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UEMS Specialist Section of Infectious Diseases

Minutes from the 5th annual meeting of the UEMS, Section for Infectious Diseases, September 14, 2001, Perugia, Italy.

Members present: Tatjana Jeren, Croatia, Finn T. Black, Denmark, Mike McKendrick, England, Christian Peronne, France, Daniel Christmann, France, Winfried V. Kern, Germany, Rainer Weissenbacher, Germany, Helen Giamarellou, Greece, Gábor Ternák, Hungary, Mary Horgan, Ireland, Sergio Pauluzzi, Italy, Peter Speelman, The Netherlands, Henrique Lecour, Portugal, Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, Sweden, Nedim Cakir, Turkey, Haakon Sjørnsen, Norway and Daniel Lew, Switzerland.

Observers: Roger G. Finch and Peter Schoch, the European Society for Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology (ESCMID).

1. The President, Daniel Lew, and our host Professor Sergio Pauluzzi welcomed everyone to the meeting in Perugia.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer, Haakon Sjørnsen, informed about the Section's financial status. The balance for the year 2000 was NOK 62.641, USD 7119.

The following countries have paid the annual fee, year 2000: Italy, Denmark, Ireland, France, Sweden, Belgium, Portugal, Croatia, Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom

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3. Finn T. Black presented The guidelines for the operation of the European Board for the accreditation of CME in Infectious Diseases (EBAID).
4. Roger G. Finch, ESCMID, gave an introduction to the European CME accreditation process. Peter Schoch, ESCMID, presented the process in details, see the enclosed accreditation process and legend: EACCME is the official recognition body of the UEMS for CME. EBAID is the specialist organization which recognize the scientific content and quality presented by the CME organizer. The CME accreditation must be recognized by the national CME authority of the attendee's home-country and also approved by the National CME authority of the host country which receive the application for accreditation.

It was agreed that the term CME/CPD should be adopted until CPD (Continued Professional Development) was more universally accepted. There was a long discussion about the principles of

CME, and the development of the European Board for the accreditation of Infectious Diseases, EBAID. EBAID will consist of two members from the European Board for Infectious Diseases, two members from the European Section for Infectious Diseases and one member from ESCMID with a secretariat servicing the EBAID being provided by ESCMID. The postal address of EBAID should not include any reference to ESCMID and should be an anonymous P.O. Box.

It was also stated that the operating guidelines for approval of accreditation of any ESCMID event should always be provided by an UEMS-member.

It was also discussed and agreed upon that the system of funding should be developed. It was felt that payment for CME/CPD approval should be prospective and should be based on the number of delegates expected to attend the meeting, and the number of CME activities requiring approval, i.e. it would not discriminate on financial grounds against small international meetings.

The UEMS ID Board meeting took place immediately before the annual meeting and matters put forward during the meeting was presented by the President of the Board - Mike McKendrick.

It was agreed upon that for the next year the membership of EBAID would be as follows:

- 2 members of the EBAID, Finn Black as the chairman and the current President of EBAID Mike McKendrick
- 2 Section members: Barbara Bannister and the current President of the Section for Infectious Diseases Daniel Lew
- 1 representative from the ESCMID: Helen Giamarellou.
- Peter Schoch from ESCMID will serve as secretary for EBAID.

It was not clear whether there was yet any agreement of accreditation of European meetings would receive recognition from National Bodies. They may be dependent upon the supporting structure such as EBAID.

Thanks were expressed to ESCMID, to Roger G. Finch and particularly Peter Schoch for their contributions in drawing up the protocol and guidelines. The revised guidelines will be updated and circulated to the members by Finn T. Black.

5. The ESCMID representative report was presented by professor Roger G. Finch. A similar process as is now taken place in UEMS-ID is also going on in the Section for Microbiology. This is a more challenging task because microbiology is not recognized in most of the member countries, but they have started a similar process for CME accreditation. Professor Helen Giamarellou will take over for Roger Finch as observer to the UEMS-ID.
6. The Training Programme and Log Book were presented by Mike McKendrick. There was no major development, amendment or modification. Training in HIV and AIDS was discussed and will be included in the revised document.

There were also a discussion about the Log Book which was approved last year to go on web page. It was proposed to incorporate the educational supervisor annual report. McKendrick also presented a review of data on countries with established training Programme and which countries that had a common trunk of training of at least 2 years, the minimum duration of training and if it conform to the UEMS programme, see the table enclosed.

It was also discussed what impact the UEMS ID could have to support specialists in countries that do not recognized Infectious Diseases as a specialty. Daniel Lew will send a letter to the National Medical Associations that so far do not recognize Infectious Diseases as a specialty: Austria, Belgium, Finland, Luxembourg and Spain. The two representatives from Germany will clear out the status of the Infectious Diseases specialty in Germany and report back to Daniel Lew. The contact to the countries not recognized UEMS ID will be informative and should reflects the basic principles and importance of formal recognition of ID. It was suggested that it might be written in a form as an inquiry as to the time table for progress within countries not recognized ID.

7. A document from Dr. C.C Leibbrandt, secretary general, UEMS, was discussed. This refer to a new European directive (2001/19/EC) which can be found on the website: www.uems.be, page "news". The highlighted changes include:

- The minimal training duration for General Practitioners is extended from 2 to 3 years initiated by the European Parliament.
- Migration within the EU, certificates of medical specialists have to be recognized by the host country even if the specialty is not recognized as an independent specialty in the host country (article 42b)
- Training obtained in countries outside the European Union will have to be examined and considered by the host country. The host country will decide about recognition within 3 months. Appeal to the National Court of Justice is possible (article 42c).
- Changes in the directive do not have to be approved by the Council of Ministers but by the Committee of the Senior Officials in Public Health. This is done to increase the speed of updating. The lists of specialties mentioned in the Directive includes:
 - Communicable Diseases – 4 years
 - General Internal Medicine – 5 years

8. Membership of the Board

Mary Horgan, Ireland and Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, Sweden are new members of the Board since September 2000 and is elected for a 3 years period.

Henrique Lecour and Haakon Sjursen have now completed their term of the Office. Daniel Lew and Mike McKendrick will continue on the Board until September 2002.

Mary Horgan was elected as new President of the Board taking over from September 2002.

A new President of the Section – Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle – was elected. She will take over from the spring 2002.

9. There was no other items raised.

10. Next years annual meeting will take place in Milan, April 23, 2002 in connection with the next year ESCMID in Milan.

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President UEMS ID

Haakon Sjursen
Secretary UEMS ID

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