UEMS Working Group on Postgraduate Training

Hotel Danube, Bratislava, Slovakia

Minutes meeting held 11th October '07 Time: 14h00 – 16h00

Present:

- Hans Hjelmqvist - Sw (WG Chair (Anesthetist / Intensivist)
- Umut Akyol - Tr (WG Rapporteur (ENT + Paediatric ENT)
- Alexander Holschneider - D (Paediatric Surgery)
- Stefan Hrušovský - Sk (GIM-Gastroenterology)
- Irina Šebová - Sk (ENT)
- Peter Sullivan - UK (Paediatrics, Oxford Med Faculty,
- Antti Tamminen - Fi (General & GI Surgery)
- Cillian Twomey - Irl (Geriatric Medicine & General Internal Medicine)
- Aivars Vētra (Latvia) (Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine (also trained in Paediatric Surgery)

** = a Sections & Boards representative

1. Minutes of last meeting (Brussels 9th March ’07)
   Not available; previously e-mailed in March ’07

2. Matters arising
   n/a

3. Survey on the training requirements in the Member States concerning different specialties

   Extract from 9th March WG PGT Minutes on Priority work for WG on PGT

   a) The Working Group agreed that the its first priority must be to obtain accurate, updated data regarding the training requirements of each specialty. Sections & Boards will be asked to present their responses in the format outlined in Chapter 6 of the UEMS Charter on Training of Medical Specialists. The WG asks Council to seek the help of the UEMS Secretariat to complete this task. Some years ago, in response to questionnaires, a number of Sections & Boards did submit replies but many more did not. Given the time lapse since this work first began the WG proposes that the President and Secretariat of each UEMS Section & Board be contacted seeking up to date information on the training requirements of their specialty. The Sections should be asked to submit their reply, preferably electronically, in the format suggested in the outline provided in Chapter 6 of the UEMS Charter on Training of Medical Specialists. The WG also agreed that, following this initial contact from the UEMS Secretariat, each WG member would accept responsibility to make further contact with, for example 2
Sections each, in the attempt to maximise the response rate. Again this contact should be done by e-mail.

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1) Little progress has been made in terms of what was agreed to be undertaken when the WG-PGT last met in March ’07. Accordingly there has been no significant on gathering updating of Chapter 6 of the UEMS Training Charter.

2) The Chapter 6-related information already received from some S& Bs needs to be acknowledged and collated, including the date these submissions/responses were received.

3) Up to date addresses of the current Hon. Officers of the Sections & Boards (S& Bs) to be obtained from the UEMS Secretariat.

4) It as agreed that there must be regular communication between the UEMS secretariat and the WG. Any emails sent out by the Honorary Officers of the WG to NMAs or S&Bs must also be cc’d to UEMS headquarters in Brussels and vice versa.

5) Once the data already submitted to UEMS HQ is collated new circulars will be sent to the S&Bs either to clarify some aspects of their submissions or seeking any available relevant new data.

4. Access to Postgraduate Training

Extract from 9th March WG PGT Minutes

a) Access to PGT – a draft questionnaire is to be prepared on PGT access by the Chairman and Rapporteur of the WG PGT in consultation with UEMS President, Dr. Zlatko Fras. A draft version will be circulated to the WG members seeking their comments within a given timeframe.

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i) The WG discussed the first draft version of the proposed questionnaire, prepared by the chairman. It requests information from each NMA affiliated to UEMS on “access to postgraduate training” in their country.

ii) After some discussion the document was amended and the revised version will be circulated to all Heads of Delegation at the Bratislava Council meeting and collected before the conclusion of the meeting.

5. Discuss: Survey on “Visitations Policy”

Extract from 9th March WG PGT Minutes

a) Visitations Policy – the WG decided to defer work on this item until the tasks outlined in 3a and 3b above are complete.

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i) Visitation of Training Centres is already a well-established practice in some countries. These visits apply to both surgical/procedurally-based specialties and the so-called ‘cognitive’ medical specialties. As in March ‘07 it was agreed that progress must made to Items 3 & 4 above before examining this subject in more detail, or taking on any other new topics.
6. **Glasgow Declaration (v2 June ’07)**
The WG was asked by the UEMS Executive to comment on the so-called ‘Glasgow Declaration’ v2 drawn up by representatives from the Sections & Boards of Anaesthesia, Neurosurgery, Nuclear Medicine, Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Orthopaedics, Paediatric Surgery, Pathology, Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Pneumology, Radiology, Urology and Vascular Surgery. This meeting was convened by the Section of Paediatric Surgery and met most recently in Glasgow in June ’07.
The WG-PGT members only got to see this paper for the first time at the 11th October meeting. The comments that follow represent the WG’s initial thoughts. In general the WG was supportive of the paper but has suggested some amendments (in red type) for the consideration of Council. (See paper: WG-PGT on ‘Glasgow Declaration’ v2 June ’07).

7. **Discuss: Future work by the Working Group**
See 5.1 above

8. **Any other business**
   a) Prof. Stefan Hrušovský (Sk) introduced the eHealth questionnaire that he proposed to distribute to the Heads of Delegation during the UEMS eHealth Forum that followed the WG-PGT meeting. See also Item 6.4 on main Council agenda (UEMS 2007-09)

9. **Date of next WG PGT meeting**
The WG will meet again in Brussels during the 16th to 18th April ’08 UEMS 50th Anniversary celebrations. The precise date is yet to be confirmed

The meeting concluded at 16.05 hours.