

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the UEMS Section for Infectious Diseases, 12 September 2015, Grenoble, France

Present

Adriana Vince (AV)	Croatia
Davorka Dušek (DD)	Croatia
Ljiljana Betica Radić	Croatia
Søren Jensen-Fangel	Denmark
Finn Trunk Black (FTB)	Denmark
Asko Jarvinen	Finland
Jean-Paul Stahl (JPS)	France
Andrew Ullmann (AJU)	Germany
Zsofia Muller	Hungary
Mario Mondelli (MM)	Italy
Håkon Sjørnsen (HS)	Norway
Bente Magny Bergersen	Norway
José Luis Boaventura	Portugal
Franc Strle	Slovenia
Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle (INE)	Sweden
Christian van Delden	Switzerland
Nick Beeching (NB)	UK
Stephen T. Green	UK
Franz Allerberger (FA)	Austria (UEMS Medical Microbiology Section)

Welcome, Apologies and Approval of Minutes and Agenda.

President Mario Mondelli (MM) and our host Jean-Paul Stahl (JPS) welcomed everyone to the meeting. 18 delegates representing 13 countries, attended the meeting, as well Medical Microbiology representative.

Apologies were received from Nicola Petrosillo, Andrzej Horban, Truls Leegaard and Joana Cortez Alves. The minutes of the 2014 meeting in Warsaw were approved. The agenda for the current meeting was also approved.

Report of the ID Section's President (MM).

President emphasized that main goals of the UEMS ID Section are submitting Training requirements for the Specialty of the Infectious Disease and developing board exam.

MM reported about UEMS autumn meeting held in Granada (16th-18th October 2014) and Brussels meeting (10th-11th April 2015). During Granada meeting there was much talk about European Training Requirements as a medical and political document that will offer guidance in preparing for specialization and encourage collaboration/European fellowships. These documents will emphasize competence-based training. However, the UEMS Specialist Sections and European Boards did not aimed to supersede the National Authorities' competence in defining the content of postgraduate training in their own State but rather to complement these and ensure that high quality training is provided across Europe.

In Brussels MM attended Group I meeting where CV of Internal Medicine was presented. Sections of Group I requested details about the financial situation and management of the

UEMS. Group I stressed the importance of communication between the Executive Committee and the UEMS structures. Concerns regarding the UEMS financial status were expressed by all groupings. Andrew Ullmann (AJU) also stressed dissatisfaction with UEMS Central *modus operandi*, as well as the need of being more active in these proceedings. One way of putting pressure on UEMS Central could be through scientific societies. Nick Beeching (NB) said that contacting national medical associations could be useful (for example meeting of all British representatives to the different UEMS Sections is planned where similar topics will be discussed).

The UEMS Council unanimously approved the transfer of UEMS Head Office to "Domus Medica Europaea" in Rue de l'Industrie 24, 1040 Brussels. Afterwards there was a grand opening of Domus Medica Europaea. However, after seeing this "extraordinary investment for the future of all the European doctors" MM felt that final result does not match the expectations despite significant money investment. Domus is actually fusion of two terraced houses with small office space and meeting room on top floor which is insufficient to accommodate UEMS Council delegates. This investment of approximately €16 M left UEMS with serious cash flow problems. UEMS Central suggested some ideas to resolve financial crisis including temporarily "confiscating" sections' accounts to provisionally fill the empty tank of UEMS hoping that it will become solvent again. Other proposals were taxation of European exams and increasing the fees for the National Medical Associations full Members of the UEMS.

While issues were raised on financial transparency of the UEMS, dr. Krajewski was concerned about possible "hidden accounts" maintained by major sections. Krajewski asked to start with sections giving 20% of their assets "within a cooperative spirit". Some sections even wanted to split from UEMS. This issue is not settled yet.

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Report from the working Committee for ID core curriculum/exit exam and CESMA matters (NB)

Members/observers status/development (AV).

AV updated the list of the new countries' representatives in the Section as follows: Asko Jarvinen for Finland and Søren Jensen-Fangel for Denmark.

Reports from members, country specific recent developments and plans and update of database on curriculum and training (ALL).

A usual round-the-table discussion was held on the topic.

- Portugal. There has been an increase in the number of specialists (200); about 15 new trainees per year. It is recommended that an ID specialist should be present in all departments with an emphasis on infection control.
- France. It is now mandatory to have a specialist in ID and CM in each hospital. Full specialty recognized on its own for 5 years. More applicants for ID training. Professional development: evaluation of learning, no CME.
- Slovenia. About 100 ID specialists. More applicants compared with previous years. Training in pediatric ID possible.

Kommentiert [U1]: Materials will be provided prior to Budapest meeting.

- Norway. Changes in strategy for specialty training planned. New e-platform for trainees application. Better control of CME after finishing training.
- Finland. About 150 specialists nationwide (100 adult+50 pediatric specialists). Training is performed at 5 university hospitals.
- UK. Remains complicated, even less applicants than last year. Combined training is compulsory (2 years internal medicine + 2 years common training + 2 years CM or ID or CM/ID).
- Croatia. Pediatric ID is now recognized as an individual specialty. CV harmonized with chapter 6.
- Italy. Only country in which higher medical training is controlled by ministry of education. Duration of training has been reduced to four years.
- Sweden. No change from last year.
- Germany. ID is still a subspecialty, about 500 physicians. No changes since last year.
- Denmark. About 100 ID specialists. In the last few years more education on transplantation related infections and cystic fibrosis.
- Switzerland. Approximately 130 ID specialists. Training is performed in 5 teaching hospital with 18 new trainees per year. Tropical Medicine is a separate specialty. Curriculum is rather old, revision is currently underway.
- Hungary. Approximately 200 ID specialists. Improvement in graduate and postgraduate training.

TAE news (DD).

TAE has actively participated in ECCMID 2015 with 3 different educational workshops/ scientific symposia arranged in collaboration with ESCMID Study Groups. TAE SC has also organized new format of Trainees Day which consisted of two sessions with 10 round tables chaired by renowned experts with different profiles within the field of infection. This format offers great chances for young professionals to learn about various options in their lives, to think about possibilities that never crossed their minds before, and to get inspiration from experts who were once in the same position at the crossroads of their career path. Participants were very satisfied with this new format. At the next ECCMID in Istanbul TAE will be organizing 3 educational workshops/symposia in collaboration with ESCMID SG and Parity Commission. One of the workshops entitled "Undergraduate and postgraduate training and assessments in the infection field- a European discussion" is organized in collaboration with UEMS ID and MM sections.

In 2015 TAE has performed a very important survey „Challenges in ID and CM training in Europe in the eyes of the young generation“. The survey was online for almost 3 months: 529 participants from 62 countries completed the questionnaire. Preliminary results showed that 63% of respondents were females and the average age was 33 years. Respondents answered questions about satisfaction, training adequacy, education and mentorship in CM and ID training in Europe. Preliminary analysis shows that trainees and young specialists in CM/ID do not regret of their decision to become CM/ID specialists (90.7%). Female participants showed lower levels of satisfaction with the training in general. Those respondents whose training is accredited were more satisfied compared to those whose training is not accredited. Mentorship also seems to be very important. General satisfaction with the training was not found to be related to age, marital status, parental status, monthly earnings, or trainees' specialty. Final results of the survey will be published and presented at ECCMID 2016.

Further trans-European surveys focused on training curriculum and antibiotic education will be performed in the next few years.

TAE is also planning to strengthen the collaboration with medical graduates through International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA)

Report from EBAID (INE, FTB).

EBAID has evaluated 40 applications for European CME credits for live educational events. One is yet to be finally processed. Two applications were rejected, one due to failure to get adequate responses from the event provider, one due to undue involvement of industry in the scientific committee.

INE has evaluated one application for credits for an e-learning event. This was a 6 module course on different aspects of antibiotics, the provider was the European Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases. After minor amendments, the course was approved for European credits.

Cooperation with Section of Medical Microbiology (FA).

The Section of Medical Microbiology presently includes 19 full-member countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK), 1 associate-member country (Turkey) and 4 observer countries (Belgium, France, Macedonia, Serbia). The main purpose of this UEMS-section are the harmonization and improvement of the quality of medical specialists training, qualifications and practice in the European Union in the field of Medical Microbiology. In order to depict the present Status of the specialty Medical Microbiology in Member States, a questionnaire asking for the title of this speciality in English and in "in native language", the current status (primary speciality, supraspeciality, etc...), and the duration of training (in years) was sent out in May 2015. Presently a working party chaired by prof. Truls Leegaard, is drafting a new training curriculum in Medical Microbiology. Prof. Truls Leegaard also acts as liaison officer to ID Section enabling coordinated approach concerning training requirements for infection control. The website of the U.E.M.S. Section of Medical Microbiology, which was refurbished in spring 2015, is accessible under <http://www.uems-smm.eu>.

Financial report/annual fees (donations) (AV).

The current balance of the UEMS ID section (as of 31.8.2015) was 27 707.87 €. An overview of incoming and outgoing payments was shown and approved by delegates. The incoming payments consisted from the annual fee payments from national associations. The payment from UEMS/EACCME for the EBAID live events evaluation were not received. The current situation of membership payments was presented.

Report on new website (AJU).

The website is fully updated and functional. No further comments.

Elections (MM, AV, NB).

This year elections for UEMS ID Section President, Secretary/Treasurer, EBID Vice-Chair and EBAID Chair took place. Mario Mondelli has resigned from position of President of the section and Adriana Vince from position of Secretary/Treasurer. Jean-Paul Stahl has been

elected as President of the Section, and Davorka Dusek for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Nicola Petrosillo is new EBID Vice-Chair. Andrew Ullmann has been elected as EBAID chair (if further work assignments would prevent him in performing this duty, new EBAID Chair will be elected). Bente Magny Bergersen and Søren Jensen-Fangel will join EBAID as a members at large.

Wrap-up, date and venue on next annual meeting. Wrap-up and Venue of Next Annual Meeting (MM).

Zsofia Muller kindly offered to host the next Annual Meeting in Budapest in September 2015. At 5 pm on Saturday 20th September the meeting was closed. Mario Mondelli thanked the participants for coming and Jean-Paul Stahl for the hospitality and the excellent organization of the meeting.