



## UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

### MINUTES - LONDON

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (10:00 - 16:00)  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (09:00 – 16:00)  
 The Mint Hotel Westminster  
 London

On Friday we had a Workplace visit to the Olympic Site 2012 ([file 1](#) attached) and in the evening an Audience with Professor David Coggon, the President of the UK Faculty of Occupational medicine. Saturday's Agenda:

#### 1. Participants and apologies

**PARTICIPANTS:** Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Christine Klien (Austria), Vlasta Dečković Vukreš (Croatia), Jadranka Mustajbegović (Croatia), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Kari Reijula (Finland), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Elena-Ana Pauncu (Romania), Marek Varga (Slovakia), Urška Močnik (Slovenia), Alenka Škerjanc, Secretary (Slovenia), Consol Serra (Spain), Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño, trainee (Spain), Jacques van der Vliet (The Netherlands), Nikki Cordell (United Kingdom), Ewan B. Macdonald (United Kingdom); Bernard Maillet, Secretary General (UEMS/EACCME), Gizo Schmeisser (EASOM President).

**APOLOGIES:** Luc Quaeghebeur (Belgium), Annette Gäßler, Treasurer (Germany), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Halpin Dermot (Ireland), André Weel (EASOM Secretary).

#### 2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants, especially to the invited guests Dr. Bernard Maillet (SG UEMS/EACCME), Gizo Schmeisser (EASOM President), Olivia Carlton (President of the UK Society of OM and President Elect of the UK Faculty of OM) and new representatives: Kari Reijula (Finland), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway) and Marek Varga (Slovakia).

#### 3. Presentation from the host country

Dr. Olivia Carlton, President of the UK Society of OM and President Elect of the UK Faculty of OM emphasized the role of occupational medicine in United Kingdom ([file 2](#) attached).

#### 4. Minutes of the last meeting (Bucharest, 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010)

Remarks ad 3: The organizers of our meeting were the Romanian Society of Occupational Medicine and the Romanian Society of Occupational Health. CME Credits were recognized to the participants.

#### 5. New members and acquisition of new members

Secretary of the Section reported on many activities to acquire all of 27 EU member countries to join our UEMS Section. The Hungarian representative Dr. Ferenc Kudasz and the President of the Swiss Society of Occupational Medicine Karl Ernst Stadtmüller will join our next Section's meeting at Lake Bled. The secretary hopes that an additional effort by SG Dr. Bernard Maillet will help us gradually gather the representatives of all EU countries.

## 6. General Remarks of UEMS

UEMS SG Dr. Bernard Maillet presented a report on UEMS Council Meeting in Brussels on 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and a review of the activities UEMS-EACCME-ECAMSQ ([file 3](#) attached). He exposed the situation on occupational medicine:

- Occupational Medicine is mentioned in the Annex to the Directive 2006/100
- It is recognized as a basic specialty in the 26 of the 27 Member States (only Estonia is missing)
- The minimal length for training mentioned is 4 years

Revision of the Directive on Mutual Recognition of Qualification for Occupational Medicine means also:

- Denomination of the Specialty
- Harmonization all over Europe
- Update of the content and length of training
- Introduction of "Particular Qualification"

The description of the Acronyms is also added to the Minutes ([file 4](#) attached).

## 7. Website

Ole presented our website: <http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.com/dk> Take a look often, he is doing his job excellently!

Some general information:

1. We kindly ask member countries to present themselves (we have got 10 presentations of 27)
2. Access code – password: contact Ole ([Ole.Carstensen@svs.regionyddanmark.dk](mailto:Ole.Carstensen@svs.regionyddanmark.dk))
3. Ole gave a report on development and activities ([file 5](#) attached) - he also wishes to optimize and develop graphic interface.

## 8. Tasks of Working Groups (WG)

### WG 1 - TRAINING AND CME (Chair: Nikki Cordell)

- To develop a Code of Practise for Continuous Medical Development Accreditation Committee (CMDAC) Occupational Medicine Section UEMS ([file 6](#) attached). Final version will be accepted at Lake Bled.
- To rewrite Chapter 6 of the Training Charter for Occupational Medicine taking into account new insights in this field ([file 7](#) attached).

Results: Two documents to be delivered for approval at the next Section's meeting at Lake Bled. The documents will be placed on the UEMS OM website and sent to relevant stakeholders.

### WG 2 - POLITICS (Chair: Jacques van der Vliet)

- To compose an Agenda for a meeting with DG Employment (and possible DG SANCO) to give input in the new European Strategy for Health and safety (2013-2018).
- To organize a meeting with DG Employment (and possible DG SANCO).

Results: An Agenda to be delivered for approval at the next Section's meeting at Lake Bled. The documents will be placed on the UEMS OM website and sent to relevant stakeholders.

### WG 3 - QUALITY OF PRACTICE (Chair: Pedro Gustavo Reis)

- To compose a short report concerning The European Working Time Directive. The report is to be based on literature review and expert knowledge.

- Urgent!

Results: A document to be delivered for approval at the next Section's meeting at Lake Bled. The documents will be placed on the UEMS OM website and sent to relevant stakeholders.

**WG 4 - RULES OF PROCEDURES** (Ewan McDonald, Thomas Kraus, Dick Spreeuwers, Alenka Škerjanc))

- To develop Rules of Procedures for the section in accordance with and taking into account the UEMS Regulations.
- UEMS SG will provide UEMS OM Secretary the draft of new UEMS Rules of Procedures as soon as possible.

Results: A document to be delivered for approval at the next Section's meeting at Lake Bled.

The costs of WG can be covered by the Section to a limited degree (only travelling, hotel and catering costs). Responsibility to prepare the assignment: Dick Spreeuwers, Alenka Škerjanc, Annette Gäßler.

### **9. The Section's Role in consulting and lobbying towards European bodies**

Take a look at WG 2!

### **10. Exchange of trainees**

- Secretary reported about the programme on Romanian trainees who are coming to the University Medical Centre Ljubljana - Clinical Institute of Occupational, Traffic and Sports medicine for five weeks.
- This process is given a full support by UEMS.
- Funding?
- At Lake Bled experience should be shared and further procedures proposed.

### **11. Report on Meetings of the National Section of Occupational Medicine**

Table ([file 8](#) attached) was presented by the secretary.

It is necessarily to add:

- Website link to the meeting
- Language spoken
- UEMS accreditation
- Information on our UEMS OM website (Ole)

### **12. Collaboration with EASOM**

Giso Schmeisser (EASOM President), informed that

- To UEMS OM accreditation body the EASOM's President, Giso Schmeisser, and Secretary, André Weel, were nominated.
- Harmonization of training requires mandatory collaboration of UEMS OM and EASOM - we have to act as one voice.

### **13. Research projects**

- Ewan and Nikki gave a short report about ATOM project. [Nikki is preparing a competency-model - Please, do answer to her e-mail!!](#)
- Dick gave a short report on the meeting Tracing New Occupational Diseases, reported on Modernet, and about making 31 countries report, guided by The Netherlands, Germany, Poland and France.

- Mari Cruz shortly reported on Publication Survey National Societies of Occupational Medicine. Draft version is going to be finished by Mari Cruz, Consol and Nikki in a week. [Presentation will be given at Lake Bled.](#)

#### 14. Finances

Dick presented the financial situation, prepared by our treasurer Annette. It is very favourable.

- Fees should be harmonized with UEMS rules for full members, associate members and observers.
- With regard to the necessary changes of UEMS Section's Bank Accounts the Treasurer of UEMS Executive Dr. Giorgio Berchicci is invited to our Section's meeting at Lake Bled to give a report and explanation.

#### 15. Reports on upcoming events

- 14.06.-16.06.2011, Belfast; Great Britain: SOM Annual Scientific meeting 'Psyche, Science & Medicine'
- 25.08.-27.08.2011, Rouen, France: Teaching Ethics in Occupational Medicine
- 21.09.-24.09.2011, Bonn, Germany: German Company Doctors Congress 2011
- 28.09.-01.10.2011, Riga, Latvia: Occupational Diseases: a four-day international update for occupational physicians in Europe
- 28.09.-02.10.2011, Hvar, Croatia: Congress of Croatian Section of Occupational Medicine ([www.5.hkmr.hr](http://www.5.hkmr.hr))
- 13.-10.-14.10.2011, Prague, Czech: XXX th Jubilee Congress of Occupational Medicine
- 03.11.-05.11.2011, Vienna, Austria: Jahrestagung 2011 - Congress on Austrian Section of Occupational Medicine
- 17.11.-18.11.2011, Bilbao, Spain: Bask's Congress of Occupational Medicine
- 01.12.2011, Barcelona, Spain: Diada SCSMT 2011 - Congress of the Catalan Society of Safety and Occupational Medicine

#### 16. Any other business

- Mari Cruz reported that she is soon becoming a specialist and will remain in a Section as a representative of Spain. [A new representative of occupational medicine trainees is urgently needed.](#)
- UEMS SG Dr. Bernard Maillet reported that EU Directive on Magnetic fields will be revised - a challenge for WG - 2.

#### 17. Date and location of the next meetings 2011, 2012

- **24.09.2011: Lake Bled, Slovenia** (invited guests: Dr. Peter Westerholm, editor of the renewed Code of Ethics in Occupational Health; UEMS Executive - Dr. Zlatko Fras, President, Dr. Bernard Maillet - SG, Dr. Giorgio Berchicci, Treasurer; EASOM representatives - Dr. Gizo Schmeisser, President, Dr. André Weel, Secretary)
- **20.04.2012: Innsbruck, Austria**
- Fall 2012: Barcelona, Spain
- Spring 2013: Rome, Italy

The meeting was closed at 16:00 p.m. and followed by a short presentation of Lake Bled and history of the region of the next venue ([file 9](#) attached). In the evening we had a dinner in a restaurant Grumbles. We enjoyed British hospitality, thanks to our conference hosts very much indeed.

Dick Spreeuwers  
President

Alenka Škerjanc  
Secretary