Supra-/International professional associations in occupational and environmental medicine in Europe

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Relevant Societies in OEM

- **Sector orientated associations (mostly worldwide)**
  - Medichem www.medichem.org
  - International Union of Railway Medical Services www.uimc.info

- **European Academy for Environmental Medicine**
  www.euroaem.eu

- **European Society for Environmental and Occupational Medicine**
  www.EOMSociety.org

- EASOM
Additional Infos - Europaem

About the Academy

Tasks

In Europe the knowledge of theoretical and clinical environmental medicine will be developed and propagated for the benefit of both the individual and the public. The European Academy for Environmental Medicine will focus on:

- offering basic and advanced medical training, particularly for physicians
- holding scientific conferences and related events
- advising institutions, organizations of healthcare systems and members of the corresponding professions
- publishing scientific studies and supporting public relations activities
- arranging and scientifically accompanying research projects concerned with environmental medicine.

Cooperation

The European Academy for Environmental Medicine cooperates internationally, particularly in Europe, with individuals, institutions, organizations, societies as well as organizations of the public healthcare system concerned with environmental medicine problems:

- physicians and their organizations
- universities and specific faculties
- researchers of other scientific institutions
- ecological organizations
- politicians and political parties
- industrial associations
- media.
§ 1 Name and Location
The Academy shall have the name

"European Academy for Environmental Medicine"

It will be domiciled in Würzburg and is to be enrolled in the Register of Societies and Associations. After registration, the Society shall bear the name "European Academy for Environmental Medicine e. V.," hereinafter referred to as "the Academy."

The financial year of the Academy is coincident with the calendar year.

§ 2 Object
The object of the Academy is the promotion
- of preventive environmental protection and health services,
- of science and research,
- and of sanitary education and training
in Europe, with the particular purpose of developing, promoting, and qualifying approaches in attendant environmental medicine, thereby serving the common welfare.

This statutory object shall be accomplished specifically by means of
- holding scientific events and running research projects,
- continuing advanced and supplementary vocational training,
- awarding research contracts,
- advising institutions and organizations of the healthcare system and members of the corresponding professions, particularly physicians,
- and publications and public relations activities
on an international, predominantly European scale.

The Academy shall exclusively and directly pursue public-minded and nonprofit-making objects in accordance with the "Tax Privileged Objects" section of the German tax code.

The Academy operates altruistically. It does not primarily pursue profit-oriented commercial objects. The resources of the Academy may only be used for statutory objects. On application, members may claim reimbursement for expenses incurred during their activities on behalf of the Society. As far as lump-sum and marginal tax rates are applicable, reimbursements shall be limited to the size of these amounts.

No individual person may unduly benefit from expenses foreign to the object of the Academy, or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 3 Membership
Membership is divided into
- full members possessing voting rights and eligibility
  - paying members possessing attendance and consultation rights
Both individual and juridical persons may become members of the Society. Membership applications are to be made in writing to the Board of Directors, which will then decide on acceptance. In case of a rejection of the application, the Board shall not be obliged to offer relevant grounds.

The Board may also appoint honorary members.
Additional Infos - Europaeum

Scientific Board

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Dear All,

as you know we decided at our Amsterdam dinner the foundation of EOMSociety. As agreed upon and mentioned in my previous e-mails this will be a non-profit society, especially aiming to enhanced research cooperations and networking between European scientists and physicians engaged in environmental and occupational medicine.

In the meantime there was some discussion about the focus (environmental or occupational) and the spectrum of the Society. I guess, Sherwood summarized important aspects in saying “primarily scientific, leave training and standards to others, evidence-based reviews”.
The European Society for Environmental and Occupational Medicine (EOM), was founded in 2011 by a group of European scientists, who recognized a need for cooperative European efforts supporting the research in the areas of environmental and occupational health.

EOM aims to strengthen independent interdisciplinary basic biomedical research on emerging new environmental work-related health problems.

EOM is registered charity with wide range contacts to university departments, governmental agencies and professional bodies.

EOM responds with the society view to consultive documents, topics of interest and guidelines concerning the specialty of the society.
Essential idea

is forming an interdisciplinary community of experts from various European countries to support capacity building in basic environmental and occupational health research.

Who can become a member of EOM?

Individuals
Any scientist or practitioner with a activity record in the areas of environmental and occupational health

Societies
EOM appreciates any cooperation with other European societies or their working groups, but also national societies in the respective areas are welcome to join us

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www.EOMSociety.org
Threats to Health of European Citizens

An expanding number of human health problems have been linked to occupational or environmental exposures. In recent decades new globalized production processes and transport of all kinds of goods have been established. These changes in the production, trade, logistic, and economic fields are combined with new health hazards for thousands of European workers (such as those engaged in production, transport or storage), for consumers and the environment.

Our Strategy

Such new hazards may need new methods to identify them, new basic information on possible new toxic, carcinogenic and allergic effects. This is only possible within a framework of interdisciplinary research between basic and applied scientists and physicians. These has to be in substantial accord with rapidly accelerating new technologies (i.e. nanotechnologies, new green technologies) bringing new as yet unknown hazards and possibly new environmental or work-related diseases - and possibly additional cost for health care and diseases if not recognized early. This can be accomplished in a best form if independent, interdisciplinary European scientists and practitioners network and cooperate within a society.

Our Aim

EOM’s concern is to increase awareness of EOM’s goals in the society, i.e. to initiate independent interdisciplinary research in order to protect European workers and citizens from new health hazards.
Concrete aims of EOM are

- to increase the European cooperation and maintain interdisciplinary research network between independent scientists, physicians and practitioners by enhancing the initiating teamwork also with other related focus areas like public health, cancer biology, toxicology, allergy, epidemiology. (Topics i.e. exchanging methods, or using larger patient collectives)

- to define gaps and needs of the area of occupational health

- to search for, recognize, identify and define new interdisciplinary innovative research areas combining interdisciplinary approaches and develop cooperative projects which cannot be covered as a whole by the traditional national occupational or environmental medicine/health societies only.

- to evaluate the potential of occupational health as a focal area for a future innovative partnerships with Universities and EU health care initiatives.

- to offer expertise enabling to settle independent expert working groups on European strategies for harmonized diagnostic standards, recommendations for preventive measures and health promotion, respective guidelines, European definitions of occupational/ environmental diseases.

- to cooperate with various national scientific societies, with the WHO, international chemical safety program, EU institutions etc. to support the implementation the scientific results in European guidelines, recommendations and regulations in public and occupational health including reports, reports, roadmaps etc.).

- to enhance grant applications within the cooperative research groups by interdisciplinary cooperation

- to provide an internet platform for discussion and exchange on issues of relevance to public's health including environmental and occupational health and sustainability, prevention, diagnosis and analytical issues.
Proposal for decision:

- For reasons of scientific creditibility and member profil of the association UEMS-OM evaluates EOM

- UEMS-OM invites Prof. Baur to one of the coming meetings (Prof. Baur is positive) to discuss about strategies, roles and aims of the societies.