



UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES
EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

20, Av. de la Couronne
B-1050 BRUSSELS
www.uems.net

tel: +32-2-649.5164
fax: +32-2-640.3730
e-mail: uems@skynet.be

UEMS 2006 / 22 en

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

Date: **February 24, 2006**
Time: **14.00 – 16.00.**

Venue: ESA Secretariat Office
24 Rue des Comédiens
B-1000 Brussels, Belgium
Tel.: 0032.2.7433290
Fax: 0032.2.7433298

Participants:

Chair: Prof Van Aken, Dr Maillet, Dr Litvan, Dr Polonius, Dr Reulen, Dr Gans, Dr Bion, Prof Ranieri

In attendance:

President of ESA, Audrey Augier (ESICM Office)

Apologies received from: Dr Puig, Dr Ramsay, Dr Beghetti, Dr De Victor and Dr Da Cruz.

- 1) The minutes of the last MJCICM meeting have been adopted
- 2) Follow up on the Hospital Visiting Programme in Turkey:
- 3) Hugo Van Aken reported no significant progress in this respect since it has been so far very difficult to set a suitable date for the visit (difficult health context is hampering a bit the development of this initiative). Julian Bion offered to co-ordinate the visit. Dr Gans (background: internal medicine) should join in.
- 4) Julian Bion updated the attendees on the latest developments of CoBaTrICE, a project which is going extremely well. The CoBaTrICE collaboration involves about worldwide 80 national coordinators. It is to hope that the ESICM will secure funding for a second project focussing on impact assessment. This should be possible through the Leonardo Da Vinci programme whereby applications aimed at ensuring following-up of funded projects are particularly welcome. It was suggested to circulate the latest version of the CoBaTrICE generic slides to the group. (see attachment)
- 5) Julian Bion also updated the members of EDIC which raised a lot of interest from the MJCICM members during the last meeting. The EDIC is more and more use as reference exam in Europe and even beyond (e.g. Malaysia). However EDIC does not benefit from any legal recognition. It is rather used as assessment tool or as self-assessment tool. MJCICM members from the UEMS expressed concerns in respect of the international scope of EDIC. They had rather the exam be restricted to physicians practicing in the



**UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES
EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS**

20, Av. de la Couronne
B-1050 BRUSSELS
www.uems.net

tel: +32-2-649.5164
fax: +32-2-640.3730
e-mail: uems@skynet.be

European Union area. From Dr Maillet's point of view, the exam should promote mobility inside the European Union. Opening it to international applicants prevents the exam from gaining credibility and visibility. The ESA President pointed out that the ESA is also organising an exam, which is strictly limited to Europe. (Translation into Russian was made to appeal to Russian-speaking people living in an EU country).

- 6) Creation of the European Board of intensive care (see updated and final version circulated by Julian Bion on 25th February). Participants were invited to comment on the latest version circulated by Julian Bion. Main points of discussion were the following ones:
 - a. Background of the Chair of the European Board: it was agreed that the Chair will be a physician trained in intensive care. This was deemed pretty fair by the attendees.
 - b. As the flowchart attached to Julian Bion's document and aimed at illustrating the Board organisation proved to be somehow confusing, it was decided that it will not form integral part of the document. It will be regarded as an illustration with no contractual value.
 - c. Recurring concerns as regards overlap between the MJCICM and the Board. Dr Maillet clarified this issue. The Board allows to bring together politics (which is embodied by the UEMS) and science which is represented by the scientific societies. Indeed, the UEMS comes from trade-unions which are elected by the physicians at national level. The Board provides an unique opportunity to combine science and politics in a very productive way.
 - d. It was requested to get the document as focussed on education and training issues as possible (figures have been therefore deleted as well as unnecessary reference to an intensive care section)

Further to modifications, the group proceeded to vote and formally approved of the creation of the European Board of intensive Care medicine as described in the attached final document. The concept should take concrete shape now. Julian Bion will team up with Dr Maillet and Dr Gans to build up a working schedule and an action plan framework.

- 7) The ESICM has successfully submitted an application to get its 2006 Summer Conference in Prague accredited to provide EACCME credits. Dr Maillet pointed out that in the very next future the Board will closely cooperate with the EACCME as regards accreditation.
- 8) The first meeting of the Board will take place in Barcelona besides ESICM Congress on 23rd September 2006. Dr Reulen commented on the venue of this first meeting. He had rather the meeting to be hosted by another society as pledge of neutrality.