Minutes of the
UEMS Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Intensive Care
Medicine (MJCICM) meeting

The meeting was held on May 9, 2003 at 5.00 p.m. at the Maison des Associations Internationales in Brussels

In Attendance:

Prof. S. de Lange  UEMS Section Anaesthesiology, Reanimation, and Intensive Care
Prof. H. Van Aken  UEMS Section Anaesthesiology, Reanimation, and Intensive Care
Dr. B. Blunnie  UEMS Section Anaesthesiology, Reanimation, and Intensive Care
Prof. Dr. E. Farthmann  Section Surgery (Freiburg)
Prof. Dr. J. Pfeifer  Section Surgery (Graz)
Dr. J. Ramet  UEMS Section Paediatrics and ESPNIC
Dr. F. Ferreira  Section Internal Medicine

Apologies:

Dr. L. Goncalves  UEMS Cardiology Section
Prof. Dr. J. Witte  UEMS Section Surgery
Prof. Dr. D. Moulin
Prof. Dr. Jukka Takala  European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)
Prof. Dr. G. Ramsay
Dr. J.F. Bion
The Chairman Prof. S. de Lange formally opened the meeting by expressing a warm welcome to all participants of the meeting.

**Item 1: Agenda**  
The agenda was accepted.

**Item 2: Minutes of the meeting September 28, 2002; matters arising from the minutes**  
The minutes were accepted with minor amendments: page 3, item 4b last sentence: "... and that a 3 year training in a primary specialty is mandatory."

**Item 3: Correspondence**  
Letter from Prof. Witte dated March 24, 2003 in which he outlined that the new representatives of the UEMS Section Surgery are Prof. Eduard Farthmann (Freiburg/Germany) and Prof. J. Pfeifer (Graz/Austria).

Letter from Prof. Donner (Veruno/Italy) in which he states that he will replace Prof. Prowse as new representative of the Pneumology section.

Email from the ESICM: All correspondence should also be send to Mrs. Smitz-de Smet.

**Item 4: Election of new president**  
Professor de Lange opened the discussion by saying that he would finish his work as president of the UEMS MJCICM and that this would be his last meeting. He no longer stands for election. Dr. Blunnie thanked Simon de Lange for his work and all his efforts regarding the MJCICM. Dr. Blunnie outlined that Prof. de Lange initiated the MJCICM. Thanks to his efforts all specialties working in ICM are represented in the committee. Dr. Blunnie expressed his gratitude also in the name of all other committee members. There were standing ovations for Simon de Lange!

There were no written suggestions for a new president. Dr. Blunnie suggested Prof. Van Aken (HVA). There were no other suggestions. HVA was unanimously elected, one abstention. HVA accepted to become president.

**Item 5: Election of new secretary**  
The election was postponed to the next meeting as no members of the Advisory Board were present.

**Item 6: The influence of Spanish and Swiss ICU “speciality” training and national regulations.**  
The points discussed during the last meeting were discussed again. The minutes of the last meeting were slightly amended (see above).

**Item 7: Hospital Visiting Programme**  
The hospital visiting programme was discussed. Two units were already inspected. It was also discussed to visit at least 2 to 3 intensive care units of different European countries in order to get more basic information about the ICU system in the different countries. It was also decided that protocols of the hospital visits are confidential. An
electronic archive has to be installed. The president is responsible to hand it over to
the new president.

Item 8: ICU examination
The ICU examination is already organised by the ESICM. It is endorsed by the
MJCICM as official examination of this committee. UEMS MJCICM members should
be invited to participate in the examination as observers, if they wish to attend. This
point has to be discussed in details during the next meeting.

Item 7: Next meeting, date and venue
The next meeting should be organised together with the 16th Annual Congress of the
ESICM in Amsterdam (October 5 - 8, 2003). The exact date and venue will be
announced.

Other matters:

Journal of Intensive Care Medicine:
The members of the UEMS MJCICM expressed their interest in getting a close link
with the journal of Intensive Care Medicine. If the journal is also the official organ of
the UEMS MJCICM all relevant papers of this group can be published within the
journal. They also asked again whether the logo of the UEMS could be printed on the
ICM cover as it already appears on the cover of the European Journal of
Anaesthesiology. The president will write an official letter to the ICM.

Signed:

Univ.-Prof. Dr. H. Van Aken