UNION EUROPEÉNNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES

SECTION AND BOARD OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY,
REANIMATION AND INTENSIVE CARE

Minutes of the meeting held in Nice, France on Saturday, April 6, 2002

In attendance:
Austria; Prof. Wilfred Ilias
Prof. Werner List
Belgium: Prof. Hugo Adriaensen
Dr. Valka Bollansée
Croatia: Dr. Mara Biondic Stipanic, observer.
Denmark: Prof. Mogens Hüttel, vice president
Dr. Helle Ørding, treasurer.
Finland: Prof. Seppo Alahuhta
Dr. Olli Meretoja
France: Dr. Marc Dupont
Germany: Prof. Hugo van Aken
Hungary: Prof. Laszlo Vimlati, observer
Hungary: Prof. Maria Janecskó
Ireland: Dr. William Blunnie, president
Ireland: Prof. Anthony Cunningham
Dr. Sean McDevitt
Israël Dr. Zeev Goldik
Italy: Dr. Flavia Petrini
Macedonia: Prof. Dr. Marija Soljakova, observer
Malta: Dr. Mario Zerafa, observer
Netherlands: Prof. de Lange, past-president.
Prof. Hans Knape, honorary secretary.
Norway: Prof. Olav Sellevold
Dr. Jannicke Mellin-Olsen
Romania: Prof. Iurie Acalovschi, observer
Slovenia Prof. Vesna Paver – Erzen, observer
Slovakia Dr. Stefan Trenkler, observer
Spain Dr. Margarita Puig
Switzerland: Prof. Thomas Pasch
Sweden: Prof. Lars Wiklund
Prof. Christer Carlsson
Switzerland: Dr. Eric Buchser
Prof. Thomas Pasch
United Kingdom Dr Peter Simpson
Dr. Maldwyn Morgan UK

Apologies were received from:
Germany: Prof. Klaus Fischer
PWG Dr. Simon Minkoff
United Kingdom: Prof. Peter Hutton

Absent:
Italy: Prof. Epifanio Mondello
Dr. Raphaelia Pagni
France: Dr. Jean Marty
Greece: Dr. Chimonitsky – Kypriou
Dr. A. Mitsakos
Ireland: Dr. Sean McDevitt
Israel: Dr. Zeev Goldik
Luxemburg: Dr. Marc Knaff
Dr. Jan Uhrig
United Kingdom: Dr. Maldwyn Morgan
Dr. J. Uhrig
Moldavia: Prof. Vasile Grosu
Portugal: Dr. Fatíma Gonçalvez
Russia: Dr. H. Damir
Spain: Dr. J. Gomez-Arnau
United Kingdom: Dr. Simon Minkoff (permanent working group)

Venue:
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Date and time: April 6, 2002
Agenda:
Lunch at 12.00 o'clock
The French Society of Anaesthesiology offered a fine lunch, sprinkled with red, white and rosé wines. First meetings were held by various subgroups with more than 30 representatives. Because a number of delegates were involved in the activities of more than one working group or standing committee it was felt that regrouping of the delegates of the working groups and standing committees was desirable. Dr. Olav Sellevold announced his retirement as Norwegian representative and announced dr. Jannicke Mellin – Olsen as representative of the Norwegian Medical Association. Dr. Mellin was welcomed in the meeting. Dr. Zerafa from Malta was also greeted at his first attendance of the UEMS meeting. Dr. Puig from Spain was also new in the company.

Meeting of the board of the section 13.30 – 18.00 hrs
Agenda:
1. Opening
The president, dr. Blunnie, opened the meeting. He thanked dr. Marc Dupont and the French National Society for providing hospitality and an excellent lunch.

2. Agenda Modification dr. Blunnie
   Prof. van Aken requested nr. 7 E of the agenda to be handled early due to other obligations.

3. Minutes of the meeting in Ljubljana dr. Blunnie
   · Dr. Morgan mentioned that dr. Minkoff attended the meetings in his capacity of member of the Permanent Working Group.
   · Ad 6: Visitation programme. It was repeated that visitation reports are confidential but may be leaked to the press. National regulations in some countries may allow the content to be publicly known.
   · Standing Committee on CME/CPD: Dr Simpson announced his retreat from CME/CPD

4. Matters arising dr. Blunnie
   · Ad President’s Report: Dr. de Lange mentioned that due to the merger of the ESA, the EAA and the CENSA meetings, many officials have a lot of commitments. Dr. de Lange supported the proposals of the president to plan and to make the meetings of the Section more efficient.

5. Presidents report dr. Blunnie
   · The president reported on the meeting of the Board of the European Foundation of Anaesthesiology in London on the 26th of January 2002. An important target for the EFA is to be the sole European representing body for political affairs, for training, for EACTA, ESA, EAA, CENSA, UEMS and affiliated groups. Confidential data indicate that there is a formal consent from all the societies involved. During the meeting there was a warm feeling of what was going on and there was great enthusiasm among the representatives. Dr. Pasch said that a formal integration is expected to take place in 2005. Dr.Carlsson brought forward the matter of the relation to the national societies. Dr. de Lange asked if this meant that the Section could claim financial support from the EFA. He repeated his anger on the attitude of the ESA with respect to organize a meeting room for this meeting during the congress. Dr. de Lange stressed that the UEMS was involved in the merger process three years ago. We as representatives of the UEMS are the political wing and should be recognized as such. The board of EFA will meet again on April 7 here in Nice. Dr. Blunnie was asked to circulate the minutes of the London meeting to the members. Dr. Blunnie agreed to send the minutes of the London and of the Nice meeting to the honorary secretary for circulation.
   · The president mentioned a letter from dr. Hutton, questioning the relation between the Sections and the Board. A plan was announced by an UEMS working group to create five groups: Internal Medicine and medically related Specialities, Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Paediatric Specialities, Anaesthetics and
Surgical Specialties, Diagnostic, Interventional and imaging Specialities and Independent Specialities. Dr. Cunningham suggested an change of name into: Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care Medicine and Pain in stead of Reanimation. The representatives decided not to change the name during this meeting. A number of representative had serious doubt whether our section should be part of the Surgical Group. Dr. de Lange questioned whether the MJCICM should be a separate group, but MJCICM is no section. There was considerable support for separate 6th group of specialties with doctors who work on many places in and outside the hospital. The president decided to put the matter of the name of the section and the position within a group of the UEMS on the agenda of the next meeting.

6. Visitation programme Prof. List
- Accreditation visit. The visit to Bergmannsheil University Hospital Bochum was undertaken in February 2002. The training used to be organized in four full anaesthesia chairs, but will be reorganised under the one chair of prof. Zenz. prof. Zenz. A number of recommendations were discussed. The training facility was appreciated as excellent training, teaching and research department and named a European Training Centre 2002-2006.
- Next accreditation visit will be University Medical Centre Utrecht, the Netherlands

7. Subcommittee meeting reports dr. Huttel
Dr. Huttel stressed the importance of our new way of handling matters in our section:
- Nomination of a chairperson of a working party or standing committee.
- Interim report to the Honorary Secretary before deadline.
- Distribution of the interim reports to the members together with the agenda by the Honorary Secretary
- Too many delegates are member of too many subcommittees. It was decided that no member of a standing committee could not be a member of another standing committee. Members of working parties may be members in other parties, with the exception of chairs and vice chairs. A proposal for regrouping will be presented in the Copenhagen meeting. Subcommittees should put much effort in the preparation of papers in order to promote the efficiency of the meetings.

A. Standing Committee on Continuous Medical Education/continuous professional development, dr. Hutton
This committee did not meet because of the absence of papers. The meeting sincerely regretted the low level of activity of this important standing committee during the last meetings. A presentation is expected at the Copenhagen meeting.

B Standing Committee on Education and Training Dr. Ørding
The standing committee is finalizing a questionnaire on professional attitude. A first result may be expected at the October meeting.

C Standing Committee on Manpower Prof. Adriaensen
A concept questionnaire has been made. Dr. Adriaensen will send the improved draft to the Honorary Secretary.

D Working party on Emergency Medicine Prof. List
The working party has not met today. The questionnaire has not been finished. Committee meeting. The meeting decided that the working party should come up with minimum guidelines maakt. Prof. List will undertake the necessary action.

E Working party on Fellowship European Board of Anaesthesiology Prof. Van Aken
Prof. van Aken reported on the matter of the Fellowship. Other boards have decided that fellowships will be granted. The qualification “Fellow of the European Board of Anaesthesiology (FEBA)” can be considered as a mark of excellence, coming on top of the national qualification as medical specialist. The criteria to be eligible for this title are based on assessment of appropriate skills and of appropriate knowledge. The fellowship should only be regarded as a mark of excellence. Enormous logistic and financial problems are anticipated when ten thousand of anaesthesiologists want recognition and will apply for the fellowship. Dr. van Aken stated that only a few members of his working group had responded and will send the draft text to the working group members in the months to come. The question of how to implement the fellowship will be discussed and probably decided upon in the Copenhagen meeting in October

F Working party on pain Prof. Cunningham
Minor suggestions for the document were made. Now the document will be sent to the EJA. The document should be accompanied by an editorial.

G Working party on Post Anaesthesia Care Unit Prof. Ilias
The document on the PACU should be prepared for the EJA. The suggestion was made to send it in as an editorial. Dr. Blunnie will talk to the Editor.

H Working party on Sedation Prof. Knape
The document has been finalized and will be sent to the EJA.

8. Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Intensive Care Medicine Prof. De Lange
Dr. de Lange announced that a second accreditation visit was made in Genk last week. Dr. de Lange was impressed by the organisation and the teaching facilities. A next visit was foreseen in Münster. The suggestion was made to publish the training guidelines in the same way as Anaesthesiology did. Dr. Blunnie is in the possession of the training guidelines; he will mail them to the Honorary Secretary for further circulation.

9. Any other business/ date and venue of the next meeting
- Words of thanks were repeated to the French National Society.
- Words of thanks were spoken to mr. Popovics of ESA
- Members were invited to send new items of business to the honorary secretary for the Agenda
Dr de Lange mentioned a letter from Josef Holski, president of the Federation of European Associations of Paediatric Anaesthesia. Dr. Holski communicates his worry that in some countries neonatologists and paediatricians are taking over activities, which are considered to be the expertise of anaesthesiologist, namely: anaesthetising neonates and infants. He advocates the institution of a European exam of paediatric anaesthesia. The delegates suggested to try and define their standards of care and to put this item on the agenda of the October meeting.

Dr. Acalovschi mentioned a Romanian initiative with respect to pain. This item will be put on the agenda in October.

It was stated that there is an increasing demand for international expert witnesses.

The Honorary Secretary is short of contacts with Anaesthetic Societies in former East block countries. Dr. Acalovschi promised to send a list as soon as possible. It is important for these countries to join UEMS as observer.

Venue and Date of next meeting:
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Provisional programme:
10.00 – 12.30 Visit at the Danish Institute of Medical Simulation at Herlev University Hospital (only for confirmed participants)
10.00 – 12.00 Meeting for the president, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer and vice president
12.30 – 13.15 Lunch
13.15 – 14.30 Subgroup meetings
14.30 – 17.00 Plenary session including coffee and drinks
19.00 Dinner for prebooked participants only

Prof. Hans T. A. Knape, honorary secretary Section and Board anaesthesiology, Reanimation and Intensive CareUEMS