



UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

MINUTES - EINDHOVEN

Saturday 24th April 2010
09:00 am – 16:00 pm
Nh Conference centre Koningshof,
Locht 117,
5500 AC Veldhoven

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Luc Quaegebeur (Belgium) - partly, Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Pedro Reis (Portugal), Elena-Ana Pancu (Romania), Urška Močnik (Slovenia), Alenka Škerjanc, Secretary (Slovenia), Consol Serra (Spain), Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño, trainee (Spain), Jacques van der Vliet (The Netherlands); Bernard Maillet, Secretary General (UEMS/EACCME), André Weel (EASOM).

APOLOGIES: Vlasta Dečković-Vukres (Croatia), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Reijula Kari (Finland), Annette Gäßler (Germany), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Anne-Christine Markset (Norway), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Stanislav Pušnik (Slovenia), Nikki Cordell (United Kingdom), Ewan B. Macdonald (United Kingdom), Alain Cantineau (France), Jean-Francois Gehanno (EASOM).

Some of the colleagues were absent because of being involved to other meetings, some due to undefined cancellation of flights.

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants (15), who succeeded to come to the meeting and especially to Dr. Bernard Maillet, Secretary General of UEMS who became a regular participant of our Section's meetings.

3. Welcome speech on behalf of the president of the Netherlands Society of Occupational Medicine

Jacques presented a speech from Dr. Pieter Rodenburg (scan attached).

4. Occupational Health in the Netherlands

Dick gave an interesting presentation of Occupational Health Services in the Netherlands. The number of population in the Netherlands is 17 million, the number of active population 7 million. There is 60 000 physicians and among them 2000 occupational physicians. The founder of the Dutch occupational medicine was dr. Samuel Senior Coronel (1824-1892). From 1994 to 2006 commercial OHS and sickness absence were a core concept, since 2006 sickness absence has become less dominant, dominates looking for new services and advances to curative care. His presentation is added to the Minutes.

5. Minutes of the last meeting (Lisbon, 10th October 2010)

Remarks:

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The representatives should supply the addresses of their National Societies to motivate the promotion of our topics to their National Conferences.

6. Acquisition of new members

There are 27 EU member countries and we miss many of them in our UEMS Section.

1. The secretary is selling mails and many addressees do not reply. A letter will be send with a question if they still are the representatives of their National bodies to our Section and if not, who is a reliable person.
2. In case of non-responders Dr. Bernard Maillet, S.G., will be asked to supply us the addresses of the representatives of the EU member states in UEMS.
3. ICOH 2010 Conference will be held in Amsterdam in June this year. Dick and Alenka will provide some leaflets and try to communicate to the participants on this conference who are coming from the countries we are missing.
4. Joint efforts will be held with EASOM and Andre Weel.

7. Accreditation System of UEMS

On 6th April Jacques sent us all a proposal about accreditation requirements (file attached). We had an intensive and high quality discussion. Credit system evaluates the presentations and not the accepted knowledge but nevertheless it is the only simple and transparent system that can be applied all over Europe. It was accepted that until Bucharest meeting Andre Weel prepares the proposal how to nominate the accreditation committee of our section. UEMS has already prepared criteria!

8. ECAMSQ and other information on UEMS

Secretary General of the UEMS Dr. Bernard Maillet presented a very clear and interesting presentation of the activities of the UEMS-EACCME (File attached). Revision of the Directive on Mutual Recognition of Qualification has to take new concepts into consideration. UEMS website follows continuous improvements. UEMS Accreditation System should replace the National Committees as a final aim. Fees take into account the number of the participants. Occupational Medicine is mentioned in the Annex to the Directive 2006/100. It is recognized as a basic specialty in 26 Member States. The minimal length for training mentioned is 4 years.

9. Research projects

- Dick shortly reported on Publication Survey National Societies of Occupational Medicine (Consol, Mari Cruz, Dick) – it has to be adapted to satisfy the demands for publishing in a proper journal.
- Ewan and Nikki were absent so none was competent to report about ATOM project.

10. Website

Ole presented our website: <http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.com/dk>

Some general information:

1. At the beginning Ole will be responsible for uploading documents (pdf format only), later after some training president and secretary as well
2. Language: English only
3. Access code - password: a common name; member login: e-mail
4. Obligatory links to: UEMS, National Societies, EU Directives, EASOM
5. Costs: 1500,00 € per year
6. Each country's representative shall supply the article (regarding to the proposed framework – pt. 12) about its own National Society to Ole until 10th June - in order to be presented on ICOH 2010 in Amsterdam
7. Our website shall take a larger part of the Agenda in Bucharest

11. European Working Time Directive (EWTD)

A challenge about maximum working time of 48 hours per week still needs a further discussion. Jacques provided a copy of CPME Board Meeting in Brussels on 14th June 2008 (scan attached).

- Data is lacking based on occupational health aspects and scientific background.
- We want to make a statement about risk of long working time and shift work upon disturbances on social life, risk of cancer, burn out syndrome ...
- Draft statement will be prepared by Pedro, Kristian, Urška until meeting in Bucharest.

12. Report of our common working group regarding format of the framework about our National Societies of Occupational Medicine for our website

1. HISTORY
 - Important milestones in 3 sentences
2. ORGANISATION
 - *a) POPULATION*
 - Total, Active; No. of doctors, No. of occupational physicians
 - *b) NATURE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES*
 - Private, companies, outsource
3. PROFFESIONS
 - *a) TRAINING* (description of postgraduate training programme in 2-3 stc., credit system?)
 - *b) TASKS / TASK DISTRIBUTION* (2-3 stc.)
4. HOT TOPICS (3 max)
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5. ASSOCIATION
 - Name & website address
 - Communication means

ACTION: ALL till 31st May

13. Collaboration with EASOM

- Summer school 2010 will be held in Munich, Germany (26.08.2010 to 28.08.2010). Topic: E-learning. As UEMS Section of occupational medicine we support this meeting for ECMEC accreditation.

- EASOM Bulletin January 2010 brings a large article about our Section's meetings in 2010.

14. Finances

Dick presented the financial situation, prepared by Annette. We have 16.825,21 € on our Bank account in Germany.

Annette should send invoice to non-payers.

15. Reports from conferences/ info on upcoming events

- 10.02.-12.02.2010, Barcelona, Spain:
- Modernet, a network for development of new techniques for discovering trends in occupational and work-related diseases and tracing new and emerging risks: 10 countries included
- 07.04.-08.04. 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Tracing New Occupational Diseases

16. Any other business

17. Date and location of the next meetings in 2010 and 2011

- 16.10.2010: Bucharest, Romania (confirmed)
- Spring 2011: London, Great Britain
- 24.09.2011: Lake Bled, Slovenia

The meeting was closed at 16:00 p.m. and followed by a walk through the park around the Conference Centre.

The meeting was then upgraded by a dinner in a restaurant in a Conference Centre Koningshof. Because of SG's guided democracy Alenka was allowed to tell some sentences. The dinner was absolutely nice and successful though the official hosts were unfortunately absent and missed.

Dick Spreeuwiers
President

Alenka Škerjanc
Secretary