



UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine

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Amsterdam (Noordwijkerhout) 22.10.05 9.00 am

1. Participants and apologies

Participants:

Jonas Brisman	Sweden
Kaj Husman	Finland
Vlasta Deckovic-Vukres	Croatia
Anne-Christine Markset	Norway
Clodagh Cashman	Ireland
Paulo Coelho dos Santos	Portugal
Ørn Terje Foss	Norway
Annette Gässler	Germany
John Harrison	UK / EASOM
Kristiina Mukala	Finland
Elsbeth Huber	Austria
Gert Thomsen	Denmark
Ewan Macdonald	UK
Tom McMahon	Ireland
Piet Kroon	The Netherlands
Stanislav Pusnik	Slovenia
Luc Quaeghebeur	Belgium
Consol Serra (President)	Spain
Alenka Skerjanc	Slovenia
Knut Skyberg (Secretary)	Norway
Andy Slovak (Treasurer)	UK
Dick Spreeuwers	The Netherlands
Milan Tucek	Czech Republic
Jacques van der Vliet	The Netherlands

Apologies:

Reinhard Jäger	Austria
Monica Ballester Roca	Spain
Giorgio Assenato	Italy
Sergio Iavicoli	Italy
Claus Piekarski	Germany
Ole Carstensen	Denmark
Paavo Jäppinen	Finland
Andre Wheel	Netherlands/ EASOM

2. Welcome

Consol Serra wished all delegates and observers a warm welcome to the meeting in Noordwijkerhout. She thanked the Dutch delegation, especially Jacques van der Vliet and Dick Spreeuwers, for doing the arrangements for the meeting and the social program.

3. Minutes of last meeting (Glasgow 7 May 2005)

No corrections were made. The vision document has been published in a Belgian national journal. Also on a Dutch website.

4. Matters arising

Dick gave a presentation of the history of Occupational medicine in the Netherlands. Handouts were spread.

The changing world of work and consequences for OM

Jacques gave a presentation of the changing world of work and its consequences for occupational health. Slide show is attached.

Establishment of working groups

There was a broad discussion on the proposition of establishing permanent working groups within our section. It was recognized a need for development of the speciality, and main topics as suggested by Jacques should be addressed in the upcoming section meetings. We need action groups to prepare focused discussions for each section meeting. It is important that we can learn from each other experience within each field from different countries. The outcome should be documents that can be published on our upcoming website.

Two groups were established, to present input for the next two meetings. At the next meeting we will focus on aging, Kaj and Elsbeth volunteered to coordinate the “aging” group. The “new risks and infectious diseases” will be prepared by Dick and Kristiina and addressed in the following meeting (fall 2006).

Action Kaj and Elsbeth

Action Dick and Kristiina

5. Current business

The Leonardo project.

Ewan gave an update on the project that had a meeting the day before. The project did not get EU funding in the first round. It will start next year anyway, and a new application will be sent in. Anyone who wants to take part should contact Ewan.

Action all

Quality and peer audit.

A group of Tom, Andy and Monica had produced a short questionnaire based on the German audit system for occupational health units. Tom asked for final comments (please send comments to Knut) before the questionnaire is sent out. Annette needs a final version by December for approval. After approval, the questionnaire will be again sent out to members who will circulate it to the speciality boards, societies of occupational medicine and certification authorities (if a country has it) in their countries. Instructions will be given in the questionnaire.

Action all**ICOH Milan 2006 symposium.**

There will be a special 2h session from our section at the conference. Consol presented an outline for the session. (Attached) The revised title is called "Occupational Medicine in Europe - professional initiatives." It was approved. Abstracts must be sent both to ICOH and Consol before 27th October.

Action presenters**New UEMS occupational medicine website.**

A test version has been produced by Ole. Knut presented it in Ole's absence, and Gert added some information. The website so far is www.amkherning.dk/uems It will get a link from the UEMS central website. Our section will pay a small annual fee for the Danish server.

**Action all
Tom
Consol****Barcelona proceedings.**

It is now printed and ready to be spread in the different countries and European and international agencies. Tom will provide with a list of the latter. Consol will explore the possibility to publish a summary in a European scientific journal.

**Action Consol
and Knut****Contact with research groups.**

There has been contact with the Cochrane collaboration and EPICOH. Consol has contacted Jos Verbeek in Cochrane. Also the EPICOH management board. The section expressed interest in following up this contact.

Action Andy**New members to our section.**

We should contact France, Poland, the Baltic countries, Switzerland. Germany has now found out which of the German Medical Organisation is a UEMS member.

Action all**Membership payment status.**

Andy stated that the status is £ 5 200. Invoicing should become a routine. The fee is € 150 per delegate per year. It will be sent out with the minutes. Andy needs addresses of the societies who will not pay according to this procedure. It was decided that the money should be kept in the bank, and not placed elsewhere.

Conferences.

EASOM runs summer schools every year. The theme this year in Finland was multidisciplinary training. See www.easom.org for information on EASOM's activities. The Dutch society had an interesting annual meeting this year, with contributions from several section members. Jacques also mentioned a network of large enterprises focusing on healthy organisations. See www.enterprise-for-health.org Consol attended the EPICOH conference in Bergen, she highly recommended this forum. Next conference will be in 2007. Most of us will meet at the ICOH 2006 in Milan.

EACCME application.

One proposition has been mentioned by Jadranka, but we have not received the form.

6. Any other business

Luc described a study on **harmonisation of vaccination policies**. A Belgian research group, lead by Dr. Antoon De Schryver, ask for contacts of who is responsible for such activities in each member country. The final version of the questionnaire will be circulated by Knut to all members together with instructions on how to proceed. A paper copy of the proposed plan was distributed during the meeting and is attached here.

Action all

Piet told of an initiative for a **website for training internships**.

Action all

John Harrison wants input on EU related matters concerning the speciality. See separate letter from him.

Action all

Risk of infectious diseases – please send your country's action plan towards pandemia to Kristiina.

Action all

UEMS want a report of each country's status for the speciality. Send your contribution to the secretary.

Action all

We have sent a paper to the new UEMS compendium. Knut will circulate this.

Action Knut

7. Date and place of next meeting:

Oslo 22. April 2006. Leonardo meeting from 9.30 – 11.30, followed by lunch. UEMS from 12.30. There will be a dinner in the evening.

Action Nundita

Action Knut

Consol thanked all participants for coming and closed the meeting at 3:00 p.m. All participants were invited to a sightseeing trip to the canals of Amsterdam, sponsored by the Dutch society.

25 October 2005

Knut Skyberg
(secretary)