UEMS SECTION OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE / EBNM
DELEGATES MEETING – MINUTES
Austria Centre Vienna, August 31st, 2002

1. Welcome and introduction of the meeting: president A. Cuocolo welcomed present
delegates and asked for approval of agenda and approval of minutes from last year
delegates meeting in Naples that were mailed to delegates in due time. The agenda of
this year meeting and the minutes of last year meeting were approved.

2. Report of the meeting of EBNM Executive Committee and Chairmen of the
Committees, Vienna April 19th, 2002. Minutes were mailed to the delegates in due
time. President A. Cuocolo gave summary of minutes from Vienna and paid special
attention to the changes in educational activities: European school of nuclear medicine
under the dean P. Lind will from now on be responsible for organization of all
educational activities. UEMS Section of nuclear medicine and the Board of nuclear
medicine will be responsible for certification and accreditation of events. The minutes
from Vienna were approved.

3. Report from the Chair of Fellowship examination Committee. A. Bischof Delaloye
presented the situation of this year fellowship exam that was in progress during the
European congress. There were 7 candidacies, 5 passed the written part and 2 failed.
There were also 7 candidates for oral part of the exam (including 2 candidates that
passed the written part already before). There was some discussion about 3-year term
for fellowship exam after specialist exam. The possibilities are that European
fellowship exam is taken either 3 years after specialist exam or before, but in such
case candidates can only get attestation of having passed the European exam, but
they can be awarded as Fellows only 3 years after specialist exam due to UEMS rules.
The fellowship examination committee runs the exams smoothly; all examiners
(Buscombe, Pons, Olivier) had passed the Fellowship exam themselves. The question
about the refreshment courses for preparation of fellowship exam is still opened.
Multiple-choice questions should not be public, only examples should be published as
until now in materials and applications for the Fellowship examination. There are still
not many candidacies for fellows; the title still does not give any privilege in European
countries. The popularisation will be made also with publishing the names of fellows on
web. Furthermore, there was discussion about possibilities that the written part of
the exam could be on the same day in different European countries, maybe connected
with specialist examination or part of it. This could be possible if the written part of
the Multiple-choice exam would be accepted as the written part of specialist exam in
different countries. The Fellowship examination should be encouraged between
younger colleagues in all countries.
4. Report from the Chairman of Syllabus Committee.
   G. Riccabona presented the last update of the Syllabus. The proposal was approved and will be published in the European Journal of Nuclear Medicine blue pages.

5. Continuous Medical Education
   UEMS Accreditation of CME. A. Bischof Delaloye attended the meeting of UEMS European accreditation, where she presented the system of accreditation of CME events valid for nuclear medicine. The new system for accreditation will now be applied for all specialities and for all Europe, the credit points will be given in Brussels by the EACCME after approval of professional scientific organizations. A. Cuocolo and P. Lind presented the changes in EANM CME task group, where all educational activities will now be under the umbrella of the European school of nuclear medicine, the dean is P. Lind and I. Szilvasi will still be responsible for the former eastern countries; the events can no longer be approved by the same body that organizes it, so the EBNM will be responsible for accreditation of international events. Detailed instructions for organizers have to be prepared and will be available on web.

6. Report from representative of UEMS/EBNM in the EANM task group of Accreditation of nuclear medicine departments. M. Maisey, actual president of the task group, excused because he had contemporaneous presentation and asked P. van Boxtem, secretary-elect of the group, to present the situation on accreditation of nuclear medicine departments. There are 12 accredited departments in Europe, 5 new in addition to 7 last year. The conditions are: to have an accepted quality system in place, ISO or equivalent; to have one full time equivalent in nuclear medicine qualified medical doctor and to have approved protocols. The system will be further developed. A new CD will be prepared in order to make the accreditation process easier for the departments. The cooperation with M. Milcinski, representative of UEMS is good. The idea is that UEMS delegates and financially support another member to the group, as was from the beginning. The delegates supported the idea of having another representative, whose expenses for the attendance on the meetings will be covered by the UEMS. The lunch workshop will again be held during this year congress.

7. Report from the Chairman of Accreditation of training centres committee, J. Dressler.
   Precondition for UEMS/EBNM accreditation of training centres should be to have national approval to be a teaching institution. The group is encouraged to speed the accreditation of training centres process and P. van Rijk and M. Milcinski were asked to join the working group. The principle is UEMS accreditation based on national accreditation. When the process will be clear and developed, visitation of training centres will be needed.

8. Report from the treasurer. M. Milcinski gave the report and presented the situation of financing. 28,816,91 € were transferred from ex-treasurer. Altogether 10,916,66 € were spent for: the EACCME meeting in Brussels, UEMS working group meeting in Ljubljana, accreditation of nuclear medicine departments meetings (Barcelona, Paris, Brussels), UEMS annual meeting Brussels, Fellowship exam committee meeting in Milan and UEMS/EBNM executive committee and chairs of committees meeting in Vienna), the data were presented in details. Four countries paid the membership fee until the congress due to late mailing of invoice, so the balance on august 24th, 2002 was 18,933,48 €. EANM was not willing to support the UEMS until our financial
situation is positive and the agreement for further financing from the EANM will be discussed during this congress.

9. Web page. A. Cuocolo and M. Milcinski presented the topic. The UEMS web page will be changed and due to the large amount of data for the page the sections have to organize their own web pages. The most logical solution is that the UEMS Section of nuclear medicine gets it’s page under the EANM page so all the relevant information regarding nuclear medicine can be found easily. The only condition is that the page is arranged transparently and the clear distinction between both bodies is made. Final discussions with the EANM Executive committee and the web master will be held during this congress in Vienna.

10. Election of EBNM executive committee member. C. Zerva was a board member for one term and could be re-elected for the second term. The delegates supported the nomination of C. Zerva for ordinary member of the UEMS/EBNM executive committee for the second term.

11. Other items. T. Nunan presented coordinated changes of the UEMS/ EBNM statutes, prepared during last year. Effort was made to make the structure less complicated and more transparent. For this reason, merging of Section of nuclear medicine and European board of nuclear medicine is proposed. The draft changes of the statutes should be sent to the delegates, remarks collected and the changed statutes should be approved as soon as possible.

12. Next year delegates’ meeting is planned for August 23rd, 2003, afternoon, in Amsterdam, before the EANM congress.

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Approved by Alberto Cuocolo

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