



UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

MINUTES

Meeting: October 29th 2016

Budapest, Hotel Mercure Korona 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

1. **Company/work-site visit** (Friday 28.10.2016 13:00 – 18:00)

Oil refinery MOL, Százhalombatta

We had the opportunity to inform us about the health issues among the employees and the occupational health program in Hungary's biggest oil refinery. On driving through the vast scenery of spreaded installations, nearly no workers could be seen. All the production processes are automatic, MOL workers are controlling and supervising. Dr. István Miniska MOL's Senior Medical Advisor told us, that there hasn't been any occupational disease since over 5 years in the company. One must acknowledge that almost all physical work (cleaning, maintenance etc.) is outsourced.

Thank you for this interesting view into the factory.

2. **Participants and apologies**

- **PARTICIPANTS:** Hosts: Ferenc Kudaz (Hungary) and Károly Cseh (Hungary).
Alenka Škerjanc, president (Slovenia), Simon Bulterys, treasurer (Belgium), Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller, secretary (Switzerland), Marie Cruz Rodriguez (Spain), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway), Maija Eglite (Latvia), Satu Vaihkonen (Finland), , Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Theodore Bazas (Greece), Jolanta Walusiak Skroupa (Poland), Nicole Majery (Luxemburg), Kari Reijula (Finland), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), Dick Spreeuwers (The Netherlands), Emil Vancu (Romania), Nerys Williams (United Kingdom), Marek Varga (Slovakia).
Ana Maria Frazao, standing guest (EJD)
Giso Schmeißer, standing guest (EASOM President).
Bernard Maillet (UEMS treasurer)
- **APOLOGIES:** Orfanidis Moysis (Greece), Ole Carstensen (Denmark) Vlasta Dečković Vukreš (Croatia), Jadranka Mustajbegović (Croatia), Fabriziomaria Gobba (Italy), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Elena Pauncu (Romania), Maie Vahisalu (Estonia), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Patricia Maladry (France), Pedro Gonzalez de Castro (Spain).

3. **Welcome**

Our president Alenka opened the meeting on Saturday morning, thanked Ferenc and the Hungarian society

of occupational medicine MÜTT for the organisation of the very interesting factory visit of MOL and the organisation of the meeting.

She introduced the new delegate Theodore Bazas (Greece) to the group and welcomed Bernard Maillet, the UEMS Treasurer, who visited our section meeting. She expressed her satisfaction about the presence of a member of the UEMS executive.

4. Welcome from the host country

Károly Cseh: Specialist's training and CME Occupational Medicine in Hungary

Ferenc Kudaz: Information concerning OM in Hungary

The president of the Hungarian Society of Occupational Medicine MUETT Prof. Dr. Károly Cseh welcomed the group wished a successful meeting. He gave an overview to formation of occ.med. specialists in Hungary. There is a 48 months program in different universities, in which between 2010 and 2015 252 specialists have been qualified.

Further information: annex 1

Our member Ferenc Kudaz informed us about the general situation of occupational medicine in his country. Hungary has a working population of 4.1 Mio (total pop. is at 10Mio). There is a complex process for the notification of occ. diseases, in most cases the exposure cannot be confirmed. Many doctors do not report a suspicion, because that means a lot of (unpaid) work for them. F.ex. in 2014 there have been only 7 pleural mesotheliomas recognized whereas the national cancer register counts around 100 cases.

For further details: annex 2

Minutes of the last meeting (Bologna)

The minutes were adopted.

5. Information from UEMS

Bernard Maillet gave a very detailed and deep insight in the history, the aim and actual issues of UEMS. Important points: UEMS is a nongovernmental organisation; UEMS is a financially healthy organisation with cash-flow problems in the past; adopts guidelines and essential training requirements for the training of specialists but makes no binding rules; took some decisions during the last Council meeting in Brussels which alters the structure and the functioning of UEMS considerably. For details: see annex 3

There was some discussion about the mechanism of putting guidelines and recommendations into reality: Somebody expressed his meaning, that because the ETR in occ.med. would not be fulfilled in some countries these ETR had to be put into question. The majority of the group expressed the opinion, that it is the task of each national society to promote the ETRs in its country and not to change the ETR.

One proposal was to motivate ICOH for accreditation of CME-events on EACCME.

6. Sections finances (Simon Bulterys)

Our treasurer repeated the notice that the actual cash position still balances the foreseeable expenses for 2016. As in 2015 there will be no member contributions to the section needed for 2016, provided that some outstanding fees are paid.

7. Website

Ole Carstensen was absent, but did not put forward any item concerning the web-site beforehand.

The proposal was made that all countries should revise their texts and that one common structure should be used for their texts by all countries.

8. Section's working groups

Alenka Škerjanc introduced this part of the meeting and stressed a new work item:

As WG1 had already completed its work on the ETRs (annex 4) and WG3 had also no really new aspects, we would dedicate our time on our commitment in Bologna for the EU-OSHA's Healthy workplaces campaign 2016-17 (see also annex 5)

WG 1: see annex 6

WG2: Occupational diseases

WG 2 worked on the text of a statement, which will serve as a core document to express our position on Occupational diseases and healthy workplaces for all ages.

Proceedings: see annex 7

WG3: Integration UEMS OM in EU-OSH strategic framework (annex))

Simon repeated his experience at a meeting with Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner of Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility. He also stressed the importance, that each section member should get to know the national member of the Advisory committee of health and safety at work (SLIG).

And the group demanded that each society should put a link to the campaign's web site.

9. EJD +Surveys

Maria Ana informed the group that the report about working hours of junior doctors was a essential element in the annual congress of EJD.

She will prepare a new survey which will deal with the structure of OM specialists training. She promised that the new survey would be easier to deal with than the first one.

10. Any other business

Thor mentioned a link to a free course on occ.med. in developing countries, which was created by Bergen university, Norway:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/occupational-health-developing-countries>

The meeting closed at 17:00 p.m.

Next section meeting: 27./28.5. 2017 in Helsinki

Alenka Škerjanc
President

Klaus Stadtmüller
Secretary