



UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine

MINUTES

Barcelona

11th. November 2006; 10.00 am - 2.45 pm

1. Participants and apologies

Participants:

Gorka Moral
Bernard Maillet
Kristina Mukala
Kaj Husman
Alain Cantineau
Andre Weel
Dick Spreeuwers
Jacques van der Vliet
Alenka Skerjanc
Stanislav Pusnik
Paulo Coelho dos Santos
Ole Carstensen
Annette Gässler
Claus Piekarski
Milan Tucek
Ewan Macdonald
Tom McMahon
Jadranka Mustajbegovic
Luc Quaeghebeur
Elsbeth Huber
Elena-Ana Pauncu
Anne-Christine Markset
Knut Skyberg (Secretary)
Rafael Timermans
Monica Ballester Roca
Consol Serra (President)

EU-OSHA (Bilbao)
UEMS (Brussels)
Finland/EASOM
Finland
France/ICOH
The Netherlands/ EASOM
The Netherlands
The Netherlands
Slovenia
Slovenia
Portugal
Denmark
Germany
Germany
Czech Republic
UK
Ireland
Croatia
Belgium
Austria
Rumenia
Norway
Norway
Spain
Spain
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Apologies:

Andy Slovak (Treasurer) UK
Vlasta Deckovic-Vukres Croatia
Paavo Jäppinen Finland
Giorgio Assenato Italy
Sergio Iavicoli Italy
Jonas Brisman Sweden
Mats Berg Sweden

2. **Welcome**

Consol welcomed all section members, observers, EASOM and ICOH representatives, and special guests: Mr. Gorka Moral, webmaster of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Bilbao) and Dr. Bernard Maillet, Secretary General of UEMS (Brussels). Everyone gave a short presentation of affiliation and relation to occupational medicine. Dr. Rafael Timermans has recently joined the Section as representative for Spain and Dr. Elena-Ana Pauncu as observer for Rumania.

Catalan occupational health institutions:

Monica gave a presentation of the Catalan Society of Safety and Occupational Medicine. Consol presented the Occupational Health Research Unit at the University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona) where she works.

3. **Minutes of last meeting** (Oslo, 22. April 2006)

No corrections were made. The minutes were approved.

4. **Reports:**

EASOM

EASOM summer School (Bari, Italy, September 2006): Kristiina Mukala and Peter Bulat were elected as new EASOM President and Secretary, respectively. The topic was teaching occupational epidemiology and a common teaching module is being developed from discussions during the workshop.

UEMS Presidents & Secretaries meeting, Brussels 20.5.2006

Consol reported from the meeting. The new UEMS President is Dr. Zlatko Fras from Slovenia and the new executive was presented at the meeting. There are now 5 new member states: Lithuania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Macedonia and Serbia. A major topic was the EU Directive on Working Time. Dr. Maillet reported on the results of the Doctors' working hours survey.

UEMS

Latest news from the UEMS was also presented by Secretary General Dr. Bernard Maillet. He covered recent council meetings and activities of the UEMS. There are now 37 sections. The list of specialities is being revised for the EC. Names of the speciality in each country and length of training are needed. The new regulation of country representatives to the sections was described: there is no longer a limitation of 3 periods (12 years) for a representative, and a country representative

Action: all

can now be re-elected for an unlimited number of periods. CME and UEMS accreditation (EACCME) is being further coordinated, and mandatory CME/CPD is effective in an increasing number of countries. The agreement with AMA (US) has been prolonged for 4 years.

ICOH Milan session

Knut reported that our session at the ICOH Milan conference was a great success with several good presentations and good attendance.

Practice website

André referred to a website for students wanting to get practice in other countries. The website is not yet in function.

Catalogue of topics and learning objectives

A German catalogue produced by the German Society for Occupational and Environmental Medicine was distributed. It was commented upon by Claus, who would like to get feedback on it from us. It was agreed that it would be useful to share different countries training curricula and our new website can be the appropriate tool. (German document sent as separate file)

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5. Section's website.

A meeting with Mr. Konkolewski, Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) was held in May by Tom and Consol, and mutual collaboration on the development of the Section's website was agreed. Ole Carstensen, our section's webmaster, met the EU-OSHA webmaster in Bilbao in July and an arrangement between the Agency and the Section was signed last September (a copy was distributed). Mr. Gorka Moral presented how this cooperation can give us new ways of handling and spreading information, and efficient internal communication among Section members together with the possibility to organise on-line meetings for specific topics. Internet sites must nowadays be more dynamic, eg. RSS feeds, and personalisation can be enabled. This cooperation will be a pilot project for them. A file may be uploaded by any section member, and the permission to work with documents will be assigned to defined section members. Ole showed a possible way to organize our site within the EU-OSHA site. It was agreed on a sum of around 150€ to spend on developing a logo for the section. This shall be used in addition to the UEMS logo. A reference group for feed-back on the web-site was nominated: Ole (webmaster), Knut, Dick, Andy and Consol. A plan and budget for the maintenance of the

Action: Ole, Dick, Andy, Knut and Consol

website will be decided upon in our next meeting.

6. Action plan 2006-9, tasks assignment:

The list of goals and the agreed priority rank for each one (see Oslo 2006 minutes) was distributed. Topics 3,4,22 and 23 were combined, as were 5 and 11; and 6,7,8,15,19 and 24 together. Members volunteered to take part in the working group related to each topic. For our next meeting each working group need to develop and present **2-3 objectives and 2-3 action points** we need to develop. Please note that the action plan priorities table is included as an appendix in the minutes. The two empty columns should be filled in before our next meeting, so please, send **2-3 objectives and 2-3 actions by March 2007**, together with the name of the contact person for each group. (Those of you who could not come to the meeting and are willing to contribute to any of the tasks - please contact us and let us know. Many thanks.)

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7. Working Groups:

Report from working group "Ageing"

Elsbet gave a preliminary presentation from the working group "Ageing and health." A summary was distributed. Alenka Skerjanc presented data on the skewed age distribution in Slovenia. There was a discussion on the relevance of this topic in Europe, since some countries experience increasing unemployment. It was agreed that the group present a full paper for the next meeting.

Action: Elsbeth and Kaj

Report from working group "Infectious diseases"

Dick reported. A paper had been sent out. A NL website on infectious diseases and work was shown. The cooperation between occupational and public health needs also to be addressed, such as comparisons across countries, infectious epidemics, preventive strategies, etc. Action group no. 10 will take this topic further.

Action: Dick and Kristiina

8. ATOM project: report of the workshop and activities ahead

The ATOM workshop was held the two days before this meeting in Barcelona (University Pompeu Fabra, 9-10 November). Ewan reported that even without Leonardo funding the project is taken forward. Several countries have volunteered to take part in future activities, and national and/or industry funding will be sought. A link from our website to the ATOM website will be created. An action plan will be distributed shortly.

Action: Ewan, Ole, Nundita

9. Quality and peer audit.

Tom reported there had been no further activity related

to this matter, as most countries have already developed their own audit tools. It was agreed to close this activity.

10. Strategy for maintenance or improvement of the position of OP's in the various European countries

Jacques reported that the document so far was not accepted by the Standing Committee for formal reasons. We will return to this at our next meeting. A new strategy for Mental Health is being produced, as new strategies for occupational health in various countries, which will be discussed in next meetings.

Action: Jacques

11. Hepatitis B project

There has now been response from 17 countries after the deadline was expanded. A report will be presented at our next meeting.

Action: Luc

12. Conferences and upcoming events.

- Croatian congress on work and health, Dubrovnic, 8.-11.November 2007
<http://kongres.mediaplus.hr/en/index.php>
- International Congress for Occupational Safety and Health. Germany, Düsseldorf, 18th – 21st September 2007
- EPICOH, Banff, Canada, 9.-12. October 2007
- EASOM summer school, Zaragoza (Spain) 6-8. September 2007. Topic: mental disorders.
- Nordic Work Environment and Health Conference, Helsingør, Denmark (all in English), 27. - 29. August 2007. In cooperation with NIVA. See www.niva.org

13. Planning of the 10th anniversary of the Section

The Section was created in 1997 and celebrations of the 10th anniversary have been agreed for the two meetings in 2007. Jadranka and Tom will host the celebrations in Zagreb and Limerick, respectively. Attracting new members from Eastern Europe will be a major objective for Zagreb.

14. Date and place of next meetings:

- Zagreb, Saturday 12. May, arrival the evening before for a get together.
- Limerick, Saturday 20. October.

Action: Jadranka and Tom

Consol thanked all participants for coming and for their interesting contributions and discussions during the meeting. We were grateful for Monica's help in organising the meeting, and for the support from Fundacio Prevent.

14 November 2006

Consol Serra
(President)

Knut Skyberg
(Secretary)

Appendix.
Action plan: revised priorities



SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE
ACTION PLAN, 2006 – 2009
Barcelona, 11 November 2006

PRIORITY*		Working group	Objectives (to be filled in)	Actions (to be filled in)
1	To continue and strengthen the development of the Section's website	Ole Carstensen (Webmaster), Denmark Knut Skyberg, Norway Consol Serra, Spain Andy Slovak, UK Dick Spreeuwens, The Netherlands		
2	To advance in the harmonisation of basic requirements and quality of speciality training programmes.	Milan Tucek, Czech Republic Anne-Christine Markset, Norway Stanislav Pusnik, Slovenia EASOM		
3	To influence stakeholders and legislators and to promote one voice for OM at EU and national levels.	Jacques van der Vliet, The Netherlands Elsbeth Huber, Austria		
4	To advance in the harmonisation of CME criteria and recertification.	Alain Cantineau, France Milan Tucek, Czech Republic Annette Gäßler, Germany EASOM		
5	To promote good practice and continuous quality improvement.	Kaj Husman, Finland Claus Piekarski, Germany		

		Ewan Macdonald, UK Consol Serra, Spain		
6	To contribute to the assessment of training programmes and trainees.	Ewan Macdonald, UK Elena Pauncu, Rumenia Jadranka Mustajbegovic, Croatia Consol Serra, Spain		
7	To participate in key forums and conferences with important impact on the speciality.	Jadranka Mustajbegovic, Croatia Paulo Coelho dos Santos, Portugal All		
8	To collaborate with EU institutions related to occupational health	Tom McMahon, Ireland Consol Serra, Spain Kristiina Mukala, Finland/EASOM Jacques van del Vliet, The Netherlands		
9	To strengthen the impact of the Section in member countries	All Andy Slovak, UK		
10	To find new ways in OH to cope with the changing world of work, new intervention techniques, knowledge transfer.	Dick Spreeuwiers, The Netherlands Ewan Macdonald, UK Alenka Skerjan, Slovenia Claus Piekarski, Germany Luc Quaeghebeur, Belgium Rafael Timermans, Spain		
11	To make a plan of future tasks to finance	Consol Serra, Spain Andy Slovak, UK Knut Skyberg, Norway		
12	To attract new members	Consol Serra, Spain All		

13	To discuss the establishment of a future Board within the Section	Knut Skyberg, Norway Consol Serra, Spain Bernard Maillet (UEMS)		
14	To ensure that all member countries contribute equally to the financing of the Section	Andy Slovak, UK		

* Based on summation of scores