



UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

MINUTES - RIGA

Friday, 30th May 2014 (13:00 - 15:30)

On Friday we had a factory visit to the Aldaris brewery, which was founded 1865 in Riga. Aldaris belongs today to the Carlsberg-Group.



Saturday, 31th May 2014 (09:00 – 17:00)

Riga Stradins University, Senate Hall

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Alenka Škerjanc, president (Slovenia) **AS**, Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller, secretary (Switzerland) **KS**, Simon Bulterys, treasurer (Belgium) **SB**, Maija Eglite, host of the meeting (Latvia) **ME**, Athanasios Alexiou, observer and guest (Greece) **AA**, Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway) **TD**, Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland) **RH**, Elisabeth Isnard, observer and guest (France) **EI**, Thomas Kraus (Germany) **TK**, Ferenc Kudaz (Hungary) **FK**, Nicole Majery (Luxemburg) **NM**, Montserrat Puiggene (Spain) **MP**, Kari Reijula (Finland) **KR**, Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal) **PR**, Dick Spreeuwiers (The Netherlands) **DS**, Milan Tuček (Czech Republic) **MT**, Maie Vahisalu (Estonia) **MV**, Emil Vancu (Romania) **EV**, Kristian Vetlesen (Norway) **KV**

Ana Maria Frazao, standing guest (European Junior Doctors) **AF**, Giso Schmeißer, standing guest (EASOM President) **GS**.

APOLOGIES: Ole Carstensen (Denmark) **OC**, Nikki Cordell (United Kingdom) **NC**, Vlasta Dečković (Croatia) **VD**, Damian Fotache (Romania) **DF**, Karl Hochgatterer (Austria) **KH**, Ivo Iavicoli (Italy) **II**, Christine Klien (Austria) **CK**, Jadranka Mustajbegović (Croatia) **JM**, Urška Močnik (Slovenia) **UM**, Tom O'Connell (Ireland) **TO**, Marek Varga (Slovakia) **MVa**, Jolanta Walusiak Skroupa (Poland) **JW**, Pille Viive (Estonia), Elena-Ana Pauncu (EASOM) **EP**.

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants, especially to the invited guests and observers. A warm welcome was given to the representative of European Junior Doctors.

3. Presentation from the host country

ME gave an overview to the development of the activities of the department of OM (Annex 1).

Ivars Vanadzins presented data about work conditions and work related hazards in Latvia (Annex 2)

4. Minutes of the last meeting (Lucerne, 11.-12.10.13)

- Minutes were adopted.

- Question KS to 9; WG 2, 3: Progress of survey about task of OM in the member countries? - AS: work is finalized, but not yet distributed (item 11 of today's meeting).

5. Information from UEMS

- UEMS wants to strengthen the contact between the Sections and the European scientific societies in the concerning speciality. In OM there is no such society with European importance.
- AS reported from the UEMS Council Meeting in Brussels (11.04.-12.04.2014): our Section's Statement on Health and Safety at Work 2007 – 2012 was adopted by UEMS Council as UEMS official Statement, new subaccounts of sections are obligatory, Domus Medica in Brussels has not been in used so far.

6. New working groups

PR presented the data he had collected regarding the 5 Top Issues in OM in the Section's member countries (the data are given in Annex 3).

AS summarized the regional priorities. After some discussion the board suggested to form 3 groups for continuous working on the three most important issues:

- Training process in OM and its harmonisation in the UEMS member states
TD, ME, GS, TK, KR, AF
Kari Reijula is the head of the WG1.
- Occupational diseases – their regulation and trends
FK, DS, NM, EV, MV, KS
Dick Spreeuwiers is the head of the WG2.
- Concepts of service and costs in OM
SB, MP, PR
Simon Bulterys should be the head of the WG3.

All section members not yet involved to one of the WGs should decide to join until the next meeting.

7. "Working rules" in the section's work

KS presented a draft of Status and Rules for the Procedures and Work within the Occupational Medicine Section (Annex 4). The parts defining the status of members derive from UEMS Status and Rules of procedures. UEMS Brussels urged the UEMS Rules to be fully respected because of the tax regulations.

Some aspects were discussed, final decision is going to be adopted in Glasgow.

8. Finances

SB gave an overview of the actual financial situation of the OM Section (annex5). He explained

- the difficulties to identify the right address for sending the bills for collecting the fees;
- the importance of the correct transfer data to attribute a transaction to the sender;
- and presented the budget, which should be balanced this year if we receive the fee per person.

9. Website

OC is continuing to administer and enlarge our web site. Members are encouraged to use it and fulfil data on their national associations.

10. Participation on a conference about "Preventing alcohol and drug abuse at the workplace"

- NM presented the issue which should give the Section the opportunity to present our Statement in the European Parliament ;
- AS will present it in Strasbourg and therefore different aspects were gathered from the group by a brain storming process.

11. Surveys

- Mari Cruz Rodriguez (former member) and AS prepared a short a survey about tasks of specialists of occupational medicine in European countries, the questionnaire will be sent out soon.
- KR will further coordinate a survey about training programs in OM in Europe in WG1, the group will decide on cooperation with other partners like EASOM members to prepare the curriculum for UEMS Council to be adopted.

10. Collaboration

EASOM

AS summarized that EASOM was permanently invited and represented by EASOM president at the Section's meetings.

EASOM and UEMS OM Section have got different status and different tasks following the UEMS Statute.

One of UEMS' core activities is the harmonisation of medical training. WG1 is the place to decide on further cooperation.

EJD

AF presented the European Junior Doctors Association and its aims. Her presence in the Section was appreciated.

OSHA

FK presented the work of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and the concept of the focal points which serve as relevant stations on national level. PR underlined that OM is poorly visible at the agency and this should change if possible. It was agreed by most Section members that participation at the yearly changing campaigns was not in the scope of UEMS-OM but up to the national organisations.

ETUI

MT collected data on the density of occupational physicians, the data are going to be compared to ETUI's to build further actions and cooperation.

11. Reports from meetings

KS reported on the 2013 founded "International Occupational Medicine Societies Collaborative", he and TK will keep the Section informed about aims and work of IOMSC.

Emil Vancu attended the interesting meeting in Lisbon and he added remarks on occupational medicine organization in Romania.

Dick Spreeuwers reported on the past meeting on ICOH History workshop in Rotterdam.

12. Any other business

Next meetings:

UEMS Section's meeting, following EASOM Summer School: 30.8.2014, Glasgow, Scotland

UEMS Section's meeting: 20.03. - 21.03.2015, Copenhagen, Denmark

To do list:

Everybody is asked to choose a WG!

The meeting was closed at 17:00 p.m.

In the evening here was a dinner with traditional Latvian food,.

Thank you very much, Maija Eglite!

Klaus Stadtmüller
Secretary

Alenka Skerjanc
President