



UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

MINUTES - INNSBRUCK

Friday, 12th April 2012 (14:00 - 19:00)

Saturday, 13th April 2012 (09:00 – 17:00)

Medical Chamber of Tyrol, 6020 Innsbruck, Anichstraße 7

On Friday we had a workplace visit to the Hungerburgbahn and Highlights Innsbruck.

Saturday's Agenda:

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Christine Klien (Austria), Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Simon Bulterys (Belgium), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Annette Gäßler, Treasurer (Germany), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Jolanta Walusiak Skroupa (Poland), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), 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); Giorgio Berchicci (UEMS Treasurer), Giso Schmeißer (EASOM President).

APOLOGIES: Vlasta Dečković Vukreš (Croatia), Jadranka Mustajbegović (Croatia), Kari Reijula (Finland), Jean Francois Gehanno (France), Ferenc Kudaz (Hungary), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Elena-Ana Pauncu (Romania), Marek Varga (Slovakia), Romuald Krajewski (UEMS President), Edwin Borman (UEMS Secretary General).

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants, especially to the invited guests Dr. Giorgio Berchicci (UEMS Treasurer), Dr. Giso Schmeißer (EASOM President), and a new representative from Poland Jolanta Walusiak Skroupa.

With a minute of silence we expressed our condolence to our Romanian representative Damian Fotache whose wife had died last week.

3. Presentation from the host country

The president of the Austrian Section of Occupational Medicine Christine Klien presented the actual problems of occupational medicine in Austria ([file 1](#) attached).

Concerning the development and new challenges the Workshop on the purpose and future of occupational medicine need to be organized in Barcelona in October 2012 (Ewan B. Macdonald, Consol Serra, Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño, Dick Spreeuwers, Jacques van der Vliet).

4. Minutes of the last meeting (Bled, 23.-24.09.2011)

were accepted and also the tasks checked.

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 lack of funding the expenses for the attendance is observed and also unfortunately expected in the near future concerning the recent economical situation in some EU countries. The contacts with the Baltic countries have started.

6. General Remarks of UEMS

UEMS Treasurer Dr. Giorgio Berchicci presented a report on the new elected UEMS Executive. He also reported on UEMS activities concerning the Belgian legislation and some UEMS activities (EECCM) that might be a subject of VAT system. Regarding the communication with our treasurer Annette Gäßler he has already suggested Brussels' office to organize a meeting of the treasurers of all UEMS Sections. We all agreed that we had to create a new UEMS subaccount in order to continue our financial activities. UEMS Treasurer stated that the money of our Section on UEMS OM subaccount will belong to OM Section only!

7. Website

Ole Carstensen presented news on our website link: <http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.com> that will be changed to: www.uems-occupationalmedicin.org since autumn 2012 (you will be informed in Barcelona).

Until then try this test link: <http://uems-occupationalmedicine.com.web13.redhost.dk/>

Member countries are asked to present their National Societies (Belgium, Germany, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania).

Access code – in case of password problems contact Ole (Ole.Carstensen@svs.regionsyddanmark.dk), password should be given also to Giorgio Berchicci and new colleagues. A counter shows about 200 visits on our website per month.

Giorgio Berchicci proposed also a possibility to be linked to the new UEMS website.

We observe that the old data on UEMS website that have not been updated disturb the visitors and our Section.

We ask UEMS Brussels office to remove the data concerning our Section from the old UEMS website.

8. Working Groups (WG)

WG 1 - TRAINING AND CME (Chair: Nikki Cordell)

- To develop a Code of Practice for Continuous Medical Development Accreditation Committee (CMDAC) Occupational Medicine Section UEMS ([file 2](#) - draft - attached).
- 1. Agreement between UEMS and Section of Occupational Medicine has already been signed to start accreditation process as it is stated in UEMS 2010/02 document.
- 2. The criteria for International Accreditation of CME are outlined in UEMS document D 9908 / Rev 2007 and 2011. The application form is available at www.eaccme.eu
- 3. **The reviewers from UEMS OM Section (Consol Serra, Nikki Cordell, Milan Tuček) and EASOM (Giso Schmeißer, Jean Francois Gehanno) shall follow the rules of procedure and send their answer to secretary of the Section who forwards the decision to Brussels ([file 3](#)).**
- To rewrite Chapter 6 of the Training Charter for Occupational Medicine taking into account new insights in this field ([file 4](#) attached).
- **The proposal shall be sent to UEMS Council to be accepted as soon as possible.**

WG 2 - POLITICS (Chair: Jacques van der Vliet)

- Jacques van der Vliet presented his vision and activities ([file 5](#) attached).
- **Section's representatives (Dick Spreeuwers, Jacques van der Vliet) intend to visit the Commission in August / September 2012 to include UEMS OM Section as a collaboration partner concerning our common topics, to inform the Commission on the trends in our field and also enter their networks (Employers - Business Europe, syndicates - European Trade Union Institute - ETUI) as occupational physicians. The strategy for negotiations with EU Commission has to be prepared.**
- Giorgio Berchicci informed the Section that UEMS has got an official representative - Mr. Frederic Destrebecq to communicate directly to the Commission and we should use his linkage.
- Milan Tuček sent all of us a proposal for a Directive on the minimum safety and health requirements for the aptitudes and competencies, role, functions and position of the occupational health services, the occupational physician and allied professionals when we were preparing for the Innsbruck meeting ([file 6](#) attached).
- The discussion suggested that **the document needs to be updated with the remarks from Ewan B. Macdonald (occupational health needs in 21st century differ from the needs of the period when ILO Convention 161 was prepared) so a meeting with ETUI and Victor Kempa was proposed (Dick Spreeuwers, Jacques van der Vliet, Milan Tuček) in the first half of June 2012. There is a big interest of UEMS OM to collaborate with social partners/ETUI on the final version of Directive draft.**

WG 3 - QUALITY OF PRACTICE (Chair: Pedro Gustavo Reis)

- The Statement of our Section on European Working Time Directive presented by the UEMS OM secretary Alenka Škerjanc at the UEMS Council Meeting in Naples in October 2011 was approved as a statement of UEMS. Website links for our statement and presentation:

<http://www.uems-ebdv.org/ebdv/images/stories/downloads/UEMS-News2011Oct-en.pdf>

<http://www.fems.net/English/Documents/F11->

[095%20EN%20EWD%20UEMS%20Report%20Occupational%20Medicine.pdf](http://www.fems.net/English/Documents/F11-095%20EN%20EWD%20UEMS%20Report%20Occupational%20Medicine.pdf)

<http://www.google.si/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=7&ved=0CF0QFjAG&url=http%3A%2F%2Fdasam.dk%2Ffilehost%2FEuropean%2520Working%2520Time%2520Directive.ppt&ei=Hz6LT8fgN8HStAa0sa3UCw&usq=AFQjCNGuwsTrHHPUqNQOMc2xsodoQopSzw&sig2=1cJf4zE EFHBIUxCJa3h6kQ>

- Work on the systematic review article was presented by Consol Serra, details should be improved in introduction and discussion. Lots of work has been carried out by Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño and Evangelia Demou, Sergio Vargas - Prada, Kaveh Sanati, Ewan MacDonald and Consol Serra.
- Short report on reception in EU Parliament in November 2011 on Electromagnetic Field Directive was presented by Alenka Škerjanc: The European Section of Radiologists claimed derogation of MRI of all limitations. They assure that workers exposed to MRI are protected well enough and they do not perceive any adverse health effect if they use MRI safely. UEMS OM Section is willing to take an active part in the protection of the workers if in the next steps those who are deciding on that topic will find our Section useful to contribute our knowledge and experiences to protect workers' health.

WG 4 - RULES OF PROCEDURES (Dick Spreeuwers)

President of the Section underlined that **the rules of procedures for the Section must remain in accordance with and taking into account the UEMS Regulations:**

- UEMS Statute (<http://admin.uems.net/uploadedfiles/1475.pdf>),

- UEMS Rules of Procedures (<http://admin.uems.net/uploadedfiles/1477.pdf>)

Both documents were approved and will be necessarily in case of voting and important issues.

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

- 24.10.-27.10.2012 Weimar: Deutscher Betriebsärzte-Kongress 2012 in Weimar, 28. Arbeitsmedizinische Jahrestagung
- 13.03.-16.03.2013 Bregenz: [Gemeinsame arbeitsmedizinische Tagung DGAUM-ÖGA-SGARM](#)

10. Professional associations in occupational and environmental medicine in Europe - common issues

- Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller presented some of the existing organizations declaring themselves “occupational” ([file 7](#) attached).
- UEMS Section of Occupational Medicine is the only official organization of European specialists in occupational medicine, covering both - political and academic spheres.
- **We need to create a group to prepare the strategy of UEMS OM Section to define our aims and capacities to fulfil our mission (Dick Spreeuwers, Ewan B. Macdonald, Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller, Kristian Vetlesen) for the next Section’s meeting in Barcelona.**

11. Research projects

- Consol Serra reported on Publication Survey National Societies of Occupational Medicine that has already been accepted for publishing in OEM. The article will be circulating to the Section’s members by e-mail.
- Nikki Cordell gave a short report about ATOM project on assessment for training occupational medicine.
- Dick Spreeuwers gave a short report on Modernet (underreporting of occupational diseases!!) and on

12. Collaboration with EASOM

- Giso Schmeißer (EASOM President) informed about the next EASOM Summer School “Communication in Occupational Medicine” in Berlin, 30.08.-01.09.2012.
- Jacques van der Vliet presented news from CPME ([file 8](#) attached) where he has been very active.

13. Finances

The Section’s treasurer Annette Gäßler presented the financial situation. We have spent a certain of the money for the activities which were necessary for the Section.

- **We should create a new UEMS subaccount soon.**
- **Previsional costs for the activities (president, secretary, website) should be reported to Section’s treasurer within a week.**
- **The transfer of the money to the new subaccount shall be discussed after the meeting of all UEMS Sections’ treasurers in Brussels.**

14. Reports on upcoming events

- 10.09.-12.09.2012 London: Forum on Disability Management in London (<http://www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/ifdm2012.php>)
- 20.09.-22.09.2012 Newcastle: [Risk Engineering Society Conference](#)
- July 2013 Prague: Annual Toxicology

- EFOH courses on occupational medicine:
 - Mental Health, Burnout & Resilience, Venice, 06.06.-09.06.2012
 - Medical Notices on Occupational Diseases, Dresden, 21.11.-24.11.2012
 - Infectious Diseases at Work, Stockholm, June 2013
 - Socio-political Context of Occupational safety and health, Glasgow, September 2013

NEXT SECTION'S MEETINGS:

- 26.10.-28.10. 2012: Barcelona, Spain
- 24.05.-26.05. 2013: Dresden, Germany
- Autumn 2013: Rome, Italy ?? Luzern, Switzerland ??
- Spring 2014: Kristian & Denmark ??

15. Any other business

- Ole Carstensen and Tor Erik Danielsen reported about exchange of the Danish trainees in Norway.
- Secretary reported on the future exchange of the Austrian trainees in Slovenia.
- Milan Tuček reported on drastic changes in the legislation in the Czech Republic.
- **Following the Minutes you will find very many topics for each member to enter any of the proposed old and new groups. Everybody is asked to chose at least one of them and send the decision to the secretary of the Section to (re)form new working groups.**

The meeting was closed at 17:00 p.m.

In the evening we had a dinner in a restaurant Sailer on behalf of the Austrian Society of Occupational Medicine. We enjoyed warm hospitality in Innsbruck, thanks to our conference hosts Christine Klien and Karl Hochgatterer very much indeed.

Dick Spreeuwiers
President

Alenka Škerjanc
Secretary