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**MINUTES
FROM THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN
SECTION AND BOARD OF GASTROENTEROLOGY
MADRID - 1 NOVEMBER 2003**

Agenda

*Welcome, presentation of new delegates
Read and approve the minutes from the meeting in London 28 June 2003,
follow up of the meeting
Meetings and reports from the subcommittees
News from the delegates
Next meeting
Other business*

Delegates present:

*Werner Fortunat (Aus), Henri Büscher (B), Vincent Lamy (B), Niels Thorsgaard (DK),
Jean Paul Jacques (F), Bruno Richard-Mollard (F), Michel Mignon (F), Antoine Cortot
(F), Michael Jung (D), Albin Luetke (D), Constantine Arvanitakis (Gr), Theodor
Rokkas (Gr), Massimo Crespi (I), Luke O'Donnell (Irl), Limas Kupcinskas (Lit),
Joseph Weber (Lux), Reinholt Stockbrügger (NL), Tom Schulz (N), Teresa
Staranskya (Pol), Witol Batnik (Pol), Paula Alexandrino (P), Elena Baranskya (Rus),
Sasa Markovic (Slo), Miguel Munoz-Navas (Esp), Rolf Hultcrantz (S), Michel Voirol
(Sch), Dominique Criblez (Sch), Roy Pounder (UK), Rodney Burnham (UK), Nurdan
Tozun (Turk) and Cihan Yurdaydin (Turk)*

Welcome, presentation of new delegates

The President of the Section, Alessandro Martin had send his apologies because of problems with lumbar disc herniation. The meeting sends him greetings with wishes of a swift and complete recovery. The meeting was therefore chaired by the President of the Board, Rodney Burnham, who welcomed everyone and presented the four new delegates:

Professor Antoine Cortot from Lille, who will be the successor of Professor Michel Mignon

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Dr. Albin Luetke from Koblenz, Germany, who is the successor of Professor Kimmig

Professor Paula Alexandrino from Lisbon, who is working together with professor Estela Monteiro and is her successor

Professor Nurdan Tozun from Istanbul, Turkey, who will represent Turkey together with professor Cihan Yurdaydin and will be our host in the spring meeting.

The meeting in London: Approval of the minutes, and follow up

The minutes from the meeting in London, 28 June 2003 were approved without comments.

The Quality Assurance Policy has not yet been approved, among others due to problems with translation into French - and in some countries problems with adopting the rules and taking quality assurance serious. None of the delegates had new ideas or comments, concerning quality assurance in gastroenterology.

The CME question in Italy is still not solved. Rodney Burnham has written a letter on behalf of the Section to the Minister of Health in Italy, without getting an answer

The treasurer could announce, that unfortunately, he had not received fees from any of the country in arrears since the meeting in London. That means that the following payments should be done without hesitation

Denmark 110,10 Euro

France 816,75 Euro

Iceland 89,10 Euro

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Meetings and reports from the subcommittees

Training Recognition Committee (*Constantine Arvanitakis-chairman, Nurdan Tozun, Limas Kupcinskis, Reinholt Stockbrügger, Rolf Hultcrantz, Rodney Burnham, Joseph Weber, Michael Jung, Michel Voirol, Michel Mignon, Antoine Cortot, Teresa Staranskya, Vincent Lamy, Witol Batnik, Cihan Yurdaydin, Elena Baranskya*)

Due to illness, the documents from Estela Monteiro arrived late to Constantine Arvanitakis. The four visits to Poitiers, Phorzheim, Athens and Warsaw have now been concluded with diplomas and letters of commendations according to the previous decisions. There were 7 new applications for the Diploma from Poland, France, Greece and one from a Jordanian colleague, trained in Romania. There

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were some discussions about his approval, most felt that the rules specify that the Diplomas are for doctors from the EUMS countries. It was decided, that Rodney Burnham will write a letter to the EUMS Secretariat in Brussels, clarifying the rules. In the Blue Book we have mentioned special competencies in subspecialties, but it was not felt appropriate to issue diplomas in the subspecialties, as they are more or less integrated in gastroenterology training in most countries.

The Netherlands have their own, national accreditation system and find no interest in having European inspectors and pay for them. Reinholt Stockbrügger suggested one or two inspectors from our committee joined the Dutch inspectors on one visit and that all Dutch centres thereafter could be accredited, as they have the same standard. This was not accepted, not because anyone doubt the quality of the Dutch centres but more because equality is a leading principle in the EUMS work - we all have to apply the same rules.

It was suggested that co-operating centres were visited together and that the inspectors had the opportunity to interview trainees from all centres together, as it was done in London. Reinholt Stockbrügger did not feel, that the Dutch centres were interested in this solution.

CME Committee (Massimo Crespi-chairman, Werner Fortunat, Sasa Markovics, Paula Alexandrino, Tom Schulz, Bruno Richard-Mollard, Miguel Munoz-Navas, Albin Luetke, Dominique Criblez, Henri Büscher)

The European CME system is not working as intended, even the present UEGW meeting in Madrid forgot to apply for CME accreditation until shortly before the beginning of the meeting. It is the intention that CME should primarily be based on national systems, but at least the main European meetings should be accredited by our committee. But some countries do not accept CME activities abroad, for instance Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Poland. We should make ourselves known to organisers of meetings and national societies. In the future we should work for registration of active participation in hours or days.

Work force committee (Roy Pounder, Niels Thorsgaard, Luke O'Donnell, Theodor Rokkas, Jean Paul Jacques)

The symposium on the UEGW was prepared in details. Rodney Burnham will chair the symposium. Roy Pounder presented the headlines of his presentation, focusing on condition for training with reduced working hours according to the European directive. It is crucial to consider the ratio between trainees and trainers in this setting, and also to discuss the frequency of unsupervised duties on call. He has succeeded in convincing the British government, that at least 10 trainees are needed

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in shift to have sufficient time for supervised training. That might have impact on the number of hospitals with acute 24-h service in the future - which all over Europe is a delicate matter for the politicians.

(The symposium on Tuesday 4 November was moderately visited. Only part of the EUMS delegates participated. Besides Roy Pounder, Andrea Morgener, a trainee from Dresden, Germany and Henning Glerup, a Danish trainee presented their experiences from being trained today in Europe. A lively discussion followed)

News from the delegates

Constantine Arvanitakis had had the opportunity to present the EUMS in the Greek Society of Gastroenterology. He encouraged everyone to do so in their home countries

Rodney Burnham had been invited to the German Gastroenterology Congress by Michael Jung to present the EUMS.

Cihan Yurdaydin had presented the EUMS for his Turkish colleagues

Michel Voirol reported that all Swiss specialists in the future must make a list of procedures they perform and disease/problems they treat to be paid. This is meant as a quality assurance initiative, but might have impact on future activities.

Tom Schulz suggested that the EBG send a letter to all national societies in gastroenterology and inform them about the European Diploma and our effort to create a European CME system- the executive committee will work on it.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be in Istanbul, Turkey on Saturday 5 June 2004. We will focus on the enlargement of the EU. Our host will be Professor Nurdan Tozun. As soon as details of the meeting are available, informations will be send out.

Yours sincerely

Niels Thorsgaard
Secretary