



UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

MINUTES - LAKE BLEĐ

Friday, 23rd September 2011 (14:30 - 17:00)
 Saturday, 24th September 2011 (09:00 – 17:00)
 Hotel Lovec
 Bled

On Friday we had a workplace visit to the Elan Factory in Begunje ([file 1](#) attached) observing the presentation on development of this world known Slovenian trade mark and enterprise and visited their ski production. Saturday's Agenda:

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Luc Quaeghebeur (Belgium), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Urška Močnik (Slovenia), Alenka Škerjanc, Secretary (Slovenia), Consol Serra (Spain), Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño (Spain), Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller (Switzerland). Jacques van der Vliet (The Netherlands), Nikki Cordell (United Kingdom), Ewan B. Macdonald (United Kingdom);

Zlatko Fras (UEMS President), Giorgio Berchicci (UEMS Treasurer), Giso Schmeißer (EASOM President).

APOLOGIES: Christine Klien (Austria), Vlasta Dečković Vukreš (Croatia), Kari Reijula (Finland), Jean Francois Gehanno (France), Annette Gäßler, Treasurer (Germany), Ferenc Kudaz (Hungary), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Elena-Ana Pauncu (Romania), Marek Varga (Slovakia), Bernard Mailliet (UEMS Secretary General).

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants, especially to the invited guests Dr. Zlatko Fras (UEMS President), Dr. Giorgio Berchicci (UEMS Treasurer), Dr. Giso Schmeißer (EASOM President), and a new representative: Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller (Switzerland).

3. Presentation from the host country

Simon Vrhunec, MD, General Director of University Medical Centre Ljubljana presented the largest Slovenian health care institution ([file 2](#) attached), Assoc. Professor Metoda Dodič Fikfak from Clinical Institute of Occupational, Traffic and Sports Medicine presented the history of occupational medicine in Slovenia ([file 3](#) attached) and Andrea Margan, the president of Slovenian Association of Occupational, Traffic and Sports Medicine presented the actual problems of occupational medicine in Slovenia ([file 4](#) attached).

4. Minutes of the last meeting (London, 06.-07.05.2011)

were unanimously accepted.

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 Kudaz will hopefully join us at our next section's meeting in Innsbruck. Contacts with the Baltic countries started.

6. General Remarks of UEMS

UEMS President Dr. Zlatko Fras presented a report on present UEMS activities ([file 5](#) attached). He exposed the importance of CME.

UEMS Treasurer Dr. Giorgio Berchicci presented a report on balance of UEMS accounts. Concerning the Belgian legislation EECCM activities might be a subject of VAT system. Final decision on this topic has been so far still a subject of farther considerations.

7. Website

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

Some general information:

1. We kindly ask member countries to present their National Societies (Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Norway, Romania).
2. Access code – in case of password problems contact Ole (Ole.Carstensen@svs.regionsyddanmark.dk), password should be given also to Klaus, Zlatko and Giorgio.
3. The e-mail address of our treasurer should be changed (annette.gaessler@t-online.de).
4. Ole gave a report on development and activities (the possibility to exchange working documents.)

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](#) - draft - attached). Final version will be presented on our website after being supplemented regarding the discussion at Section's meeting at Lake Bled:
 1. Agreement between UESM and Section of Occupational Medicine must be signed to start accreditation process as it is stated in UEMS 2010/02 document ([file 7](#) attached). **UEMS Secretary General will be asked to send a template of agreement.**
 2. Item 4 - EASOM member for the reviewer for occupational medicine is Jean Francois Gehanno instead of André Weel.
 3. Item 5 - The criteria for International Accreditation of CME are outlined in UEMS document D 9908 / Rev 2007 ([file 8](#) attached) and April 2011. The application form is available at www.eaccme.eu
 4. Item 7 - Invoice for covering the administrative current expenses of EECCME is only one.
 5. Item 10 - The Quality of International CME is governed by the UEMS document D 9908 / Rev 2007.
 6. Item 13 - Sponsorship is governed by UEMS document D 9908 / Rev 2007.
- To rewrite Chapter 6 of the Training Charter for Occupational Medicine taking into account new insights in this field ([file 9](#) attached). Comments:

1. Article 1 - Annex should be prepared till next meeting concerning competencies and length of training.
2. Article 2 - Item 2.3. ("common trunk") shall be skipped to delete.

Results: Two documents to be delivered for approval at the next Section's meeting at Innsbruck.

Nikki suggests the participation of a member of a WG1 to be present at a UEMS-EACCME Conference on "The Accreditation of CME-CPD in Europe - Contributing to higher standards in medical care" (Brussels, 18 November 2011).

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). Comments to a draft proposal ([file 10](#) attached).
- 1. Introduction should be made - the target population
- 2. We cannot influence the processing in DG Employment, but we need to promote the suggestions to study like how to treat handicapped people who can work less than 100 % - we need also flexibility from the employer's site.
- 3. Comments and proposals shall be sent to Jacques and Alenka within four weeks.
- 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 Innsbruck. 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.
- A question was stated to the Section's members to vote: Do you agree doctors to be excluded out of European Working Time Directive? The answer was 100%: "NO".
- Short conclusion is added to a systematic review for evidence based decision making ([file 11](#) attached).
- Special thanks to Mari Cruz!

Results: The document was approved and won recognition. It will be placed on the UEMS OM website and reported to UEMS Central to be presented at the Naples' UEMS Assembly Meeting at the beginning of October 2011.

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.
- The draft of new UEMS Rules of Procedures was presented ([file 12](#) attached).
- Draft Rules of Procedure of the Section of Occupational Medicine ([file 13](#) attached) shall be sent to the members to send comments and proposals to Dick and Alenka.

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

The heads of WG shall send the proposals for financial reimbursement to Dick and Annette with the invoices included.

9. Exchange of trainees

- Secretary reported about the programme on Romanian trainees at the University Medical Centre Ljubljana - Clinical Institute of Occupational, Traffic and Sports medicine for five weeks ([file 14, 15](#) attached).
- Dan presented formal hindrances to the exchange (payment, insurance, responsibility).
- We miss the representative of trainees after Mari Cruz became an official representative of Spain.
- We will ask for help Junior Doctors' – <http://www.juniordoctors.eu>

10. Report on Meetings of the National Sections of Occupational Medicine

Karl presented the program of the meeting of the Austrian Section of Occupational Medicine (Jahrestagung 2011 in Vienna, 03.-05.11.2011), the data are available also at <http://www.gamed.at/>

11. Research projects

- Nikki gave a short report about ATOM project. She is preparing a competency-model - **Please, comment on the document that will form the portfolio/logbook by the end of October** ([file 16](#) attached)!!
- Dick gave a short report on the meeting Tracing New Occupational Diseases, reported on Modernet, on report concerning current situation on occupational diseases in EU countries and on EFOH courses on occupational medicine.
- Mari Cruz shortly reported on Publication Survey National Societies of Occupational Medicine. Draft version has already been finished.

12. Collaboration with EASOM

Giso Schmeißer (EASOM President) informed that

- to the UEMS OM accreditation body the EASOM's President, Giso Schmeißer, and Prof. Jean Francois Gehanno were nominated;
- about a very successful meeting "Teaching Ethics in Occupational Medicine" at the end of this August in Rouen.

13. Finances

Thomas presented the financial situation, prepared by our treasurer Annette.

- Annette is asked to send invoice to the countries that have not paid the fees yet.
- Fees should be harmonized with UEMS rules for full members, associate members and observers.

14. Reports on upcoming events

- 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)
- 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
- 15.03.2012, Luzern, Switzerland: Beruf und Atemwege, organized by Swiss Association of Occupational Medicine and SUVA Health Insurance
- 19.03.-23.03.2012, Cancun, Mexico: ICOH 30th International Congress on Occupational Health

- 30.08.-01.09.2012, Berlin, Germany: EASOM Summer School 2012 - Communication

15. Any other business

- Nikki and Alenka are asked to present a check list concerning organizational needs for our Section's meetings to the host countries ([file 17 attached](#)).
- Annette's association VDBW has recently started to report "News from Europe", available in German language. She is asking for a brief report from our Sections' countries (approx. 8000 signs) in German or in English ([file 18](#) as an example attached).
- Luc, our Belgian delegate, expressed his observations and thoughts about UEMS OM Section after being retired. Thanks to him for his notable and meaningful remarks on our meetings. And good luck wherever his future is going to continue.

16. Date and location of the next meetings 2012, 2013

- **14.04.2012:** Innsbruck, Austria
- 29.09.2012: Barcelona, Spain
- Spring 2013: Rome, Italy

The meeting was closed at 17:00 p.m. In the evening we had a dinner in a restaurant Avsenik in Begunje with a presentation of Slovenian music and Avseniki Ensemble.

On Sunday we finished the meeting with a trip to almost 2000 m high peak Mrežce in Julian Alps above plateau Pokljuka. Photos are available on our website.

Dick Spreeuwers
President

Alenka Škerjanc
Secretary