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

**Meeting in Cagliari, Sardinia
Saturday, November 1, 2003
Minutes**

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President's Welcome and Report:

President Sergio del Giacco welcomed the delegates. He reported that the World Allergie Organization (WOA) at its congress in Vancouver, Canada, appreciated our core curriculum. They thought it was a very good example for a training program and requested permission to publish it on their website. In addition, the chief editor for the publication *Allergy*, Jean Bousquet, would also like to publish it with a few minor changes to be discussed in this meeting. Sergio del Giacco also reported on the meeting of the Executive Board of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) to which he is a member. They have requested our help in creating a logbook for medical students. Although the task of our Section and Board is training and CME for specialists, perhaps we could help them by publishing a book stressing what all medical students should know about allergology and clinical immunology.

In the discussion that followed the president's report, we agreed upon helping in the above mentioned task, and we discussed ways in which to accomplish the task. Sweden, for example, has a intensive, fourteen-day course in allergology and clinical immunology. The problem in implementing such courses all over Europe will be the autonomy of the medical faculties in every European university. In addition, Alexander Kapp reported that he had written a logbook for specialists in Germany which was abolished by the Chamber of Medicine due to the majority rule of GP's. As a result, there most likely will not be a specialist for allergology and clinical immunologia in Germany for the next fifteen years. This is a major problem to consider.

Report of the Secretary General of the Section

Barthold Hornung asked the participants for the approval of the minutes from the Paris meeting which was held in June 2003. The minutes were approved unanimously. He mentioned the huge responsibility of the UEMS Sections and Boards

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- Hamronizing the European Medical Specialities,
- Setting up training programs, curricula, and logbooks for specialists and students
- Insuring the free circulation of doctors in EU countries
- Coordinating continuing medical education (CME) and continuing professional development (CPD)

Barthold Hornung made it clear that although the task of our organization is huge, our political influence and power are very small. Therefore, as we discussed in former meetings, we should, by intensive lobbying, make it clear to politicians that well-trained specialists work with higher cost effectiveness than GP's.

Report of the Secretary General of the Board

José Rosado Pinto attended the Ljubljana meeting of the UEMS Management Council in October 2003, as a replacement for our president, Sergio del Giacco who was unable to attend. His full report is attached to these minutes.

Report of the Treasurer

Since Hans Merck could not be present, Barthold Hornung reported that the balance of the checking account before the Ljubljana meeting was € 1.059,15. Also, the savings account balance of € 14.386,66 allows us to delay the collection of fees until one of the next meetings.

A discussion followed as to whether France is still a member because they have not paid their contribution to UEMS in Brussels for several years. Jacques Gayraud explained that France has two professional organizations for medical specialists, who cannot agree which of them must pay the contribution to Brussels. Barthold Hornung said that the French delegates of our Section are not involved because they paid their fees to our Section. Therefore, they are still members of our group.

Joint Interdisciplinary Committee on Immuno-mediated Disease

Barthold Hornung reported that he had not heard anything from this committee since he attended their spring meeting in April. He stated that he believed this committee was founded because of a misunderstanding. Organ-bound specialities dealing with the treatment of allergic patients were afraid that the implementation of a European specialists for allergology and clinical immunology would interfere with their own programs. In the following discussion, Hans-J Malling made it clear that in our training program, organ-bound specialities are not excluded. Three years out of the total five years for our training program could be performed in such organ-bound speciality training centers as dermatology, pneumology, etc. To clarify this, a change in Chapter 6, article 2.4 was made:

2.4 Three years minimum in accredited institutions (preferably in the final three years)

- a. 24-30 months Allergology and Clinical Immunology**
- b. 3 months Immunology Laboratory oriented**
- c. 3 months Dermatology and/or 3 months Pneumology
and/or 3 months Oto-Rhino-Laryngology**

This change was approved unanimously.

Core Curriculum and Log-book

Hans-J. Maling explained that the Core Curriculum and Log-book are a framework that will help the European national authorities in implementing their own logbooks and core curriculums. We approved the changes proposed by Jean Bousquet concerning repetitions and allergy against biting insects.

To update the Core Curriculum and Log-book, a working group was established: Sergio del Giacco, Hans-J. Malling, Barthold Hornung, Filipe Inacio, Paul van Durme, Photini Papageorgiou, Franz

Marrache. A working group was also formed due to the necessity to translate these documents into other languages. Kristof Nekam reported that the Hungaraian translation is already finished. Wolfgang Rebien will oversee the German translation. We agreed that translations should be made in all of the European languages.

CME and Website

Jacques Gayraud will work on the questionnaire regarding the status of allergology and clinical immunology in Europe which was started in the Paris meeting. He reported that the website **aciuem.org** is now working. He also said that it is possible to install individual e-mail addresses on this website, but the members were not interested. The working group to maintain the website is comprised of Jacques Gayraud, Carlos Numez, Jan de Monchy, Paul van Durme, and Franz Marrache. Kristof Nekam and Robert de Beule will represent our group at the UEMS meeting in Brussels on November 22.

Visitation of Training Centers (Clinics and Private Practices)

The sensitivity of visiting training centers for accreditation by our Section and Board was discussed. A good approach could be to take the emphasis of the visit off of being controlled and to place it on being qualified to train and on attaining a sense of prestige. Then, the visited institution can qualify to visit other institutions. Therefore, the system is more an exchange of ideas than a control. Furthermore, with qualification, training centers will be in a better position to compete for the best trainees. It could be also very advantageous for specialists to qualify by examination for the title of "European Allergist and Clinical Immunologist". The positive visitation experiences of Holland and Portugal were reported by their delegates. We also discussed the problems of financing the visitation system.

A working group was formed to oversee the visitation of training centers. The members are: Hans-J. Malling, Jan de Monchy, Filipe Inacio, Kristof Nekam and Friedrich Horak. This group will collaborate with Sergio del Giacco, José Rosado Pinto

New EU Countries

We again decided to write a letter to the six countries to explain the rules of UEMS Section and Board and to ask them to send elected delegates.

Miscellaneous

Austria proposed to develop the exchange programs and fellowships of trainees in our speciality. Spain and Portugal already have programs. Here, also, the financing was discussed.

Next Meetings

We will have a short meeting in Amsterdam during the EAACI meeting next June. The suggested date for the fall meeting which will be held in Helsinki, Finland, is October 2.

The session was adjourned at 19:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Barthold Hornung