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## **U.E.M.S. Section and Board for Allergology and Clinical Immunology**

**Meeting in Paris, France  
Saturday, June 7, 2003 – 12.00–15.00**

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*Prof. Sergio del Giacco, Italy*

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*Prof. Kalliopi Kontou Fili, Greece*

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### **Minutes**

#### **President's Report:**

President Sergio del Giacco welcomed the delegates. He described the aim of this meeting, the final discussion on the core curriculum and its approval. He reported that both the Executive Committee of EAACI and Jean Bousquet, the president of the Paris Congress, were appreciative of our core curriculum, and they would like to publish it in the journal *Allergy*. He said that in conjunction with the updated Chapter 6 of the UEMS on Training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology, a logbook for each trainee, which is based on the core curriculum, will be the best proof on the skills of each trainee.

#### **Report of the Secretary General of the Section:**

Barthold Hornung reported on the UEMS meeting of presidents and secretary generals of both the Sections and Boards which was held on Saturday, May 10, 2003, in Brussels. The main problem continues to be the lack of political influence of the UEMS on the European health politicians. There is a strong tendency by the politicians to reduce the number of specialists by recognizing only those specialities which are established in the majority of EU countries. If unchallenged, this would reduce the number of specialists from around fifty to seventeen. In addition, the influence of UEMS at the national level is so weak that it cannot even enforce the payment of dues from France, a founding nation, and from newcomer Poland. Furthermore, although Germany pays 19% of the UEMS budget, the German Chamber of Medicine does not respect UEMS proposals for harmonization in the training of medical specialists in Europe.

Barthold Hornung then explained the last version of the core curriculum. He stressed that this is a large framework including all topics dealing with allergology and clinical immunology. Perhaps no one can learn or teach all of the topics mentioned in the core curriculum, but it respects and includes the historically-grown and different approaches to allergology and clinical immunology in each European country.

He then reported on the founding meeting of the Joint Interdisciplinary Committee on Immuno Mediated Diseases which was held on Sunday, April 12, 2003, in Potsdam. He was replacing Sergio del Giacco who was unable to attend. The main

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criticism was about the old version of Chapter 6 which they, literally, thought excluded all such organ-linked specialties as dermatology, pneumology, ENT, and others from treating allergic patients. Barthold Hornung was not believed when he explained that the core curriculum in conjunction with a rewritten Chapter 6 does not exclude other organ-linked specialists from treating their patients.

He then explained his personal idea on this matter to the members in Paris. Since the beginning, when rules were set up for training specialized doctors, every specialist was practicing what his personal skills and capabilities allowed him to do. Allergology and Clinical Immunology is such a vast field that collaboration and quality should be the way of the future. Raising fences and drawing borders between specialties is the way of the past. As you know, this was reinforced by former UEMS Secretary General Cees Leibbrandt in a recent letter which was presented at our Berlin meeting.

### **Report of the Secretary General of the Board**

José Rosado Pinto reported that he tried to get in contact with the new member countries of the EU to invite their delegates, but only Hungary answered. He said that the politicians do not recognize the importance of allergology and clinical immunology to healthcare and patients. He proposed to raise their interest by the presentation of such cost-benefit studies as were conducted in Portugal and elsewhere which proved that specialists are less expensive and more effective. In reference to the successful program for the exchange of trainees in Portugal and Spain, he proposed a training network should be established in Europe which would be also useful and important for CME and CPD. He mentioned that health politicians planned to close medical practices when the doctor did not fulfill his credit-point requirements after five years.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of Hans Merk, the treasurer's report was given by Barthold Hornung. Barthold Hornung said that the checking account is near to zero, but there is still enough money in the savings account to delay the call for contributions until the next meeting.

### **Final Approval of the Core Curriculum**

President Sergio del Giacco, and all delegates thanked Hans-J. Malling, as well as Photini Papageorgiou and Jacques Gayraud, for their outstanding preparation of the logbook and core curriculum. The core curriculum was then read, discussed and, finally, approved. The vote for implementation was unanimous.

### **Chapter 6 on Training in Allergology and Clinical Immunology**

Chapter 6 was adapted to the new situation. It was read, discussed and also approved. The vote for implementing Chapter 6 was almost unanimous with only the abstention from Barthold Hornung for reasons that he disclosed to the members present.

President Sergio del Giacco, Hans-J Malling and all delegates thanked Cheryl Hornung for proofreading both documents for English grammar, spelling and syntax. It was decided that the final versions of each document should be sent to the UEMS and EAACI for publication.

### **UEMS Website**

Jacques Gayraud reported that he, in collaboration with Nicos Papandopoulos and Carlos Nunez, prepared the website for our Section with links to other such organizations as UEMS and EAACI. The address will be [www.ACIUEMS.org](http://www.ACIUEMS.org). The financing of the website most likely will be overseen by our treasurer because the cost will only be about € 200 per year.

## **Joint Committee**

Barthold Hornung pleaded for joining the Joint Interdisciplinary Committee on Immuno Mediated Diseases. He reminded the delegates that the vote against this committee last year in Naples was partly based on a lack of information as well as incorrect information. He insisted that this is the only way to make it clear that the aim of our group is to implement an excellent European specialist for allergology and clinical immunology instead of taking patients from allergologists with organ-linked specialization. The vote to cooperate with this joint committee was unanimous.

## **Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on the weekend of October 31 – November 1, 2003, near Cagliari, Sardinia (Italy). The Finnish delegates proposed that the next summer meeting be held in Finland which was greatly appreciated and accepted by the delegates.

## **Miscellaneous**

Alfonso Negri reported that there soon will be full recognition of credit points and CME credit points between Canada, USA, and Mexico. The same reciprocity will be implemented between EAACME and the aforementioned countries. Most of the national authorities now recognize not only European but also International CME accreditation points. This year, twelve EAACI events will be accredited.

Finally, the minutes of the Rapallo meeting were approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barthold Hornung