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UEMS 2007 / 13

Meetings of the Board & Council Fact Sheet

*Meetings held at the Danube Hotel – Bratislava, SK
11th-13th October 2007*

WORKING GROUPS

Thursday 11th October (2.00pm to 4.00pm)

The following working groups have met:

***CME-CPD
Postgraduate Training
Specialist Practice in current Health Systems
Quality in Patient Care
Structure of the UEMS***

DISCUSSION FORUM ON EHEALTH

Thursday 11th October (4.30pm to 5.30pm)
Co-chaired by Prof. Pattynama and Prof. Twomey
See: *Annex CL.6.4.a1
Annex CL.6.4.a2*

BOARD MEETING

Friday 12th October (9.00am to 9.30am)

1. Current state of the accounts closed on 30th June 2007

Financial documents were presented and endorsed by the Board.

See UEMS 2007/10.

2. Draft budget and Contribution fees for 2008

The draft budget and contribution fees for 2008 were presented to the Board and unanimously adopted.

See UEMS2007/11.

3. Election of new internal auditors

Prof. Twomey and Dr. Van Calster were unanimously nominated as internal auditors.

COUNCIL MEETING

Friday 12th October (10.00am to 5.00pm)

Saturday 13th October (10.00am to 12.30pm)

1-2. Agenda & Minutes of the last Meeting (Brussels, 10.03.2007)

The approval of the minutes of the last meeting was postponed to the next meeting.

See UEMS 2007/06.

It was agreed that short minutes should be drafted directly after the meeting while a longer report would be circulated 4 to 6 weeks after the meeting.

3. Reports from the President and the Secretary-General

Dr. Fras presented a short report of his activities within the organisation.

See Annex CL.3.

Dr. Maillet gave an overview of the SG Report

See UEMS 2007/12.

4. Working Groups

4.1. CME-CPD

Dr. Bjoern reported on the WG Meeting held on the day before.

See *UEMS 2007/14*.

4.2. Postgraduate Training

Dr. Akyol reported on the WG Meeting held on the day before.

See *UEMS 2007/15*.

4.3. Future Structure of the UEMS

Mr. Holzgruber reported on the WG Meeting held on the day before.

See *UEMS 2007/16*.

4.4. Specialist Practice in current Health Systems

Dr. Dumeix reported on the WG Meeting held on the day before.

See *UEMS 2007/17*.

4.5. Quality of Patient Care

Dr. Berchicci reported on the WG Meeting held on the day before

See *UEMS 2007/18*.

5. UEMS Strategy

The adoption process was postponed to April 2008 and comments are being collected till the end of November.

First concrete action plans will be elaborated by the Taskforce set up for this purpose.

See *Annex CL.5*.

See also *Item 3*.

6. European Issues

6.1. Health Services

Dr. Borman reported on the latest developments regarding this issue and commented on the draft Directive proposal to be issued at the end of November.

See UEMS 2007/03.

6.2. Working Time

Mr. Destrebecq reported on the current state of play regarding this issue, i.e. a possible agreement in view further to informal talks led by the Portuguese Presidency of the EU.

6.3. Recognition of Professional Qualifications

Dr. Fras reported on the progress relating to this issue and further elaborated on the future entry into vigour of this Directive as well as the need for contributions from national member associations and Sections & Boards.

6.4. eHealth

Prof. Pattynama and Prof. Twomey presented an overview of the work of the Radiology Section regarding this issue.

See Annex CL.6.4.a 1&2.

The “Rome Declaration on Continuity, Collaboration and Communication” was unanimously endorsed.

See Annex CL.6.4.b.

The “UEMS Bratislava Declaration on eMedicine” was adopted.

See UEMS 2007/19.

7. EACCME

Dr. Maillet reported on the latest achievements with regard to the EACCME.

Dr. Fras announced and presented the newly developed web-based application system.

Dr. Borman presented an overview of the work undertaken to improve the EACCME proceedings.

See UEMS 2007/23.

8. Specialist issues

8.1. Latest UEMS Sections and Boards Meeting (Brussels, 26.05.2007)

Dr. Fras reported on the May Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS S&B. The problems of mutual collaboration between the S&B, national associations and the UEMS Brussels Office were voiced and potential solutions raised.
See UEMS 2007/08.

8.2. Report from the Sections' Delegates

Group I

Prof. Grisold and Prof. Amlie had no item to report upon.

Group II

Prof. Holschneider reported on the issues of concern to his group, i.e. working time and surgical training, and the group's representation.

Group III

No delegates were present due to other commitments.

8.3. Specialty Status

8.3.1. Medical Microbiology

A request was received to create an independent Section of Medical Microbiology. Prof. Degenere presented the viewpoint of Medical Microbiology. Dr. Merten presented the position of the Section of Medical Biopathology. Several views were expressed while it was decided to postpone the decision to the next Council Meeting.

8.3.2. Otorhinolaryngology

A request was received from the Section of Otorhinolaryngology to become the "UEMS Section of Head and Neck Surgery". Dr. Akyol presented the wish from ENT-ORL specialists to share collaboration with their colleagues in surgery. This proposal was rejected.

8.3.3. Neuroradiology

A request was received to establish a Division of Neuroradiology within the Section of Radiology. This proposal was approved.

8.3.4. Angiology

A request was received to establish a Division of Angiology within the Section of Internal Medicine.

The proposal was approved.

8.3.5. Oro-maxillo-facial Surgery

The item was postponed to the next meeting.

8.3.6. Any other business

Dr. Rüggeberg suggested establishing a multidisciplinary joint committee on Interventional Medicine.

A proposal will be formally put forward to the Brussels Office.

8.4. Documents for endorsement

8.4.1. Neurology – Epilepsy & Driving

The document on “Epilepsy & Driving” was drafted by the European Board of Neurology and sent to the Brussels Office for endorsement.

Prof. Grisold presented the main items of this document.

The position paper was unanimously endorsed.

See UEMS 2007/20.

8.4.2. Radiology – Alliance for MRI

Prof. Pattynama reported on this issue and presented the request, endorsed by the UEMS S&B, to the UEMS Council to join the “Alliance for MRI”.

The request was unanimously approved.

See Annex CL.8.4.2.

8.4.3. Sport Medicine – Chapter 6

The Chapter 6 on specialist training requirements in Sport Medicine was endorsed.

See UEMS 2007/21.

9. Guidelines-International-Network

Dr. Hofmann reported on the partnership between UEMS and GIN, notably further to the GIN Conference held at the end of August in Toronto.

Mandate was given to the Executive to explore ways of finding a better partnership agreement with GIN.

10. Treasury

Dr. Lamy reported on the decisions relating to financial matters taken by the Board.

11. Procedural matters

11.1. Membership – Lithuania

A request to join the UEMS was received from the Lithuanian Medical Association.

This application was transferred by the Executive to Council for decision.

Prof. Kupcinskis presented the Lithuanian Medical Association

See Annex CL.10.1.

The Lithuanian Medical Association was unanimously accepted as Full Member of the UEMS.

11.2. Proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure – Elections

Mr. Holzgruber introduced the issue, i.e. the need to formalise the motion adopted at the March Council Meeting in Brussels into the rules of procedure.

The proposal was approved.

See UEMS 2007/22.

11.3. Proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure – S&B representatives to Council

Dr. Fras presented the motion adopted by the S&B at their meeting in Brussels on 26.05.2007 with regard to the representation of S&B groupings within Council.

It was agreed to postpone the decision to the next meeting.

11.4. New working groups

A proposal to establish a specific working group on eHealth was received from the Slovak Medical Association.

The proposal was approved.

12. European Medical Organisations

CPME

Dr. Wilks pointed to several areas where he hoped to improve collaboration with the other European Medical Organisations, i.e. professional mobility or eHealth.

FEMS

Dr. Wetzel also indicated issues currently at stake where a cooperative approach was needed, i.e. Health Services and Working Time.

PWG

Dr. Savblom gave an overview of the increased collaboration between PWG and UEMS, especially as regards the involvement of PWG delegates in the UEMS S&B or the quality of specialist training, notably in the framework of the draft UEMS Strategy.

UEMO

Dr. André pointed to some of the recent UEMO activities, notably on Prevention and the recognition of GPs as specialists. He also reported on the contacts undertaken regarding the EACCME.

12. Any other business

13. Next Meetings

- **17-19 April 2008: 50th Anniversary, Brussels, Belgium**

Further details were given on the preparation of this major event which will be divided as follows:

- i. Thursday 17th April 2008 S&B Meeting
- ii. Friday 18th April 2008 Conference and Gala Dinner
- iii. Saturday 19th April 2008 Council Meeting

- 9-11 October 2008: Council, Copenhagen, Denmark
- October 2009: Council, Istanbul, Turkey
- October 2010: Council, Prague, Czech Republic

Proposals to hold meetings of the UEMS Council were received from the
- Union of Bulgarian Medical Societies

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