



MINUTES - DRESDEN

Saturday, 25th May 2013 (09:00 – 17:00)

DGUV Akademie DRESDEN, Königsbrücker Landstraße 2, 01109 DRESDEN

On Friday afternoon we visited the Volkswagen plant in Dresden, known as the “Transparent Factory”, that is a production site of VW Phaeton and discussed about the occupational health services for the VW workers.

The Saturday’s Agenda:

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Simon Bulterys (Belgium), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Viive Pille (Estonia), Maie Vahisali (Estonia), Kari Reijula (Finland), Annette Gäßler, Treasurer (Germany), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Ferenc Kudaz (Hungary), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Maija Eglite (Latvia), Nicole Majery (Luxemburg), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Jolanta Walusiak Skorupa (Poland), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Marek Varga (Slovakia), Alenka Škerjanc, Secretary (Slovenia), Montserrat Puiggene Vallverdu (Spain), Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño (Spain) Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller (Switzerland), Jacques van der Vliet (The Netherlands), Robini Cordell (United Kingdom); Giso Schmeisser (EASOM President), Elena-Ana Pauncu (EASOM, Romanian Occupational Health Society).

APOLOGIES: Christine Klien (Austria), Jadranka Mustajbegović (Croatia), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Tom O’Connell (Ireland), Urška Močnik (Slovenia), Nikki Cordell (United Kingdom).

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants, especially to the new representatives from Estonia, Luxemburg and Spain.

3. Presentation from the host country

Thomas Kraus, the president in charge of the German Society of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (DGAUM), presented the actual problems of occupational medicine in Germany.

4. Minutes of the last meeting (Barcelona, 26.10 - 27.10.2012)

are approved. Concerning the decisions of UEMS Council in Brussels in April 2013 the invoices for membership fee must be issued by Brussels office. The treasurer must provide the addresses of membership organizations, name of the representatives in UEMS OM Section and the data on fees.

5. Information from UEMS

Unfortunately UEMS Executive members did not attend our meeting and we regret their absence because there are many topics that need their explanation. We would like to appeal the UEMS Executive board to participate the Section's meetings.

6. Website

Ole is informing us continuously on our website: <http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.org>

Please, pay some attention:

1. You are invited to use social media more (connect on LinkedIn, Twitter, ...)
2. All EU member States should be drafted on our website and described those with representatives in our Section. We kindly ask our colleagues to present their National Societies (Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Luxemburg, Poland, Switzerland).
3. We would like to be given a warning by e-mail when new documents are applied to our website.

7. Collaboration with EASOM

- Next EASOM Summer School (<http://www.easom.org/>) will take place in Timisoara (Romania) at the end of August 2013, information has already been sent by Giso and Elena Ana.

8. Tasks of Working Groups (WG)

WG 1 - TRAINING AND CME (Chair: Nikki Cordell, members: Kari Reijula, Milan Tuček, Ivo Iavicoli, Tor Erik Danielsen, Marek Varga)

1. The success of the training group, being the culmination of some ten years work to complete the project to produce the Assessment Tool for Occupational Medicine (ATOM), was acknowledged by the UEMS Section at the Dresden meeting, and in particular the success in the training documents being approved in April 2013 by the Council of the UEMS in Brussels. This work provides the basis for accreditation for occupational physicians across Europe. The OM Section Chairman agreed that the training group should take forward the proposal for funding to convert the portfolio into an e-portfolio. The Portuguese representative noted that there were some references to the situation in the UK; having been agreed by central UEMS the Chairman recommended that any adjustments could be made in the process of implementation, and any uncertainties over the meaning of any part of the portfolio should be addressed to Nikki Cordell as the lead for the training group.
2. The members of the UEMS OM Section were asked to undertake the following:
 - a. To examine the three curriculum documents agreed by the EUMS Council, and noting that there will inevitably need to be adjustment to reflect legislation and other factors in each nation, to engage with colleagues and the relevant authorities in their nations to implement these. The aim of this work, being the culmination of the ATOM work, is that the standard of training and competence of OM specialists in each European nation is sufficient to allow any specialist in OM within the EU to work in any other EU nation as a specialist in OM. The documents may be accessed at the following links and all our members are asked to present the document and the links to the document to their National bodies responsible for postgraduate training in occupational medicine:

[http://www.uems.net/fileadmin/user_upload/uems_documents/documents/UEMS_COUNCIL_MEETINGS/BR_USSELS_19-20.04.2013/Item_5.2.2 - Occupational Medicine - European Training Requirements - 2013.03.11 - for adoption.pdf](http://www.uems.net/fileadmin/user_upload/uems_documents/documents/UEMS_COUNCIL_MEETINGS/BR_USSELS_19-20.04.2013/Item_5.2.2_-_Occupational_Medicine_-_European_Training_Requirements_-_2013.03.11_-_for_adoption.pdf)

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[http://www.uems.net/fileadmin/user_upload/uems_documents/documents/UEMS_COUNCIL_MEETINGS/BR_USSELS_19-20.04.2013/Item_5.2.2 - Occupational Medicine - European Training Requirements - 2013.03.11 Annex 2 - for adoption.pdf](http://www.uems.net/fileadmin/user_upload/uems_documents/documents/UEMS_COUNCIL_MEETINGS/BR_USSELS_19-20.04.2013/Item_5.2.2_-_Occupational_Medicine_-_European_Training_Requirements_-_2013.03.11_Annex_2_-_for_adoption.pdf)

b. To suggest how funding might be made available to support the conversion of the ATOM portfolio (Annex 2 of the above links) into an e-portfolio for the use of doctors undertaking specialist training in each nation.

c. To further our understanding of the delivery of OH services across Europe, to feed back to Nikki Cordell on the current structure of OM in their nation, including the role of specialist occupational physicians, doctors who are not OM specialists but with a special interest in OM, other doctors providing OM services but without qualifications in OM, and other health professionals providing OH services such as nurses.

d. That in those nations where non-specialist doctors provide OM services, whether the members of the group feel there is a requirement for minimal training and competence standards that might be adopted across Europe through UEMS.

WG 2 (+ former WG 3) - POLITICS, QUALITY OF PRACTISE (Chair: Simon Bulterys, members: Pedro G. Reis, Jacques van der Vliet, Thomas Kraus, Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller, Elena Ana Pauncu, Ole Carstensen, Kristian Vetlesen, Nicole Majery, Viive Pille, Maie Vahisali, Alenka Škerjanc)

1. Jacques presented his activities in CPME and EIPAHA (European Innovation Partnership on Active and healthy Aging - http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing). He will continue his contacts with DG SANCO.
2. The meeting with the Head and Deputy Head of the Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs, HS&H in Luxembourg on 19th November 2012 was presented by Pedro G. Reis.
3. Pedro G. Reis reported on ETUI Regional OHS Exchange and Information Forum, held on 12.02. - 13.02.2013 in Prague (his presentation is enclosed).
4. European Health and Safety Strategy 2013 – 2020: The discussion in EU has been postponed. Simon Bulterys presented the conference regarding the forthcoming draft of the strategy for 2013 - 2020 which was held in Brussels 26.03. - 27.03.2013 (<http://www.youtube.com/user/etuivideos/featured>).
5. The following activities were decided to be carried out:
 - o Please, check for again your countries' members of Advisory Committee by looking for ACSH - Members of the Interest Group (workers, employers, governmental: 27x3=81 on the list) under "Related Documents" in the Advisory Committee web page: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=148&langId=en&intPageId=683>, also <http://eur-law.eu/EN/2010-98-Council-Decision-16-February-2010.416859.d>
 - o A Position Statement is needed, presenting the added value of OM and clear parameters to measure the outcome.
 - o There is a tendency in Europe to support multidisciplinary occupational health services (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQ4mnHGRcqM>)

WG 3 - TASKS PRESENTATION (Chair: Annette Gäßler, members: Dick Spreeuwiers, Karl Hochgatterer, Ferenc Kudaz, Maija Eglite, Jolanta Walusiak Skorupa, Montserrat Puiggene Vallverdu, Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño).

- A short presentation (power point and a leaflet) was prepared to be presented to all EU member countries.

9. Meetings of the National Sections of Occupational Medicine

- The SOM ASM, the theme being the Ageing workforce: <http://som-asm.org.uk/>
- Please, send your links / information to Ole!

10. Research projects

- The article on EWTD is prepared for publishing in a high rated OM journal.
- The Modernet is in progression, 30 countries are included. The Cochrane review on reducing of underreporting of occupational diseases has been carried out as an EU project.

- Guidelines for several occupational diseases can be found on the web. Evidence based guidelines of high quality should be selected and recommended to use links.

11. Finances

- Annette presented the financial report.
- UEMS subaccount has already been created.
- Annette will prepare the comments and proposals for Brussels office how to manage the finances (fees, taxes, copies of the bank transactions on subaccount, ...)

12. Reports on upcoming events

- UEMS OM Section members should be present at all key events in occupational medicine.
- 27.09. – 28.09.2013: Luzern, Switzerland (visiting the construction site of the new Gotthard Base Tunnel on Friday)
- May 2014: Riga, Latvia

13. Election of the UEMS OM Board

- The proposal for candidates for each single function (president, secretary, treasurer) and visions must be sent to the secretary of the Section until September 30th 2013.
- The former UEMS President Consol Serra gave farewell to the Section and also gave thanks to all the colleagues who collaborated within the Section.

The meeting was closed at 17:00 p.m. In the evening we had a dinner in the restaurant in our Akademiehotel Dresden.

We need to express special thanks to our German hosts, especially to EASOM President Giso Schmeisser and his team from the German Social Accident Insurance and to the German Society of Occupational Medicine for their welcome, attention and care all the time of our staying in Dresden.

Dick Spreeuwiers
President

Alenka Škerjanc
Secretary