



UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine

MINUTES

Zagreb

12th May 2007; 11.00 am - 2.45 pm

1. Participants and apologies

Participants:

Elsbeth Huber
Jasminka Godnic-Cvar
Luc Quaeghebeur
Nurka Pransic
Vlasta Deckovic-Vukres
Jadranka Mustajbegovic
Milan Milosevic
Kaj Husman
Annette Gässler
Tom McMahon
Rosa Naumoska
Jordan Minou
Ljiljana Cvejanov-Kesunovic
Anne-Christine Markset
Knut Skyberg (Secretary)
Elena-Ana Păuncu
Fotache Damian
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Srojan Borjanovic
Slavica Zizic Borjanovic
Alenka Škerjanc
Stanislav Pusnik
Monica Ballester
Consol Serra (President)
Dick Spreeuwers
Jacques van der Vliet
Nikki Cordell
Ewan Macdonald

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Ireland
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Montenegro
Norway
Norway
Rumania
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Serbia/EASOM
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Slovenia
Slovenia
Spain
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The Netherlands
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UK
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Apologies:

Milan Tucek
Ole Carstensen
Kristina Mukala
Andre Weel
Claus Piekarski
Paavo Jäppinen
Paulo Coelho dos Santos
Rafael Timermans
Jonas Brisman
Mats Berg
Czech Republic
Denmark
EASOM
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Germany
Finland
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
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Pre-meeting session:

Friday 11th, Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Zagreb (3 to 7 pm)

Jadranka Mustajbegovic and Vlasta Deckovic-Vukres organised a scientific session as part of the Section's 10th anniversary programme. The main objective was to attract members from other Eastern European (EE) countries. The Director of the Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, the President of the Croatian Society of Occupational Medicine and Jadranka Mustajbegovic (Croatia) welcomed participants. Representatives from Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia,

Montenegro, Romania, Serbia did a summary presentation on the current situation of occupational medicine in their countries. Tom McMahon (Ireland) and Ewan Macdonald, both past Presidents of the Section, presented respectively the history, objectives, strategy and activities of the Section, and the objectives, current state and future plans of the ATOM Project. Zlatko Fras, President of the UEMS, who had accepted the invitation to participate in the meeting, gave a broad overview of the UEMS, with special emphasis to CME/CPD and EACCME. He also described the current main projects of the organisation and his mid-term strategy, mainly based on a stronger role and position of the Sections and teamwork, and the collaboration with GIN (evidence based guidelines). He also announced the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UEMS in Brussels, 16-19 April 2008. Consol Serra closed the session with special thanks to the organisers, especially to Jadranka and Vlasta also for attracting representatives from the other five EE countries, to Tom McMahon and Ewan Macdonald for their active participation in the meeting, to Zlatko Fras and to Alenka Škerjanc for contributing to make Dr. Fras's participation possible, and to the presenters from the EE countries and she welcomed them as representatives of the Section.

2. Welcome

Consol welcomed all section members, observers, the EASOM representative, and especially representatives from new EU countries and observers from new countries. She expressed her gratitude for the well-organised meeting and celebration at the Public School in Zagreb the day before. Everyone gave a short presentation of affiliation and relation to occupational medicine.

3. Minutes of last meeting (Barcelona, 11.11.07)

No corrections were made. The minutes were approved.

4. Section's website.

Consol reported on the situation for the website and future plans. We learnt from the UEMS presentation the day before, that the UEMS plan for a larger capacity of their website. However, we cannot wait for this to happen. We will now have a logo designed in time for our next meeting, an introductory page will be made, menu will be developed, and open/closed parts will be identified. Website administrators were nominated: Ole will continue, while Dick will also be responsible for further development. So far €400 has been spent, and it was agreed that a further €1150 can be spent in the upcoming period. For maintenance a cost of €600 per year was agreed.

**Action: Ole, Dick,
and Consol**

- 5. Action plan 2006-9, tasks assignment:**
The action plan was reviewed. One contact person per group was nominated, and the name list was updated. 3-4 goals per task should be identified and sent to the secretary by **1. September**.
Action: contact persons
- 6. Working Groups:**
Report from working group “Ageing of the population”
Elsbet and Kaj will be joined by Jacques to produce a draft document for our next meeting, which will be circulated before September.
Action: Elsbeth, Kaj and Jacques
- Report from working group “New risks”**
Dick reported. An upcoming international project coordinated in the Netherlands will be relevant for this task. Input will be sent to action group no. 10.
Action: Dick, Kristiina and André
- 7. ATOM project**
The proceedings from the ATOM workshop in Barcelona, 9-10 November will be distributed shortly. Ewan reported that the offered Leonardo funding of €390 000 was declined in November due to the huge cost of reporting and bureaucracy. Anyway the project is taken forward. A pilot survey is the next step, with a monkey questionnaire. A group to develop a pilot assessment tool will be organized. Those interested should contact Ewan. A project meeting before the next section meeting is planned.
Action: Ewan and those interested
- 8. Strategy for maintenance or improvement of the position of OP's in the various European countries**
Jacques presented the EU strategy for 2005-12. Infectious diseases was missing. Response from our section is needed. A formal reaction to the commission will be produced. A draft will be distributed before 1.7.
Action: Jacques, Annette, Dick and Elsbeth
- 9. Surveys.**
Information on current state of the speciality is very important. Several surveys had been undertaken in the past that should be updated and expanded to new member countries, especially training and recertification. New surveys are also needed. Next surveys:
- 1) Societies of OM across Europe: Monica proposed and presented a draft survey. She got several comments and modifications were suggested. It was stated that a definition of the term society is needed. The proposal was approved with agreed changes. Monica will send the questionnaire in the next coming weeks and replies will be required before September.
Action: Monica, all

2) Recertification: a proposal will be discussed at the Section next meeting. A new questionnaire will be drafted by Luc.

Action: Luc

3) Hepatitis B Virus vaccination survey, by Antoon De Schryver: Luc reported on the preliminary results of the HBV vaccination survey. 17 countries have participated through collaboration with the Section. Final results will be probably presented in the next meeting and the participation of the Section will be acknowledged in the publication that will follow.

Action: Luc and Consol

10. New treasurer

Andy Slovak has ended his period as UK representative. Nikki Cordell has been nominated in his place. The Section expressed gratefulness for Andy's 6y excellent service as Treasurer of the Section.

Annette was elected as new treasurer. She will contact Andy for all practical arrangements needed. A plan for expenses and a budget will be proposed and discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Annette

11. Conferences and upcoming events.

An invitation to a German congress 2008 was sent out. This needed clarification as to our section's role. There will be a strategy meeting in the Netherlands 31.5. Anyone interested should contact Jacques.

Action: All

It was agreed to circulate presentations of the Friday session. Presenters are invited to send their presentations to Knut.

Action: presenters at Zagreb meeting and Knut

13. Planning of the 10th anniversary of the Section

The Section was created in 1997 and further celebration of the 10th anniversary will take place in Limerick, Ireland. Funding of lowered costs of participation for some members will be sought.

Action: Tom

14. Date and place of next meeting:

Doonbeg near Limerick, Friday evening 19. – Sunday 21. October.

Action: Tom

Consol thanked all participants for coming and for their contributions and discussions during the meeting. We were grateful for the sponsoring and hosting provided by the University of Zagreb and the Croatian Society of Occupational

Medicine.

14. May 2007

Consol Serra
(President)

Knut Skyberg
(Secretary)

Appendix.
Action plan: revised priorities and working groups



SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE
ACTION PLAN, 2006 – 2009
 Zagreb, 12. May 2007

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 and contact person) Dick Spreeuwiers (Co-Webmaster) Knut Skyberg Consol Serra		
2	To advance in the harmonisation of basic requirements and quality of speciality training programmes.	Stanislav Pusnik (contact person) Milan Tucek Anne-Christine Markset Petar Bulat (EASOM) Ljiljana Kezunovic		
3	To influence stakeholders and legislators and to promote one voice for OM at EU and national levels.	Jacques van der Vliet (contact person) Elsbeth Huber Damian Fotache		
4	To advance in the harmonisation of CME criteria and recertification.	Kristiina Mukkala (EASOM) (contact person) Alain Cantineau Nurka Pranjic Milan Tucek		

		Annette Gäßler		
5	To promote good practice and continuous quality improvement.	Kaj Husman (contact person) Claus Piekarski Ewan Macdonald Consol Serra Rosa Naumoska Monica Ballester Vlasta Deckovic-Vukres		
6	To contribute to the assessment of training programmes and trainees.	Ewan Macdonald (contact person) Elena Pauncu Jadranka Mustajbegovic Nikki Cordell		
7	To participate in key forums and conferences with important impact on the speciality.	Jadranka Mustajbegovic (contact person) Paulo Coelho dos Santos All		
8	To collaborate with EU institutions related to occupational health	Tom McMahon (contact person) Consol Serra Kristiina Mukala (EASOM) Jacques van del Vliet Elsbeth Huber		
9	To strengthen the impact of the Section in member countries	Consol Serra (contact person) All		
10	To find new ways in OH to cope with the changing world of work, new intervention techniques, knowledge	Dick Spreeuwiers (contact person) Ewan Macdonald Alenka Skerjan		

	transfer.	Claus Piekarski Luc Quaeghebeur Rafael Timermans		
11	To make a plan of future tasks to finance	Consol Serra (contact person) Knut Skyberg Annette Gässler		
12	To attract new members	Consol Serra (contact person) All		
13	To discuss the establishment of a future Board within the Section	Knut Skyberg (contact person) Consol Serra Bernard Maillet (UEMS)		
14	To ensure that all member countries contribute equally to the financing of the Section	Annette Gässler (contact person)		