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Minutes of the meeting May 23rd-24th 2003 in Copenhagen, Denmark

Present	Daniel Sereni	(France)
	Rolf A. Streuli	(Switzerland)
	Francis Heller	(Belgium)
	Marit Graner	(Finland)
	Eva Nitelius	(Sweden)
	Lene Hendel	(Denmark)
	Nina Weis	(Denmark)
	Mirta Kozelj	(Slovenia)
	Giovanni Battista Ambrosio	(Italy)
	Guiseppe Rabitti	(Italy)
	Renate Arnold	(Germany)
	Colin Semple	(United Kingdom)
	Serhat Ünal	(Turkey)
	Viktor Büber	(Germany)
	Gerd Guido Hofmann	(Germany)
	Jean-Frédéric Blickle	(France)
	Gunilla Brenning	(Sweden)
	Faustino Ferreira	(Portugal)

- 1. Opening.** Jean-Frédéric Blickle opened the meeting welcoming the participants from the different countries. New members were Francis Heller from Belgium, Eva Nitelius from Sweden, Serhat Ünal from Turkey, Giovanna Battista Ambrosio from Italy and Mirta Kozelj from Slovenia. The new participants were especially welcomed and made a short presentation of themselves.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting in Berlin** were approved with one remark. Point 4, financial affairs: The decision at the last meeting was that every delegate joining the meeting pays an attendance fee of € 100 for the meeting starting 2003.
Decision: The minutes were approved.

3. Letters. It was announced that the UEMS Yearbook will be printed 2004.

D 0309; a letter from Bernard Maillet in charge of the EACCME (the structure within the UEMS responsible for accreditation). In this letter Bernard Maillet points out that long-distance learning is one of the means of getting CME gain progressively interest. In order to prepare the next meeting of the Management Council Bernard Maillet wanted all the delegates to suggest a contact person and the website of the national society. The list will be sent to Bernard Maillet.

Edwin Borman from the MC working group on CME/CPD has produced a UEMS policy paper on Quality Assurance of Clinical Practice. The draft No 6 was distributed at the meeting and everyone was asked to go through it thoroughly and report their comments to Jean-Frédéric Blickle.

Mariella Catalano has unfortunately not been able to come to this meeting. J-F Blickle received just before the meeting some papers from M Catalano. J-F Blickle will send all the members the documentation from M Catalano. The secretary G Brenning reported from Management Council handling the matter that it has been an opposition in Management Council from surgeons of Vascular Medicine being a subsection of Internal Medicine. It has been suggested that Vascular Medicine change the name to Angiology and that the section could bring up the question again to Management Council and propose that Angiology could be a subsection of Internal Medicine.

Decision: J-F Blickle will send all the documents to the members. J-F Blickle will also write a letter to M Catalano.

There were some letters about Visiting Centres. Serhat Ünal from Turkey reported that they had had three doctors in Philadelphia for training at ABIM and after that organised a centre visit in Turkey.

4. In order to identify Internal Medicine in the different European countries J-F Blickle has sent out a questionnaire and he reported the results. It was quite clear that Internal Medicine and other Internal Medicine »sisters specialities« is quite different organised in Europe. It was pointed out that Jaime Merino also has sent out a questionnaire to EFIM members. In this questionnaire twenty countries have answered.

Suggestion: Referral of this question as a future work of the Board (UEMS/EFIM).

5. Lene Hendel presented the accounts. It was clarified that the € 100 per participating delegates should replace the membership fee. Some countries have still not paid the membership fee for 2002.

It was suggested that Lene Hendel would send an extra invoice to the non-participating countries for 2003.

Decision: Approval of the financial report.

6. Report from Management Council meeting in Brussels March 22nd 2003. Gunilla Brenning reported, as she is one of the Swedish delegates from the Swedish Medical Association in Management Council. The meeting was the first for the new President Hannu Halila, Finland. It was also the first meeting for the new Secretary Bernard Maillet, Belgium.

Management Council has the following Working Groups, i.e. Postgraduate Training, CME/CPD, relation Sections/Boards, Patient Care and Current Health Care Systems.

The Working Group on CME/CPD is very active. They are now concentrating on Quality Assurance of Clinical Practice. For further information see UEMS policy paper draft 6, which has been distributed, under point 3.

The relationship between Management Council and Sections/Boards is since October 2002 headed by Gunilla Brenning with Hugh Bredin as a rapporteur. The working group is very small due to the loss of some people. This was taken up at the meeting and at the next Management Council meeting new members will be included.

7. UEMS meeting Presidents and Secretaries in Brussels May 10th 2003. As the President Jean-Frédéric Blickle could not attend that meeting the report was made by the Secretary Gunilla Brenning. It was the first time the meeting was headed by Hannu Halila. The main topics of the meeting were the UEMS Working Groups, i.e. Postgraduate Training; updating of charters chapter 6, CME/CPD: Quality Assurance and Clinical Practice. The working group on relationship between Management Council and Sections and Boards was taken up as a special point, i.e. representation of the sections in the UEMS Management Council meetings. At the previous meeting 2002 between Management Council and Presidents and Secretaries all the sections were grouped in three different groups. Two representatives from each group were selected by ballot. Internal Medicine is in group No 1 together with Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology, Paediatrics plus subsections, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Pneumology and Rheumatology. The elected delegates from group 1 were from the Section of Allergology, Clinical Immunology and Gastroenterology. The representative from Gastroenterology, Dr W Birnham, has written a report, which has been sent to Management Council and also to the Working Group on relationship between Sections and Boards. All six delegates from the three different groups participated at the Management Council meeting in Stockholm and also in Brussels. As being the chairmen of the Working Group Gunilla Brenning suggested a discussion between the Sections during the coffee break and written suggestions to the Working Group of how to go further before the next Management Council meeting.

8. Working Group of the European Board of Internal Medicine (EFIM/UEMS). Daniel Sereni and Jean-Frédéric Blickle reported. Daniel Sereni's PowerPoint presentation will be sent as an extra enclosure with this minutes. In short the three Working Groups are:

- 1) European Certification of Internal Medicine (J Kellett, J Merino, D Sereni).
- 2) CPD/CME Standards (J-F Blickle, A Malliani, N Weis).
- 3) Training Programmes and Centres (G Brenning, S Lindgren).

The Working Group has met twice, once in Alicante and recently in Prague. Nina Weis has sent to all the members of the working group a paper from the Danish Society in Internal Medicine defining levels of competence for the Medical Internist. Nina offered to send it to Gerd Hofmann. John Kellett has sent a letter with some comments. He has been in contact with the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Decision: The Working Groups continuing their work and John Kellett will contact people with a connection with Distance Learning (the list will be enclosed with the minutes).

9. Joint Committee of Intensive Care was reported by Faustino Ferreira. Marit Graner has also been chosen as a member from Internal Medicine into this group. F Ferreira presented a

written report at the meeting. He feels that the anaesthesiologist and the surgeons are very strong in this multidisciplinary joint committee. Dr Graner has not yet been to any meeting. The matter was discussed and Dr Ferreira and Dr Graner have all the delegate's support to influence this multidisciplinary joint committee as Intensive Care Medicine is one of the most important competencies within Internal Medicine.

- 10. FOSSIP.** Gunilla Brenning reported. The last FOSSIP meeting was last year at the Presidents and Secretaries meeting. FOSSIP stand for the Federation of Sections related to Internal Medicine. Already 1997 Management Council approved a basic Common Trunk of two years for all the related specialities. At the meeting a year ago some of the Sections were not aware of this decision and was not sure that they wanted a Common Trunk. Most Presidents and Secretaries are new since the decision was taken. At this point no activity is going on.
Decision: Gerd Hofmann will bring it up in Management Council for further discussion at the Presidents and Secretary meeting next year.
- 11. European Manual of Internal Medicine.** Gerd Hofmann reported. Volume No 1 is distributed. 500 example are sold. There have been some difficulties with the distribution and financing. Volume No 2 will be supported by the German Society of Internal Medicine. Volume No 3 is not yet financially supported. On the open market the volume No 1 cost € 49. National Societies can get a reduced price. Possible joint venture EFIM with the manual.
- 12. The next EFIM Congress** will be the 4th Congress **in Berlin, Germany, September 10th - 13th 2003.** Almost all of the delegates present today at the UEMS meeting will attend.
- 13. Election of Secretary.** Colin Semple has been proposed as a new Secretary. He accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented.
Decision: Colin Semple was unanimously elected.
- 14. Report from the National Societies.** Reports from following countries were presented: Germany, Turkey, United Kingdom, Italy, Slovenia, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, France and Portugal. Most delegates presented their National Programs for Training and Examinations. The secretary has asked for a written report. So far no country has sent any. Denmark gave the most notable report. It seems like Internal Medicine as a speciality will be abandoned next year. There will be a Common Trunk of two years in Internal Medicine and then specialisation further to specialities like Cardiology or Endocrinology. Therefore, General Internal Medicine will not be a speciality.

Gerd Hofmann brought up a discussion about the difference between »General Internist« and General Medicine/Family Medicine. General Medicine is an independent speciality in the Nordic countries. Internal Medicine is only part of that training. The speciality requires training in other fields like Psychiatry, Gynaecology, Otolaryngology and Paediatrics. Thus, the training is different from the training in General Internal Medicine. Dr Hofmann asked Dr Weis if she could produce the training program for General Practice Training. He reefers to the motion for PWG resolution on General Practice Training which says that PWG believes that general Practice Training must be based on the needs of future GP's and Primary Care Patients and not a service needs of the hospital sector. Most the PWG is not opposed to a lengthening of general practice training, the PWG believes that it is more important to focus on the content and outcome of training.

16. The next meeting. Dr Serhat Ünal from Istanbul offered to organise the next UEMS Section meeting of Internal Medicine the year 2004. The date was set to the April 24th. That means one whole day of meeting (Saturday) and not as it has been for the last years two half days meeting.

Jean-Frédéric Blickle thanked Lene Hendel and Nina Weis for their wonderful hospitality and for organising the meeting at an exquisite location.

As your now former Secretary I want to express my happiness and joy over the acquaintance and friendship with you all. The work has been very stimulating. I thank you and wish you all a happy and joyful summer and good progress in your UEMS work.

Gunilla Brenning
Secretary of the Section of Internal Medicine of the UEMS