



MINUTES - LUZERN

Friday, 11th October 2013 (10:30 – 19:00)

Saturday, 12th October 2013 (08:30 – 15:00)

Suva Rösslimatt. Rösslimattstrasse 39, 6005 LUZERN

On Friday we visited the biggest European construction site of Gotthard Base Tunnel and its health and safety measures. Maintenance works, heat exposure and accidents at work were presented among others ([File 1, 2](#)). The president of Swiss Institute for Medical Education SIME Dr. Werner Bauer presented us postgraduate and CME in Switzerland ([File 3](#)).

The Saturday's Agenda:

1. Participants and apologies

PARTICIPANTS: Karl Hochgatterer (Austria), Christine Klien (Austria), Simon Bulterys (Belgium), Vlasta Dečković Vukreš (Croatia), Jadranka Mustajbegović (Croatia), Ole Carstensen (Denmark), Thomas Kraus (Germany), Ferenc Kudas (Hungary), Tom O'Connell (Ireland), Maija Eglite (Latvia), Nicole Majery (Luxemburg), Tor Erik Danielsen (Norway), Kristian Vetlesen (Norway), Jolanta Walusiak Skorupa (Poland), Pedro Gustavo Reis (Portugal), Damian Fotache (Romania), Emil Vancu (Romania), Alenka Škerjanc, Secretary (Slovenia), Montserrat Puiggene Vallverdu (Spain), Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller (Switzerland), Jacques van der Vliet (The Netherlands), Nicola Cordell (United Kingdom); Giso Schmeisser (EASOM President).

APOLOGIES: Dick Spreeuwers, President (The Netherlands), Milan Tuček (Czech Republic), Viive Pille (Estonia), Maie Vahisali (Estonia), Ritva Helimäki-Aro (Finland), Kari Reijula (Finland), Annette Gäßler, Treasurer (Germany), Ivo Iavicoli (Italy), Marek Varga (Slovakia), Urška Močnik (Slovenia), Olivia Carlton (UK); Elena-Ana Pauncu (EASOM, Romanian Occupational Health Society).

2. Welcome

Welcome was expressed to all participants by the chair of the meeting, Jacques van der Vliet, who also announced his farewell to the Section.

3. Presentation from the host country

Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller, the president of the Swiss Society of Occupational Medicine, presented the actual situation in occupational medicine in Switzerland and the role of the biggest health insurance Suva that combines prevention, insurance, and rehabilitation ([File 4](#)).

4. Minutes of the last meeting (Dresden, 24.05.2013 – 25.05.2013) approved.

5. Election of the new UEMS OM Board (2014 – 2017)

The Election Committee (Jacques van der Vliet, Jadranka Mustajbegović, Tom O'Connell) was in charge of election procedure. After voting (18 member countries present) the results for the new UEMS OM Board (01.01.2014 – 31.12.2017) were declared:

President – Alenka Škerjanc (Slovenia)

Secretary General – Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller (Switzerland)

Treasurer - Simon Bulterys (Belgium)

6. Information from UEMS

was not presented because unfortunately the UEMS Executive members did not find a time gap to attend our meeting.

7. Website

Ole is informing us continuously on our website: <http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.org>

Please, pay some attention:

1. All EU member States should be drafted on our website and described those with representatives in our Section. We kindly **ask our colleagues to present their National Societies** (Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Switzerland).
2. **Please, send the photos from the meetings to Ole to be presented in the web gallery.**

8. Collaboration with EASOM

- EASOM President presented the last Summer School (<http://www.easom.org/>) that took place in Timisoara (Romania) at the end of August 2013
- Jean-Francois Gehanno asked to participate in investigation in postgraduate training in occupational medicine. The rate of response to the questionnaire has been low so far and the information is not sufficient.
- Collaboration and harmonization of the questionnaires prepared by Kari Reijula (WG1) and Jean Francois Gehanno was proposed to reach the very important goal for our Section in next term – **to prepare the curriculum of training in occupational medicine and present it to UEMS Brussels.** The Kari's questionnaire is prepared to be friendly in Survey Monkey. The article has not been scheduled as the first aim of this survey.

9. Tasks of Working Groups (WG)

WG 1 - TRAINING AND CME (Chair: Nikki Cordell, members: Kari Reijula, Milan Tuček, Ivo Iavicoli, Tor Erik Danielsen, Marek Varga)

1. Nikki Cordell confirmed that the e-portfolio relating to the recently approved curriculum and standards document requires piloting.
2. Those members of the UEMS OM Section who have trainees and are willing to pilot the proto-type e-portfolio are asked to contact Nikki for further information. There is a requirement to test the forms within the e-portfolio for reliability, validity and educational value. In addition, those educational institutes who are willing to use the e-portfolio for their trainees through a 4 year training programme to help validate the tool against the curriculum are asked to contact Nikki to arrange access to resources which will be available online from January 2014.
3. It was noted that the disparity between costs and benefits for CME Accreditation is too high and organisations were electing not to participate in the scheme. This should be brought to the attention of central UEMS for their next meeting.

WG 2 - POLITICS, QUALITY OF PRACTISE (Chair: Simon Bulterys, members: Pedro G. Reis, Jacques van der Vliet, Thomas Kraus, Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller, Elena Ana Pauncu, Ole Carstensen, Kristian Vetlesen, Nicole Majery, Viive Pille, Maie Vahisali, Alenka Škerjanc)

1. The Section's answer on European Health and Safety Strategy 2007 – 2012 was prepared in a small group managed by Simon Bulterys. The summary was adopted by the UEMS Executive in Brussels as the statement of UEMS as a whole. The UEMS CEO is responsible to involve our Section as a partner into the working group responsible to prepare the new strategy.
2. We need to underline that our core task is health prevention and health promotion. Health care professionals are one of the most vulnerable groups!
3. With the past and still ongoing involvement of Mari Cruz and Alenka our Questionnaire regarding the tasks of specialists of occupational medicine in EU countries **is going to be sent out very soon as a Survey Monkey to discover what our daily tasks and activities are** with the aim to help us prepare a Position Statement. Please, respond to Survey Monkey Questionnaire as soon as possible when you receive it!
4. A Position Statement is needed, presenting the added value of occupational medicine and clear parameters to measure the outcome. **Every member country must state 5 priorities for occupational medicine in their countries and send their suggestions to Pedro and Alenka before the end of October (pedrogreis@netcabo.pt).**
5. Our answer needs to be sent to ETUI regarding their proposal of a new 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. Pedro and Simon are asked to finish this task, making a short comment on their proposal (Quality of our practice! Our adjustment to the new challenges!).
6. Migrations are one of the major problems. The tragedy in Lampedusa needs to express our concerns. We are contacting ICOH with a short letter (we hope Ivo is helping us to establish the contact) to urge international community to improve living and working conditions in undeveloped countries in order to prevent people from flee.

WG 3 - TASKS PRESENTATION (Past chair: Annette Gäßler, members: Dick Spreeuwiers, Karl Hochgatterer, Ferenc Kudaz, Maija Eglite, **Jolanta Walusiak Skorupa**, Montserrat Puiggene Vallverdu, Mari Cruz Rodriguez Jareño).

- A first draft of **short presentation (File 5, 6)** was prepared to be presented to all EU member countries.
- Thanks to Jolanta's (and Ferenc) willingness to continue on this topic some comments were given (addressee, target audience, clear titles, avoid misunderstandings). **Comments and suggestions should be sent to Jolanta** and Alenka.
- Ferenc informed us on the Guidelines International Network, the Guideline Implementability Research and Application Network (GIRAnet). promotes collaboration among guideline developers, implementers and researchers interested in implementability They invite the international guideline community to submit information about a GIttool that they or others developed. For more information about these initiatives or to join the GIRAnet Interest Group and receive periodic email updates please contact Jessica.Cheng@uhnresearch.ca. UEMS Brussels is asked to come in contact with this network to create a link.

10. Meetings of the National Sections of Occupational Medicine

- Croatia is celebrating 50th Anniversary of Croatian Association of Occupational Medicine on 8th November 2013. The new president has been invited to attend the meeting.
- Please, send the links of the national sections and their meetings to Ole!

- National Sections should start to organize presentations also in English language at least for one day.

11. Research projects

- The article on EWTD is prepared for publishing in Scandinavian Journal of Work, Environment & Health.

12. Finances

- Annette prepared the financial report for the new treasurer. UEMS subaccount has already been created. She is sending her regards to the whole group and especially to her successor. She hopes that a kind of "old friends club" can be established!
- Membership fee for the year 2013 will remain 150 EUR per member per country. Regarding the Statute and the needs the treasurer will decide on the fee for 2014.
- The invoices for membership fee must be issued on behalf of the Brussels office. **The representatives must provide the addresses of membership organizations, name of the representatives in UEMS OM Section and the data on fees. All representatives are asked to send their full names and the name and address of the membership organization they are representing in UEMS Section to our Section's treasurer!**

13. Reports on upcoming events

- **30.05.2014 – 31.05.2014: UEMS OM Section's meeting Riga, Latvia**
- **28.08.2013 – 30.08.2013: UEMS OM Section's meeting (linked to EASOM Summer School) Glasgow, UK**
- Spring 2015: UEMS OM Section's meeting Copenhagen, Denmark
- Autumn 2014: UEMS OM Section's meeting Budapest, Hungary??
- 11.11.2013 – 12.11.2013: Healthy Workplace Summit, Bilbao, Spain <https://osha.europa.eu/en/events/event-2013553109051369986955-201434> (Pedro or Simon is attending the meeting on behalf of the Section)
- 03.12 – 04.12 2013: Conference on Occupational Diseases in the EU, Brussels, Belgium (Ferenc has already sent a mail with link)
- 27.04.2014 – 30.04.2014: American Occupational health Conference, San Antonio, Texas , USA (<http://www.acoem.org/aohc.aspx>)
- 02.04.2014 – 04.04.2014: DGAUM Jahrestagung, Dresden, Germany (<http://www.dgaum.de/dgaum-jahrestagungen/>)

The meeting was closed at 15:00 p.m. In the evening we enjoyed a pleasant dinner in the Montana Hotel Luzern.

We need to express special thanks to our Swiss host, Klaus Ernst Stadtmüller and his team from Suva and to the Swiss Society of Occupational Medicine for their welcome, attention and care all the time of our staying in Luzern.

Jacques van der Vliet
Chair of the meeting

Alenka Škerjanc
Secretary