



UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine

MINUTES

Glasgow 7 May 2005 10:00 a.m.

1. Apologies

Participants:

Giorgio Assenato	Italy
Monica Ballester Roca	Spain
Aristotel Cakar	Slovenia
Alain Cantineau	France
Janine Cantineau	France
Ole Carstensen	Denmark
Clodagh Cashman	Ireland
Paulo Coelho dos Santos	Portugal
Ørn Terje Foss	Norway
Annette Gaessler	Germany
John Harrison	UK / EASOM
Cathy Harrison	UK
Elsbeth Huber	Austria
Reinhard Jäger (Secretary)	Austria
Ewan Macdonald (Chairman)	UK
Tom McMahon	Ireland
Kristiina Mukala	Finland
Stanislav Pusnik	Slovenia
Luc Quaeghebeur	Belgium
Consol Serra	Spain
Alenka Skerjanc	Slovenia
Knut Skyberg	Norway
Andrej Slovak (Treasurer)	UK
Dick Spreeuwens	The Netherlands
Milan Tucek	Czech Republic
Jacques van der Vliet	The Netherlands

Apologies:

Gunnar Ahlborg	Sweden
Boguslaw Baranski	Poland
Brigitta Danuser	Switzerland
Vlasta Deckovic-Vukres	Croatia
Giuliano Franco	Italy
John Gallagher	Ireland
Kaj Husman	Finland
Paavo Jappinen	Finland
Jovanka Karadzinska-Bislimovska	Macedonia
Jadranka Mustajbegovic	Croatia
Claus Piekarski	Germany
Lesley Southgate	UK
Andre Wheel	Netherlands/ EASOM

2. Welcome

Ewan Macdonald welcomed all participants, especially the new delegates from Slovenia, Alenka Skerjanc and Stanislav Pusnik, and Milan Tucek from the Czech Republic, and all others for coming. After that he gave a presentation about the numerous research activities and projects of the institute.

3. Minutes of last meeting (Modena 16 October 2004)

The minutes were agreed.

4. Agenda

Leonardo Project:

Ewan gave a short report about the Heathrow meeting of the project group. He said that we have a 25 % chance to get the funding. The decision will come in June. We also should be prepared for the possibility that the project can be run in cooperation with EASOM / UEMS without funding. Further details were discussed at the meeting of the project group in the afternoon, where all UEMS delegates were welcome to attend.

Milan Conference June 2006

In the course of the conference our section will organize a UEMS symposium. Ewan will send a letter to Prof. Foa, who is the organizer of the Milan conference.

Action Ewan

Vision Occupational Medicine

Jacques will send a list of organisations and persons to whom the document should be sent out, including the UEMS board. All national representatives should send it out in their countries, and it should be translated in the languages of the member countries. Consol and Monica have already translated it to Spanish. Luc said, the representatives of Belgium decided not to translate it. Jacques said, he is preparing a new document, "From Vision to Change", which he will also present to the standing committee.

Action Jacques

Action all

Homepage

The UEMS homepage was under reconstruction, and our documents are no longer available there.

Ole said, he has all our documents on the Danish website. He was unanimously elected to be webmaster of the section, and it was agreed by all that funds of the section should be used for this task. Ole will need the password from UEMS to load up documents to the section homepage.

Action Ole

Proceedings Barcelona:

Consol said they are going to be available in about 4 weeks.

Action Consol

EASOM

John and Kristiina announced the EASOM summer school to be held 25-27 August in Helsinki. The theme is "Multidisciplinarity in Occupational Health." All section members are kindly invited to come to Helsinki for the EASOM summer school.

Quality and peer audit

Tom distributed the paper on the quality assessment process to all section members. All national bodies responsible on quality

assessment should decide now if this system is interesting to use. He reminded the section members that the paper is confidential. Annette explained the system, which has been implemented in Germany and is agreed by an advisory board, where all responsible bodies are represented. More than 100 services have been checked with this system of quality assessment in Germany. If other national associations intend to use it, they should contact the German Association, which is named in the paper. Ewan said, the next step should be an implementation plan. Tom and Andy will draft a project plan.

Action Tom and Andy

Information on ICOH

Alain gave a short report on the organisation and activities of ICOH and the 45 scientific committees, and invited all UEMS section members who are not yet ICOH member to apply for membership.

New EU members:

Ewan said we should systematically give information on our section to the new members.

Tom added, we should ask the UEMS secretariat about the national nominating bodies.

Dick said he had contacts in Romania, and he will invite them for future meetings.

Action Dick

5. Any other business

Cathy is preparing a white paper for the UK government on Workplace Health, and she asked for information on experiences in other countries with alcohol at the workplace.

Her e-mail address is: cathy.harrison@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Action all

Dick is working on a Delphi study on the quality of registration systems for occupational diseases, and he asked all section members for support.

Alain announced the workshop of the ICOH committee on Education and Training in Occupational Health, which will be held September 15-16 in Strasbourg.

Knut announced the 18. International Symposium EPICOH 2005 September 11-14 in Bergen, Norway.

Jacques asked for additional comments and remarks on the action plan, which was proposed by Dick and himself.

Ewan said, this is going to be a task for the new president.

Action Consol

Jacques proposal to organise a workshop during the Amsterdam meeting was generally agreed. Comments should be made before the end of June.

Action all

The UEMS secretariat had asked for a contribution to the new UEMS compendium from our section.

Action Consol

6. Election

Tom, who had been asked to be the election officer, proposed the following nominations:

Treasurer:	Andy Slovak	(UK)
Secretary:	Knut Skyberg	(Norway)
President:	Consol Serra	(Spain)

The nominated persons were elected unanimously for 4 years.

Consol thanked the Section for their support and emphasised the good work done by the former Presidents, Ewan Macdonald and Tom McMahon. She wished to continue along the same lines as Ewan guiding the Section and to bring forward the ongoing projects.

7. Date and place of next meeting:

22 Oct 2005, Amsterdam

Consol thanked all participants for coming and closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

22 May 2005

Reinhard Jäger
(retired secretary)