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UEMS Specialist Section of Infectious Diseases

Minutes from the 7th annual meeting of the UEMS, Section for Infectious Diseases, September 13 and 14 2002, Izmir, Turkey.

Present: Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, Sweden, Nedim Cakir, Turkey, Gábor Ternák, Hungary, Mike McKendrick, UK, Henrique Lecour, Portugal, Franc Strle, Slovenia, Mary Horgan, Ireland, Finn Trunk Black, Denmark, Daniel Christmann, France, Haakon Sjursen, Norway.

1. The President Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, and our host Nedim Cakir welcomed everyone to the meeting in Izmir.
2. The minutes from the last meeting in Milan April 23, 2002 were recognised. The President informed about recognition of specialties in UEMS. She had been in contact with the President General of U.E.M.S., Cees C. Leibbrant, and he has confirmed that UEMS-ID is already recognized as a specialty within EU.

It was decided that Section delegates that retire should inform the UEMS-ID Section. The National Societies should then be informed to elect a new national representative. It was decided that minutes from each annual meeting should be sent to the National Societies as well as to the national representatives. Therefore, we ask each national representative to update our mailing list: the name, address and mail address for both national representatives and for the President of the National Infectious Disease Society should be sent to the secretary.

Financial Report. Secretary/treasurer Haakon Sjursen went through the financial report. The balance per 12. September 2002 is Euro 9.700.

Turkey, Ireland, Denmark, Portugal and Belgium have paid the annual fee for 2002. The financial report was recognized. It was proposed from Finn Trunk Black that we should have an accountant for the financial matter. Finn Trunk Black was elected as accountant.

Since the meeting we have received the annual fee for 2002 from Sweden, and from Norway and Slovenia for 2000, 2001, 2002.

3. Report from UEMS Section Meeting, May 11, 2002, in Brussels. H. Sjursen reported from the meeting. The report D0230 can be found on the web site of UEMS: <http://www.uems.be>. The most important matter was the representation of the Sections in the UEMS Management Council (MC). Six representatives of the Sections will be admitted to MC meetings as observers on a rotational basis. The different sections were divided in three groups, Infectious Disease belonging to group 1, Sections of internal pathology. From this group gastroenterology and allergology were elected by

lottery to represent the sections for a period of two years (4 MC meetings). First meeting is in Stockholm 18-19 October 2002.

Sjursen also reported from the FOSSIP meeting that was held the same day in Brussels. Volume 1 of the European Manual of the specialty sections has now been published, and volume 2, which also include the ID specialty with the logbook, common trunk and training charter will be published in the near future. It was decided that the president and the secretary would be supplied with volume 2. If the price is fair all delegates will receive a copy.

4. Mike McKendrick gave an introduction with regard to position towards the specialty of Clinical Microbiology, and about common training with the infectious disease speciality. Each representative reported from the system in his or her country. There was a discussion about microbiologists giving medical advice to clinicians, and it was a general agreement that non-MD should not be qualified to give medical advice except for factual, not interpretative information.

The UEMS-ID will not initiate a common training but will be open for proposals from the microbiology section.

5. Web site for the Section of ID.

Nilsson-Ehle pointed out that we should have our own web site. The UEMS Secretariat in Brussels has also recommended that each section should have their own web site. As for now we are linked to the UEMS web site. Sjursen has contacted the secretary general, Cees C. Leibbrant. His answer is that we could not expect any help from the secretariat to arrange our own web site.

Sjursen was appointed as web master, and together with Nilsson-Ehle he will establish the web site. The web site should be identical with the home page that we already have and should contain the training charter, the logbook and minutes from the section and board meetings in addition to other important documents. Minutes from previous meetings from 1997 on should be added. In addition, the e-mail addresses of the representatives of the section and relevant links should be included. The President should be chairman of the web site, and she will make a proposal of what should be included in the web site, and also what links we wish to add.

6. Nilsson-Ehle informed on the update of Doctors Directive of the European Parliament and the Council and on the recognition of the Professional Qualification, which has been proposed to replace the present Doctors Directive 93/16/EEC and its amendments. There are two types of recognition, the sectoral system and the general system. The goal is to enhance the possibility for work in other member states. The new directive states that only doctors belonging to the seven specialities recognised in all member states will be recognized, i.e. the sectoral system with automatic recognition. For all other specialties the general system will apply.

For the UEMS this split between the specialties is unacceptable, just as the lack of concern for quality. Therefore, the leaders of the 52 different specialties within EU and the UEMS commission want to abolish the new directive and keep the current. The proposal is on the table of the EU parliament, and no decision has been made so far.

It was decided that M. McKendrick should make a proposal of recognition by quality and not based on the fact that the specialty is recognized in all member states. This proposal will be sent to UEMS. Nilsson-Ehle gave an updating on the ID speciality in the different countries in Europe. In Austria the speciality is not recognised, but Austria has now an observer status to UEMS-ID. The President of the Austrian Society of ID, Hannes Pichler, Vienna, will attend as an observer to the annual Section meetings. Nilsson-Ehle has also contacted Finland, but they have given no answer, and will be contacted again. Sjursen has contacted Iceland, and has got no answer but will contact them again. Germany had a meeting on May 17 and the German recognition was turned down. Germany has not paid their annual fees since 2000, and there was a question about their membership. Luxembourg is also a member of EU, and it was decided to write a letter to Professor Hemme in Luxembourg. In addition, Poland, Tcheck Republic, Estonia, Malta, Romania, Slovakia, and Azerbaijan are also recognised as new observer states in EU. It was decided that Frank Strle would contact the Tcheck Republic and Slovakia.

7. The new President of the Board, Mary Horgan, gave her report from the Board meeting held earlier the same day. Matters that were discussed were the questionnaire/ answer of quality of specialist

training, a visitation system for training centers, joint training, and the CME application form. Horgan will try to set up an overview of all the trainees in the members' states. Minutes from the Board meeting will be sent from Horgan.

8. Finn Trunk Black gave an updating about CME and the application form for the organisers of congresses and meetings that will apply for CME. Trunk Black will circulate the application form. Two other members of the Board will recognise the application. It was decided to open a Swiss bank account for the fee paid by the organisers. It was discussed if a congress or a meeting should be recognised for a period of several years, but it was decided that there should be a yearly review for every meeting, and that the organisers must apply for each new meeting/congress.

9. Election of Secretary/Treasurer. Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle proposed Winfried Kern, Germany, as new Secretary. Kern has declared that he is willing to take the position and he was elected by the meeting delegates.

10. Other business.

Expenses. There was a discussion about what should be covered by the Section. It was decided that the establishment of a web site should be covered and also the expenses to the yearly Section meeting in Brussels for the president, the secretary and the president of the Board. Extra expenses for the annual meeting like paying for meeting room etc. should also be covered. 25 Euro per hour could be paid for secretary help for the Section's secretary by hours.

Visitation: The charter of visitation on training centers has been sent from UEMS on August 29. The charter is an overview of how visitation of training centers should be performed. In addition, there was a Q/A of visitation status in the different Sections. We went through the Q/A and agreed upon the answers that will be returned to UEMS by the Secretary. The President of the Board, Mary Horgan, will send a Q/A to the members of the Section with a copy of the visitation charter to get an overview of how visitation is done in the different member states.

11. The next Board meeting will be held in Glasgow in connection with the ECCMID 2003. The next Section meeting will be in Cork, Ireland 2003, September 5th and 6th, starting on Friday 5th. Bergen, September 30, 2002

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