Minutes of the Board meeting UEMS OMFS March 15th 2003

In attendance:
Prof B. Gattinger (A, Chairman)
Dr. R. Kontio (FIN, Sec)
Dr B Kovacs (B, Treasurer)
Dr. W Busch (D), Prof. J Schoenaers (B), Prof C Navarro Villa (E), Prof G Lanetti (I), Dr B Witsenberg (NL), Dr C A Talhas Dos Santos (P), Dr. P Cuelho (P), Mr B Woodward (UK), Prof D Karakasis (GR), Dr B Hansen (N), Prof G Szabo (H), Prof J B Kerbrat (F), Dr A Clavero Garin (E)

1. Apologies: Prof. M Mommaerts, Mr P Ward Booth

2. Minutes of EBOMFS Meeting 080302 approved

3. Election of New Secretary of the Board: P Ward Booth had sent a notice, where he announces the decision to resign secretarial post and chair of manpower committee. He is President Elect of BAOMFS and therefore is unable to continue in EBOMFS. Dr Kovacs proposed Dr R Kontio (FIN) as a new secretary. Dr R Kontio was elected unanimously.

4. Matters arising: Two new members were introduced, Mr B Woodward (UK) replacing P Ward Booth and Dr P Coelho (P). It was noted that there were no representatives from Switzerland or Sweden.

5. Assessment in Munster: Dr Busch reported that there were 31 candidates from 10 countries. 30 passed the CV and log book assessment. Total number of 21 candidates passed the MCQ and oral examination. This includes 3 females. The assessment was conducted during 2 days. A total number of 32 examiners were present. Dr Busch went through the experience of assessment briefly. To have sufficient number of examiners is a continuous problem. MCQ-section of assessment was not clear and exact enough. The MCQ pool available is too
small. After discussion board voted on MCQ, by 11 for and 5 against it was decided to continue MCQ-section. Following changes were approved:

a. there will be only one correct answer in each MC question
b. MCQ will be written in simple English
c. The assessment of MCQ will be proportional, i.e. the final points given is in relation to correct answers. Some flexibility in assessment of MCQ and oral examination will be accepted to examiners.
d. MCQ results would not be reported to the members of the examination committees before the candidate has underwent his/ hers oral exam.
e. The pool of MCQ should be larger.
f. The next EBOMFS-Assessment will be held at fall 2004. CV’s and log books of candidates should be sent before Mars 2004 to secretary general.

6. Manpower committee: Prof G Szabo was elected unanimously as a chair of manpower committee. It was decided that committee will organize and carry out a wide survey of OMFS training in different European countries, the numbers of oral surgeons (single qualified) and maxillofacial surgeons (double qualified), annual salary state, etc.. Secretary will contact P Ward Booth for possible data collected earlier.

7. Scientific committee: The committee was due to re-election and the following were elected: Prof C Navarro Villa (E), Prof. M Mommaerts (B), Dr B Witsenber (NL), Prof. J Schoenaers (B), Prof J Bertrand (F). Short discussion was carried out on MCQ. Basic format of MCQ will be sent to all EBOMFS members to serve as a model for MC questions. All members of EBOMFS are asked to send 50 MC questions to Prof C Navarro Villa (cnavarro.vila@retemail.es). Dead line is 31.12.2003.

8. Treasures report: Blaise Kovacs presented the accounts of EBOMFS 2002 – 2003. The situation was + 31550.15 € dated 15.03.03. No future major expenses will be expected.

9. CME: A letter was received from Dr B Maillet (B), UEMS new secretary general. EBOMFS views on Long Distance Learning (LDL) were asked. LDL uses website and will be part of CME in the future. It was decided to ask UEMS secretary general to specify the proposal, before Board is able to express any opinion.

10. Definition of Higher University Degree formats in the different countries: All EBOMFS members were asked to list University higher degrees used in each country (prof, assoc. prof, etc) and the requirements for these posts. Both lists should be sent to secretary R Kontio (risto.kontio@hus.fi) by the end of September 2003.

11. Election of the New President of the Board: Prof B. Gattinger proposed Prof J Schoenaers (B) as a new President. Prof J Schoenaers was elected unanimously as the New President of the EBOMFS.
12. Any other business:
   a. Prof D Karakasis (GR) pointed out that International Guidelines for OMF training are more easily accessible compared to European guidelines in EAOMFS website.
   b. Dr B Witsenberg (NL) put forward a proposal for international visitations of OMFS units and a proposal for trainee representative to EBOMFS. Visitations were considered to be important for quality control. The main problem for visitations will be the costs and time needed for visitations. For trainee representative secr. Will write a letter to PWG president Dr. Nina Tiainen.

13. The date of the next meeting was proposed as 13th. – 14th. 03. 2004.

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