

UEMS Occupational Medicine Section, Working Group 1: Specialist Training in Occupational Health and Medicine

WG1 meeting (#1) during the UEMS OMS meeting in Glasgow

Aug 30, 2014

Present: Kari (chair), Giso, Maija, Maria Ana, Satu (secretary), Karl, Nikki, Ole, Jadranka

AGENDA

1. WHAT IS WG1?

Kari presented the task of the WG1 given by the OM Section Board: the Board established WG1 in RIGA 2014 and gave the focus to the WG1: "Training process in OM and its harmonization in EU member states" (Riga Memo 2014). In Riga Meeting the following members of the OM Section Board showed interest to participate in the WG1: Tor Erik, Giso, Maija, Thomas, Maria Ana. Kari was asked to act as the chair of WG1. This is the first meeting of the WG1. During the present Glasgow meeting, the following members of the Board joined the WG1: Jadranka, Karl, Nikki, Ole and Satu who was now elected as the secretary of the WG1,

2. AIMS OF THE WG1

The group discussed about the task and objective of the WG1:

The WG understands that the UEMS OM Section Board needs up-to-date information about the specialist training in EU-member states before further actions can be taken. This should include data concerning training processes, organizations responsible for training, curriculum, authorities involved, assessment, etc. etc. Some data is already available (e.g. recent EASOM survey by Jean Francois and Giso). Collaboration with EASOM is feasible.

WG1 discussed about the definition of "harmonization". Giso reminded that "free movement is already reality among EU countries. Thus, minimum level of expertise needed in OH and OM could be also the target of this group.

Nikki presented a brief summary of the key points concerning Chapter 6 accepted by the UEMS OM Section just recently. WG1 recognized that Chapter 6 can be as the frame of most important competences needed. Although the content of the Chapter 6 has now been articulated, the reality in member states is not that far yet.

Maria Ana presented a survey proposal by which data could be collected from EU member states. WG1 discussed about the survey and data already available. Important finding was that although data could be easily collected, the reliability of the findings is not solid. Further discussions are needed to ascertain the reliability of the survey process.

Four persons from EASOM we suggested and asked to join the WG1: Jean Francois Gehanno (FR), Consol Serra (E), Lutgart Braeckman (BE) and Sven Hoffmann (CH).

After discussion following aims were decided:

OBJECTIVES OF THE WG1

- Assess the situation (training process, evaluation etc.) in EU member states
- Make a proposal of the best model of training (taken into account the statements of Chapter 6)
- Develop the plan of the future actions needed for the improvement

3. How to proceed?

WG1 decided to move forward by following steps:

STAGE 1) Describe necessary elements of specialist training (according to knowledge and experience).

STAGE 2) Carry out a survey according to the conclusions at the stage 1.

STAGE 3) Make a proposal of actions needed in the UEMS Board.

4. Next moves

Kari and Satu will write the Memo of the WG1 #1 meeting and rotate it among the members of the WG1. After corrections Memo will be sent to UEMS Board members via Klaus for comments. WG1 decided to use active Email correspondence rather than face to face meeting to move on with the tasks of the WG1. However, next face-to-face meeting will occur in Copenhagen in March 20, 2015.

5. Closing the meeting

Kari closed the meeting at 3.20 pm.