



UEMS SECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

MINUTES - BUCHAREST

Friday, 15th October (16:00 – 19:00 p.m.) and
Saturday 16th October 2010 (09:00 am – 16:00 pm)
Hotel Crowne Plaza, Mongosaia Palace
Bucharest

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Christine Klien (Austria), Luc Quaeghebeur (Belgium), Kveta Švabova (Czech Republic), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Annette Gäßler, Treasurer (Germany), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Elena-Ana Pancu (Romania), Urška Močnik (Slovenia), Alenka Škerjanc, Secretary (Slovenia), Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño, trainee (Spain), Jacques van der Vliet (The Netherlands), Nikki Cordell (United Kingdom), Ewan B. Macdonald (United Kingdom); Giso Schmeisser (EASOM President), André Weel (EASOM Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Reijula Kari (Finland), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Antonio Bergamaschi (Italy), Graziano Frigeri (Italy), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Igor Batora (Slovakia), Marek Varga (Slovakia), Consol Serra (Spain), Bernard Maillet, Secretary General (UEMS/EACCME) – he wished us a productive and interesting meeting.

Also Prof. Peter Westerhom from Uppsala, Sweden, wished us a fruitful meeting and will join us next fall at Lake Bled with presentation on Ethics in Occupational Medicine.

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants and our thanks to the Romanian organizers – dr. Damian Fotache and his colleagues. President of the section repeated his key objectives for working groups from Lisbon's meeting:

1. promotion and harmonisation of postgraduate training and objectives, together with EASOM;
2. enhance the position and promotion of our Section in political networks in the EU;
3. promotion of high quality occupational healthcare for all EU citizens;
4. to reply on changing working environment and position of workers in the EU.

We accepted Ewan Macdonald's opinion that redefinitions of work and workers are needed and Tom O'Connell's statement that the priority should be devoted to WG2; WG1 should make clear health care

professionals are not the same as occupational physicians and occupational health nurses; WG3 and WG4 should be merged.

3. Welcome speech on behalf of the Romanian Society of Occupational Medicine

was presented by dr. Damian Fotache. He expressed his enthusiasm for organizing this meeting and also provoked UEMS Section with his perspectives.

4. Collaboration with EASOM

André Weel, EASOM Secretary, presented EASOM – European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine. It was founded in 1993. It has got 33 members with different types of professions. Projects: LdV, Epi, EMUTOM. First EASOM Summer School was organized in Dresden 2001 - TRAINING MODULE FOR OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS IN RISK COMMUNICATION, the next one will be TEACHING ETHICS IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE in Rouen, France, 25 - 27 August 2011. Website: www.easom.org, EASOM Bulletin is also spread electronically. UEMS Section of OM and EASOM need to be in close cooperation because of common topics – Quality of practice and training, Criteria for training, accreditation and harmonization. The future tasks are strengthening OM in basic medical curriculum, making OM attractive for medical students and graduates, common research and development projects, (re)definition of professional competencies in a changing world. EASOM Board discussion issues are: membership, finance, communication, undergraduate training, certification system for schools (like in Public Health?). Specific courses are organized – aeronautic, diving, ionizing radiation.

5. Presentation of Occupational Medicine in Romania

Elena Pauncu: Occupational medicine in Romania

Emil Vancu, Damian Fotache: APMMR

Magda Moghior: Insurance fund of work accidents and occupational diseases

Theodor Haratau: 13 years of programs developed in the field of Workplace Health Promotion and Occupational Medicine

6. Minutes of the last meeting (Eindhoven, 24th April 2010)

Remarks ad 6/1: misprint (selling mails instead of sending mails)

7. 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. New Italian representatives were appointed and Dr. Ivo Iavicoli was warmly welcome. Also two Slovakian members – Dr. Igor Batora and Marek Varga will join our next Section's meeting in London. The secretary hopes that a letter to Medical Chambers of all missing countries will find a fruitful ground. Unfortunately the new UEMS's assistant who is devoted to the contacts to the sections and boards did not bring us any new data, on the contrary, he asked us to inform him with the representatives in our UEMS Section.

8. Accreditation System of UEMS

Jacques and Andre sent us a draft proposal about accreditation requirements.

After a long discussion a procedure of nomination was set up:

- To nominate five members of the Advisory Committee + Secretary (non-voting)
- From five different countries
- Experienced in training
- 3 UEMS + 2 EASOM Board members

- Chair: member of UEMS
- To establish electronic process, financed by UEMS Section of OM

It was decided that:

- UEMS members of Advisory Committee are: Consol Serra (Spain), Nikki Cordell United Kingdom), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic)
- Secretary of the Committee is UEMS Section's secretary Alenka Škerjanc (Slovenia)
- EASOM Board will nominate their members (not from Spain, Great Britain or Czech republic)

The new established Advisory Committee will elect their president (UEMS member) after receiving proposals from the EASOM Board. Their working procedure will be also made by committee itself, proposal will be given by Jacques and Nikki. At least 3 votes of 5 are needed to decide, a member cannot assess his/her country's programmes. . At least 3 votes of 5 are needed to decide, a member cannot assess his/her country's programmes. As a part of a fee belongs to our UEMS Section it must not have been a problem for the work of a Committee to be paid.

9. ECAMSQ and other information on UEMS

Secretary General of the UEMS Dr. Bernard Maillet was missed to settle some minor qualms. **He will be sent some questions regarding the procedure and fee.**

10. Research projects

- Dick and Mari Cruz shortly reported on Publication Survey National Societies of Occupational Medicine. To all UEMS representatives a draft proposal will be sent with remark "DO NOT CIRCULATE". **Comments are expected by Mary Cruz and secretary of the Section till 11th November 2010. A draft version should be put on the closed part of our website.**
- Ewan gave a short report about ATOM project.
- Dick reported on Modernet.

11. Website

Ole presented our website: <http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.com/dk>

Some general information:

1. **Five members of UEMS Section have completed their presentations , we expect others as soon as possible!**
2. Access code – contact Ole: ole.carstensen@svs.regionsyddanmark.dk
3. Obligatory links to: UEMS, National Societies, EU Directives, EASOM

12. European Working Time Directive (EWTD)

Pedro, Urška and Kristian made a draft statement about risk of long working time and shift work upon disturbances on social life, risk of cancer, burn out syndrome. The problem is very complex and need a further discussion. Pedro prepared some extracts from the website:

List of European social partners' organizations consulted under Article 154 of the EC Treaty (file attached)

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/10/99&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

<http://www.personneltoday.com/articles/2010/08/13/56406/working-time-directive-second-eu-consultation-later-this-year.html>

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=sl&catId=157&newsId=740&furtherNews=yes>

13. Proposals for working groups

Proposals for discussion in WG shall be sent to the secretary.

Some hints:

- How are we dealing towards EU bodies, how to promote our position
- Access to EU bodies, standards to advise EU policy makers
- To exchange trainees among European countries
- To report on meetings of National Sections of occupational medicine if they are at least partly (like working groups) performed in English language

14. Finances

Dick presented the financial situation, prepared by Annette. The expenses are approved to website and electronic system for Advisory Committee.

15. Reports from conferences/ info on upcoming events

- 07.04.-08.04. 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Tracing New Occupational Diseases
- 15.06.-18.06.2011, Riga, Latvia: Occupational Diseases
- 25.08.-27.08.2011, Rouen, France: Teaching Ethics in Occupational Medicine

16. Any other business

17. Date and location of the next meetings 2011

- **07.05.2011: London, Great Britain**
- 24.09.2011: Lake Bled, Slovenia

The meeting was closed at 16:00 p.m. and followed by visiting Bucharest

It was then upgraded by a dinner in a restaurant Mamma Leone on behalf of the organizers. We enjoyed Romanian hospitality, thanks to our conference host very much indeed.

Dick Spreeuwers
President

Alenka Škerjanc
Secretary