country at the Section Meeting for accuracy.*)

This document may be seen as a useful grid which can be updated on an annual basis and this will be valuable aid to monitoring the progress of training structures in Infectious Diseases in different countries.

#### Support for Infectious Diseases in countries where it is not recognised.

Daniel Lew agreed to write a letter as President of the Section in a format which would reflect the basic principle and importance of formal recognition of ID; it was suggested this might be written be in the form of an enquiry as to the timetable for progress within countries where it is not yet recognised.

In the Section Meeting, a document from Dr Leibbrendt was drawn to the attention of the Members. This referred to a new **European directive** (2001/19/EC) which is to be found on the website [www.uems.be](http://www.uems.be), page "news". The highlighted changes include

- 1) the minimal training duration for General Practitioners is extended from 2 to 3 years (article 31b). This was an initiative at the European Parliament.
- 2) In the case of migration within the EU, certificates of medical specialists have to be recognised by the host country even if the particular specialty is not recognised as an independent specialty in the host country (article 42b).
- 3) In the case of migration within the EU, training obtained in countries outside the European Union will have to be examined and considered by the host country. The host country has to decide about recognition within 3 months. Appeal to the National Court of Justice is possible (article 42c).

- 4) An already effective administrative change is the transfer of the lists of specialities to the annex of the directive. This means that changes do not have to be approved by the Council of Ministers but by the Committee of the Senior Officials in Public Health. This will increase the speed of updating. The lists of specialities mentioned in the Directive includes
- Communicable Diseases - 4 years
  - General Internal Medicine - 5 years.

## Membership of the Board

Haakon Sjursen and Henrique Lecour have now completed their term of Office on the Board and thanks were expressed for their support. Daniel Lew will continue on the Board until he demits as President of the Section next year (2002).

Daniel Christmann from Strasbourg in France was nominated as a new Member of the Board (*later approved unanimously by the Section*).

Mary Horgan was proposed as President of the Board to take over at the meeting in September 2002 (*later approved unanimously by the Section*).

## Any other business

There were no other items raised.

### Date of Next Meeting

It is proposed that EBID should meet at the same time as the Section in association with the ECCMID in Milan in April 2002 – to be further clarified.

EBID minutes – Sept 2001

return to / retour vers: [HOMEPAGE UEMS](#)

#