Meeting of UEMS SEN / EBN

Limassol, Cyprus
Saturday, March 11, 2006,
Miramar Beach Hotel, 09:00 – 17:00 h

Minutes

Present were:

Austria - Wolfgang Grisold
Belgium - Francis Jaumoulle
Cyprus – Chris Messis
Denmark – Annette Nordenbo
Estonia – Sulev Haldre
Germany – Friedhelm Jungmann; Stephan Zierz
Greece – Panagiota Davaki
Ireland – Roderick J. Galvin
Italy – Antonio Federico
Luxembourg – Alexandre Bisdorff
Norway – Svein Ivar Mellgren
Portugal – José Maria Pereira Monteiro
Slovenia – David B. Vodušek

Junior Doctor – Walter Strudal pwg

President of Europ. Soc. of Neuroradiology/ observer – P Lasjaunias

There were apologies and absences mainly from the new European Union countries.

1)
-Minutes of Athens 2005 approved
2) 
-Current tasks

Documents on education and training being not yet ready have not been presented and discussed. However, they remain one of the main concerns.

3. A UEMS visitation of neurological departments will be developed; important for small countries; guidelines for harmonization needed; Drs Galvin and Grisold will circulate a draft before the next meeting. The template of the UEMS, PRM will be used.

4. OFTEN. The European Association of Young Neurologists updates the list of participants in trainees exchange programs. (Dr Stuhal). Website: www.eaynt.org
   -The database should be free from commercial interest (Dr Grisold)
   It was agreed that any sponsorship to the program should be under unrestricted grants.
   -The program faces many difficulties (mainly finance, language) but it is still the main mission of EBN (Dr Galvin).
   -The EFNS department to department programme (up to 6 weeks) includes now 50-60 trainees moving around (Dr Grisold).
   An agreement of the YNT, EFNS Education Committee and UEMS was discussed and approved with changes.

5 Agreement EBN/EACCME can be signed (Dr Grisold).

5 b-Survey of the educational committee of EFNS (Dr Grisold) on training conditions in European countries Is in preparation.

5 c Accreditation and pharmaceutical companies; the companies’ influence on the scientific programme of meetings was discussed. In Norway, no credits are given to attendees of a scientific meeting if the expenses are covered by companies.
   Dr. Messis will do a follow up survey to trace the situation in different European countries.

6. Dr Grisold reported on his participation in the meeting of the Turkish Neurological Society in December 2005. It was attended by 1200 neurologists; there were 2 sessions with neurologists from neighbouring countries; the scientific programme was of very good quality with participation of experts as invited speakers from Europe and the USA.

7. Dr Grisold will ask Dr Maillet again for the letter by the European Pediatric Neurology Society confirming the agreement reached with Dr Neville. (done, still waiting for document from the UEMS secretariat)
8. Ethical issues.
- Epilepsy and driving: Dr Schmedding (invited) presented a significant paper on the issue, which was discussed and adopted as a position paper. Drs Galvin, Messis, and Vodusek will prepare a position paper, intended for publication in the EJN.

- Palliative medicine in neurology; briefly discussed. There is an increased awareness on the matter. A survey was done on the situation in different countries as the first step. M de Visser will be presenting the results at the next meeting. Possibly an invited lecture will be invited to talk on this topic.

9. Relations with other sections; the nomination of Dr Gilhus as the EBN representative to Dermato-venerology-neuroimmunology was approved.

10. Website; 4 offers; 2 excluded as very expensive; 2 under discussion (1 from Austria, 1 from Cyprus). The voting resulted in 10 votes in favour of the company in Austria, 5 in favour of the company in Cyprus; no abstentions. Grisold is asked to proceed with the development of the UEMS SEN/EBN website with an Austrian company.

11. The possibility of a UEMS SEN/EBN board examination as a qualification of excellence was discussed and possible options by a committee of Drs Galvin, Mellgren, Vodusek will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

12. Dr Bisdorff, the treasurer, announced that the annual membership fees will remain the same for 2006.

13. The new executive committee took over:
   President: W Grisold, Austria
   Vice president: F Jungmann, Germany
   Secretary: P Davaki, Greece
   Treasurer: A Bisdorff, Luxembourg

14. Two meetings per year – one associated with the EFNS congress and one in a member country will be continued.
   - next meetings: autumn 2006: EFNS Glasgow UK
   - spring 2007: Luxembourg
   - suggested topics for next meetings: neurorehabilitation, neuroimaging, neurogenetics (survey to create network).

   - Program of attracting delegates of whole Europe; Dr Vodusek will write letters to the societies; statistics for absences will be done.

   - “satellite“ meetings: the host society suggests, EBN invites one speaker. Rules for the duties of the hosting society were developed.
Sponsoring of a meeting by the UEMS SEN/EBN should be only reserved for special occasions and must be individually decided by the UEMS SEN/EBN.

The meeting was closed at 17:00.h
The next meeting will be held at the 10\textsuperscript{th} EFNS Congress in Glasgow, September 2-5, 2006.

Panagiota Davaki vidi Wolfgang Grisold
Secretary President

10 April 2006