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MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH SECTIONS AND BOARDS.
MAISON DES ASSOCIATIONS INTERNATIONALES,
RUE WASHINGTON 40, BRUXELLES, 1050 BELGIUM.
DATE:- 1500hrs-1730hrs, 19.iii.04

CHAIRED BY:- DR. BRENNING (SWEDEN)
RAPPORTEUR: -MR. BREDIN (IRELAND)
ATTENDANCE:- DR. PINHIERO (PORTUGAL), DR. RIGHETTI, MR. MARTINELLI (ITALY), MR. RICHARDSON (IRELAND).

The following points were discussed.

1. The Working Group welcomed the fact that the UEMS Secretariat had written to all Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS mono-specialist Sections and Boards on 27.i.04 inviting them to contact the delegates (2) representing their group if they wished to raise issues at Management Council on 20.iii.04. The e-mail addresses of each of the six delegates representing the three groups of Sections were provided.

2. The Working Group was concerned that there was to date only limited communication from the Sections and Boards with their delegates prior to the Management Council meetings. To improve this the e-mail addresses of all the Presidents and Secretaries of the Sections and Boards should be provided to the delegates representing them. Because of poor communication to date these delegates were not in a position to represent their groups properly and as a result mainly discussed the problems of their own Section at the Management Council. To enhance communication one of the Working Group felt that it would be helpful if a delegate, representing a group of specialities, could send by e-mail all the relevant UEMS Management Council documents to their groups for comments well in advance of any meeting. The Chairperson stressed the importance of delegates reporting back to their groups of specialities.

3. The May meeting of the Management Council and the Presidents and Secretaries of Sections and Boards was believed to be the most important forum for addressing the communication issues between Sections and Boards and their delegates to Management Council. Separate meetings of the three groups of Sections and Boards are to take place at 0900hrs on 15.v.04 in advance of the meeting of Management Council with Sections and Boards.
Boards and one member of the Working Group on Relations with Sections and Boards should attend each of these meetings as an observer.

4. Italy is currently revising the list of its mono-specialist delegates to ensure that each is properly nominated by the Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini dei Medici Chirurghi e degli Odontoiatri (FNOMCEO). The group felt that the issue of proper nomination should be brought up at the May meeting of Presidents and Secretaries with Management Council so that they are clear that only National Medical Associations have the right to nominate delegates.

5. The Working Group feels that the election of new officers to Sections and Boards should be promptly communicated to the UEMS Secretariat and group representatives. Minutes of the Section and Board meetings should also be communicated regularly.

6. The Working Group would like to clarify the number of delegates which the National Medical Associations have the right to nominate to Sections and Boards.

7. The system of group representation of Sections and Boards to Management Council is to be reviewed in the Lisbon Management Council meeting in October 2004. This review will occur before the appointment of new representatives at the meeting of Presidents and Secretaries of Boards with the Management Council in May 2005. The Working Group felt that there should be an open discussion on all aspects of this system.

8. The Working Group felt it should submit a brief article for the UEMS Compendium explaining its function and goals.

Hugh C. Bredin, Rapporteur.