



EUMASS - UEMASS

European Union of Medicine in Assurance and Social Security
Union Européenne de Médecine d'Assurance et de Sécurité Sociale

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 5th March 2016 Brussels, Belgium

Those present:

The executive: Dr. G. Lindenger (President, Chairman), Dr. M. Rus (Vice-president), Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers (Treasurer), Dr. A. de Wind (Secretary General).

Members of Council: Dr. A. Bahemann, Dr. W. de Boer, Dr. T. Čakš, Dr F. Cattani, Dr. P. Daniluk, Dr. L. Goyeryd, Dr. K. W. Hara, Dr. G. Hart, Dr. D. Kakarigi, Dr. C. Oancea, Dr. J.-P. Schenkelaars, Dr. H. Štaňkova.

Apologies:

Dr. N. Agosti, Dr. I. Autti-Rämö, Dr. S. Brage, Prof. Dr. M. Ciuvica, Dr. C. Dal Pozzo, Dr. M. Gouëlle, Dr. D. Kajevic, Dr. C. Leech, Dr. J. Margalho Carrilho, Dr. O. Masten-Cuznar, Dr. P. Pliva, Dr. N. Šikić, Dr. V. Sinay, Dr. I. Soare, Dr. T. Tomazic.

Guest:

D. Premik, MSc

1. Welcome

Dr. G. Lindenger opens the meeting and welcomes the new representative Dr. P. Daniluk from the Polish Association of Insurance Medicine (PAIM).

Dr. I. Autti-Rämö, who for medical reasons cannot attend the Brussels meeting, has been nominated the sole Finnish representative, representing both the Finnish Association of Insurance Medicine and Finnish Social Insurance Institution.

Dr. G. Lindenger expresses his appreciation for the program of this Brussels meeting and thanks the organizers.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Nuremberg (17th October 2015)

Approval of the minutes.

3. Notices to members

- Ethical Standards

Dr. G. Lindenger, Dr. I. Autti-Rämö, Dr. J.-P. Schenkelaars and Dr. K. W. Hara have been discussing over the internet. A Norwegian working group is currently developing a net based course regarding ethics in social security. Hopefully the EUMASS Ethical Standards Working Group can join what is already being developed in Norway.

- CPME

At the upcoming meeting in April 2016 in Brussels there will be five working group meetings:

- TTIP: the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is a trade agreement to be negotiated between the European Union and the United States. At the November meeting in Brussels there was a workshop with representatives of the EU Commission and of the US Chamber of Commerce and the CPME delegates, in which the doctors have expressed their concern about the impact of TTIP on the medical field.
- Pharma: Dr. M. Gouëlle is taking part in this working group on behalf of EUMASS: the CPME is involved in equitable and timely access to orphan medicines for patients suffering from rare diseases and good governance of non-prescriptive medicines in the EU: to be continued.
- Sex and gender: a new working group which had its first exploratory meeting at the CPME meeting in Brussels.
- Professional practice: there has been a conference in Luxemburg in December 2015 on Continuing Professional Development for Doctors.
- Physician's health: a new working group which will start at the CPME meeting in April 2016.

- CIM

- Cochrane Insurance Medicine distinguishes funders, supporting organisations and individual contributors. As EUMASS so far has spread the news of the upcoming CIM and EUMASS has given space to CIM at congresses and meetings and facilitated surveys CIM has, in accordance with the EUMASS President, decided to mention EUMASS as supporting organisation.
- The survey on EBM has shown learning gaps, which will be useful to formulate learning outcomes for future congresses.

- Italy

Dr. C. Dal Pozzo investigates the possibility of a restart of INAIL's membership.

4. Ljubljana Congress

- D. Premik, MSc gives an update on the organisation of the Ljubljana Congress:
 - 170 abstracts have been submitted. Chairs of parallel sessions and workshops have yet to be appointed by the Scientific Committee.
 - A local registration application provider is important for the daily contact with the Organising Committee
 - Problems with credit card payments, which will be solved by the end of week 10.
 - CME: it has been a lot of work for Dr. T. Čakš despite the help of Dr. L. Goyeryd
 - 216 participants have registered so far.
 - Social program:
 - Wednesday night: VIP reception for invited speakers, members of the Scientific and Organising Committees, EUMASS Council and invited guests
 - Thursday night: Surprise cocktail reception for Congress participants
 - Friday night: Gala dinner: do not forget to tick the gala dinner at registration
 - Hotels (published on the website) offer discount prices for the duration of the Congress: reservation on special conditions is possible until 24th April.2016 and can be made for dates between 8th June – 13th June 2016
 - The Congress Office is willing to help with any problems

Comment: for future Congresses the authorisation issue has to be solved, in order to avoid conflicts about decisions and responsibilities.

- Dr. M. Rus goes through the Congress website (www.eumassslovenia.com):
 - All information is available on the website (in English, French and Slovenian) as well as on social media (Face book, Twitter and LinkedIn)
 - Program:
 - Click on scientific program; then click on PDF program
 - Together with the tourist office from Ljubljana a touristic program for companions will be offered. Coaches will depart from the hotels.
 - Instructions for speakers and moderators are put on the website. Speakers are requested to send their presentation (including their COD on the second slide), to the Congress organisation a few days before the Congress
 - Registration:
 - Abstract submission and Congress registration are two different systems. One needs a new password upon Congress registration: the password has to contain 6-10 characters
 - Early bird registration fee until 18th April 2016

- Survey tab: after the Congress, participants will receive an email with information about the web questionnaire which will be placed under the survey tab. One needs to fill in this evaluation form in order to receive CME accreditation.
- Dr. T. Čakš informs the Council on the EACCME procedure:
 - Sponsoring takes place to a certain extent, but within the EACCME regulations.
 - The application for EACCME has been sent to UEMS
 - On the advice of Dr. L. Goyeryd (EUMASS EACCME Expert), some (minor) changes will be made
 - The Conflict of Interest Disclosure from committee members will be put on the Congress website.
- Dr. W. de Boer gives an update on behalf of the Scientific Committee:
 - The Scientific Committee has put together the program: abstracts have been put as much as possible in parallel sessions with some coherence
 - Quite a number of abstracts had to be improved.
 - Chairs of parallel sessions and workshops have yet to be appointed

Comment: there appeared some problems during the review process. These have been discussed with and solved by Erik v.d. Stolpe.

5. Website

Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers gives an update on the development of the new EUMASS website (www.eumass.eu):

- EUMASS header: at the request of the Council, the web designer has created a new design with more landmarks from the EUMASS Member States. The Council chooses the second design.
- Tabs: Lies Van Meerbeek has been busy to put the (old) information under various tabs.
- Information about national social security systems will be provided whenever possible through links to those systems. It seems appropriate though to write a short introduction per EUMASS Member State about the position and work of insurance physicians in the national field of social security.
- Dr. G. Lindenger, President, has written a text about EUMASS which will be put on the website

6. Election of the new Executive Board

According to the Statutes the Council elects the new Executive Board which will take office at the end of the Ljubljana Congress in June 2016:

President: Dr. G. Lindenger

Vice President: Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers, organizer of the 2018 Congress

Vice President: Dr. G. Hart

Secretary General: Dr. A. de Wind

Treasurer: Dr. A. Bahemann

7. Election of the new Scientific Committee

According to the Statutes the Council shall choose or elect the new Scientific Committee which will take office at the end of the Ljubljana Congress in June 2016.

The current Scientific Committee has suggested the following members:

Dr. C. Oancea (Chair)

Dr. I. Autti-Rämö

Dr. W. de Boer

Dr. S. Brage

Dr. F. Latil

DM H.-W. Pfeifer

Prof. Dr. K. Alexanderson

Prof. Dr. G. Delclos

The Organising Committee for the Maastricht Congress has suggested:

Prof. Dr. M. Du Bois

Prof. Dr. H. Wind

Dr. J. Buitenhuis

A detailed discussion follows:

- According to article 14 of the Statutes: *“The members of the Scientific Committee have to be medical doctors and shall have scientific and/or good practice expertise and they shall preferably reflect the European social security systems and healthcare”*. Hence Prof. Dr. K. Alexanderson, being a sociologist, can only be an adjunct member of the Scientific Committee.
- Is someone from a non-EUMASS Member State eligible as a member of the EUMASS Scientific Committee? The Council assumes that there are enough skilled scientists in the EUMASS Member States.
- During the meeting Dr. J.-P. Schenkelaars announces that Prof. Dr. F. Falez recently proposed a successor: Dr. Anne Vergison. The current Scientific Committee is not aware of this proposal.

- The Council is not informed about the candidates for the new Scientific Committee.

According to article 14 of the Statutes the Council: *“shall choose or elect, prior to the statutory Congress, the chair and members of the Scientific Committee. The chair has to be a Council member. The chair and members will take office at the end of the Congress”.*

The Council considers itself insufficiently informed to choose or elect the new Scientific Committee at the Brussels meeting.

It is decided to convene a special Council meeting on Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 19.00 with the only item on the agenda: the election of the new Scientific Committee.

The Secretary-General will send the proposal with all candidates and their respective CVs to Council members.

The suggestion to organise future elections of the new Scientific Committee according to the election of the new Executive Board, with a call for candidates, is adopted. This procedure will be included in the Internal Regulations.

8. Treasurer’s report

Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers presents the Treasurers report 2015 and goes through the revenues and expenditure. He also presents the 2016 budget.



REPORT 2015 and

The membership fee for 2015 was 600€ per EUMASS member state.

The Treasurer suggests maintaining the membership fee at 600€. The Council agrees with this proposal.

The secretariat will send out the invoices / membership fee shortly.

9. Working groups:

- Babylon Group

According to the decision in June 2015, the Babylon Working Group has first performed a test translation into French. After feedback from this test, translation into Croatian, Czech, German, Slovenian and Romanian has started.

Most terms (approximately 80%) could be translated without any difficulty, but the remaining terms are somehow related to the British social security system, causing trouble to translate those terms into languages with a different social security context.

The EU's Mutual Information System on Social Protection (MISSOC) will be consulted.

It will be indicated if a translation is literally (L) or based on context (C).

The guidelines for translation will be adjusted, according to this feedback.
There after the working group will proceed with translation into further languages.

- ICF

There is a two-track policy within the ICF Working Group:

- Scientific part: development of descriptors.
- Inventory of what is happening at a European level in the field of ICF: how is ICF used in various European countries? There will be a workshop on this topic at the Congress in Ljubljana.

10. Mail

- 04-11-2015: Dr. I. Joshi: announcing her leaving DWP and hence EUMASS.
- 30-11-2015: Dr. S. Kettunen: announcing his resignation and the Finnish representation by Dr. I. Autti-Rämö.
- 11-01-2016: Dr. I. Tzounou: Membership application from ELIEAKAP, Greece: ELIEAKAP wants to give a short presentation at the Council meeting 11th June 2016 in Ljubljana.
- 11-01-2016: Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers: candidature for EUMASS Vice-President, organiser of the 2018 Congress.
- 18-01-2016: JUDr. Jitka Konopásková announcing a change in de CSSA representation:
Representative Mr Miroslav Bosák, Director of MAS Section, Czech Social Security Administration
Deputy Mrs Jarmila Matějčková, Head of MAS Department, Prague Social Security Administration
- 20-01-2016: Dr. G. Lindenger: candidature for EUMASS President
- 25-01-2016: Dr. G. Hart: candidature for EUMASS Vice-President
- 26-01-2016: Dr. A. Bahemann: candidature for EUMASS Treasurer
- 15-02-2016: Dr. W. De Boer: EUMASS and Cochrane
- 26-02-2016: Dr. W. de Boer: email announcing his resignation from the Council.

11. Any other business

- Dr. P. Eken, chair of the EUMASS 2018 Organising Committee gives a short presentation about the XXII EUMASS Congress, which will be organised jointly by GAV, NVVG and WVV in Maastricht from 4th - 6th October 2018.
- Rehabilitation International will be invited to give a short presentation about a possible cooperation with EUMASS at the Council meeting in Ljubljana.

12. Next Council meetings

8th June 2016: Ljubljana: 19.00: additional Council meeting: Election of the new Scientific Committee

9th -11th June 2016: Congress Ljubljana

11th June 2016: Ljubljana: afternoon: Congress debriefing meeting and Council meeting

23rd – 24th September 2016: Warsaw, Poland

10th- 11th March 2017: Liege

9th-10th June 2017: London (tbc)

4th – 6th October 2018: Congress Maastricht

Dr. A. de Wind
Secretary-General