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UEMS Specialist Section of Infectious Diseases

Minutes from the 6th annual meeting of the UEMS, Section for Infectious Diseases, April 23, 2002, Milan, Italy.

Members present: Daniel Christmann, France, Christian Chidiac, France, Nedim Cakir, Turkey, Helen Giamarellou, Greece, Tatjana Jeren, Croatia, Mary Horgan, Ireland, Winfried V. Kern, Germany, Ernst R. Weissenbacher, Germany, Daniel Lew, Switzerland, Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, Sweden and Haakon Sjørnsen, Norway.

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

1. The President, Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle, welcomed everyone to the meeting in Milan. The Minutes from the last year's meeting in Perugia was recognized.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer, Haakon Sjørnsen, informed about the Section's financial status. The balance per April 16, 2002 was Euro 9021. See attachment of the financial statement.
The following countries have paid the annual fee, year 2000: Italy, Denmark, Ireland, France, Sweden, Belgium, Portugal, Croatia, Germany, and United Kingdom.
2001: Switzerland, France, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, Turkey, Portugal, and The Netherlands. 2002: Turkey, Ireland.
It was decided that the annual fee should be changed from USD 200 to Euro 200 from the year 2002 on.
3. Report from the EBAID on CME/CPD accreditation in Europe for Infectious Diseases specialists. Peter Schoch presented the Guidelines, see attachment. He went through the Guidelines step by step and there was a discussion about who should pay for the recognition of congress and meeting. It was agreed upon that the costs for a local reception/congress/meeting should be charged by the organizer. This will be

included in the Guidelines. Peter Schoch will send the revised Guidelines that will be distributed.

4. Report by Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle about the visit to the Turkish ID Society. Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle and Mike McKendrick visited Ankara, Turkey in January 2002 and presented the UEMS-ID Education System to the Turkish Society in Infectious Diseases. The Society has finished their logbook for the ID specialty. In Turkey the specialists have a double specialty in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology. There was a discussion about combined specialty, and the President proposed that combined specialty should be a topic for the next meeting in Turkey in September.
5. UEMS Infectious Diseases Training Charter. The President went through the Training Charter and commented on some changes that were decided last year in Perugia. Training in HIV/AIDS was implemented but not included in the Web version as yet.
6. Status of ID specialty in countries where it is not recognized. Reports from representatives of these countries. The ID is not recognized in Finland, Belgium, Spain, Austria and Germany. Mary Horgan informed about the situation in Spain. There has been started a lobby activity to get ID recognized. As far as we know, it is the specialists in Clinical Microbiology and Internal Medicine that held back the recognition. The President oriented about the situation in Finland and Austria. In Finland there is an ID specialty but they have not applied for membership in the UEMS. The President will contact the Finnish Society and propose that they apply. The Austrian Infectious Diseases Society has also been contacted. Sjursen will contact the Icelandic Society.
Winnifred Kern presented the status in Germany. Only two states in the previous East Germany recognize the ID as a specialty. The other 17 states have not recognized the specialty. The matter will be raised on a meeting, May 17, 2002. It was decided UEMS-ID should send a letter to the German Association.
The UEMS ID is not fully recognized as a specialty in EU. Daniel Lew oriented about this. The reason is that we have been awaiting the Training Charter and the logbook to be completed. This has now been completed, and it was unanimously decided to apply for recognition of ID as a specialty in EU.
6. Quality assurance of specialist and trainees – results of questionnaire. Mike McKendrick had sent out a questionnaire to members and observers prior to the meeting and Mary Horgan presented the results. Some corrections were made, and the answers from Turkey were included. The completed questionnaire is enclosed.
7. ESCMID representative report. Helena Giamarellou oriented about the questionnaire sent to the specialties in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology to all countries in Europe.

8. Other business. The Secretary's election period is omitted, but it was decided that the secretary's period should be continued until the meeting in September 2002.

9. Date and place for the next meeting. Invitation from Turkey and Ireland. Nedim Cakir presented a written invitation from the Turkish Infectious Diseases Society. It was decided that the next meeting will be in Izmir, Turkey, September 12-13, 2002. We plan the meeting in 2003 to be held in Ireland.

Bergen/Lund May 29, 2002.

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