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- 1. Welcome and approval of Agenda:** The Agenda has been approved.
- 2. Minutes of the National Delegates' Assembly Istanbul 2005:** The minutes of the National Delegates' Assembly Istanbul 2005 have been approved
- 3. Activity report of the UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee:** The guidelines for UEMS/EBNM Committees and working groups have been updated and new members of the Committees have been nominated. All annual reports are available on web and a Newsletter with recent information has been published on the web site as well.

4. UEMS annual meeting of section presidents/secretaries, Brussels 20. 5.2006 (T. Nunan, M. Milcinski): The sections were divided into three groups to meet in the morning to discuss the topics on the agenda. In the third group of sections, nuclear medicine was invited to represent the group for next two years in the UEMS Management council and T. Nunan accepted this position; in November, he will be participating the Management council meeting in Budapest. Two major topics were discussed during the UEMS presidents' and secretaries' meeting, accreditation of CME and European working time directive (EWTD). EACCME presented the new sliding scale payment fee for CME events and has the intention to develop an EACCME web-based system, but it was not yet ready for presentation.

The surgical group of sections was proposing change of European working time directive (EWTD) as in their opinion the legislation will reduce clinical and operative experience acquired during the usual 6 years of training by about one third and will therefore show far reaching and serious consequences on the training of surgical specialists as well as on medical care. The surgical specialties, represented in the UEMS, provided a proposal for a working hour model consisting of 48 hrs working time (incl. service duties) plus additional 12 hrs reserved and protected for teaching and training. This model would adhere to the EWTD on the one hand, yet maintain the desired standard of training. This proposed exception from the EWTD would be limited to the time of specialist training. They asked the responsible politicians to find a solution rapidly to prevent serious negative consequences

The role of sections vs. national medical authorities in the UEMS should be reviewed. At present in the full Executive meeting the voting is by country and there is no vote for the specialist sections.

Bulgaria has been admitted as an associate member.

No answer has been received from the Secretary UEMS, Dr. Bernard Maillet, Secretary-General UEMS regarding the invitation that he should participate the UEMS/EBNM Delegates Meeting in Athens.

5. Activity report of the Committee Chairs

Fellowship Committee (F. Pons): J. Buscombe was nominated as vice-president of the Committee and 2 new members A. Boubaker and Z. Özcan have been nominated. An article was published in February EJM. The Committee section of the web site has been updated. In 2005 for the first time a Fellowship Exam Preparation Session was organized which will be held again in 2006, 29 applications have been received.

15 candidates were examined in 2005, 8 candidates received their National Board Certificate in UEMS member countries, 7 in non UEMS member countries.

28 candidates applied for the exam 2006, 19 candidates will be examined, the highest number since 1996. 11 candidates received their National Board Certificate in UEMS member countries, 8 in non UEMS member countries. The MCQ exam will be held October 1st, the oral exam October 3rd, 2006 in Athens.

A. Bischof Delaloye congratulated to the Fellowship Committee and F. Pons for their successful work.

Accreditation of CME Committee (T. Varetto): the Committee members have been selected. In 2005, 17 CME applications were received from EACCME, for 16 accreditation was proposed (for one held in Sharm el Sheik in Egypt, about diving medicine, accreditation was rejected, but we do not know, if EACCME accredited it also without our approval). In 2006, 7 CME applications were sent by EACCME, all events were given approved for accreditation. Until now, no money for accreditation evaluation was received from Brussels; the reason will be checked.

The UEMS NM section/EBNM and the CME accreditation committee were active both in the meetings of EACCME (European Accreditation Council for CME) as well as in ESAB's (European Speciality Accreditation Boards, often composed of members from UEMS sections and relevant Scientific Societies); T. Varetto reported from meetings that he attended. There are still a lot of controversies between EACCME and ESABs. Criteria for accreditation of new forms of learning (such as CD Rom and e-learning) and provider accreditation will have to be established.

The CME Committee is working on finalization of all documents relating to CME accreditation: Committee mission and proposal, accreditation procedures, guidelines for reviewers and quality assurance in CME. The documents will be available on web.

EBNM will sign the contract with the UEMS and proceed to improve the quality of work; the administrative work (receiving applications, sending to EACCME and reviewers, communication with provider and billing) will be transferred to the Vienna office. The applications should ideally be electronic, come from provider (organizer) to CME accreditation committee to shorten the time. EBNM CME accredited events should be published on web.

At the meeting on CME, held in Rome in June, attendees from more than 20 countries (the majority from Europe), discussed CME in Europe. CME is mandatory in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy (for all healthcare professionals), Poland, Slovenia, Switzerland, The Netherlands (for specialists), United Kingdom. CME/CPD (continuous professional development) is recommended for doctors, but voluntary, in Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

A. Bischof Delaloye presented the latest news that the EACCME has excluded the ESABs.

Accreditation of Training Centres Committee (C. Rossetti): An application form can be filled in on the web-site; IAEA will send trainees only to accredited centres. 55 training centres are accredited by October 2006 and listed on web. Some areas in Europe should be encouraged to apply for accreditation. The first centres were accredited in 2003 for 5 years; re-accreditation criteria will be prepared in 2007. Accreditation will be charged from 2007 on: proposal is 300€ for first accreditation and 150€ for re-accreditation.

Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Departments Committee (P. van Boxem): The update of documents and a list of accredited centres have been completed, all these centres have agreed to be published on web. Contacts with the corresponding members are regular. The survey of the "hits" on the website (around 160 hits and downloads of software, 88 different people who filled in

the form) allows recognition of regions of interest with the possible prediction of further applications and consequent work to be performed for evaluation. There were around 300 e-mails with answers to questions considering accreditation process or software until August this year. A lunch meeting session will again be held next Tuesday during the EANM congress.

Files of 9 new accreditation applicants were examined and the centres were accredited; in total, 44 departments in Europe are accredited (Italy 12, Spain 7, Turkey 6, France 5, Germany 5, Belgium 3, Switzerland 2, Austria 2, Sweden 1, The Netherlands 1).

Renewal criteria for the first accredited departments will be developed until next year. Accreditation fee will be charged in the future, the proposed fee was € 500 for software download and € 500 for the certification; the fee will be reduced to half for two years.

Education and Syllabus Committee (A. Cuocolo): the Committee members worked hard on the update of the Syllabus that was last time revised in 2002. The aim of a syllabus is to set core standards, made of duration and content (qualitative and quantitative, practical and theoretical) of training. It is not possible to bring the specificities of all European countries into one single programme. For this reason, the syllabus must be complete (what are the minimum requirements of knowledge and abilities of a NM physician) and elastic, so that it can be widely applied in postgraduate education. The content is important and the content of the syllabus also represents the standard for accreditation of training centres and the basis of the Fellowship exam.

The corrected syllabus has been discussed and will be published in the blue pages of the EJMNM and on our website (<http://uems.eanm.org>) and sent to the UEMS/NM Section National Delegates.

6. Finances (M.Milcinski): the reimbursement policy and procedure had been updated and approved during the UEMS/EBNM Executive committee meeting in January. Mr. Andiel is in charge for book-keeping. 20.266,66 €, transferred from Ljubljana, were deposited. The annual report for 2005 was presented and is attached.

The **internal auditors** reviewed the 2005 finances in Vienna on May 3rd, and their report is part of the minutes and is attached.

Budget for 2007: Vienna secretariat expenses will increase because the fellowship-examination committee work-time is still charged to EANM and has to be shifted to the UEMS/EBNM. Web page expense will increase due to reorganization. New income is expected from accreditation fees.

7. Election of Auditors: Prof. Bischof Delaloye thanked Profs. Koehn and Foeldes for their work as the first internal auditors for UEMS/EBNM. They audited all financial history and the transfer of finances to Vienna and had given valuable comments and suggestions. As their re-election was possible, they agreed to it and both were unanimously re-elected for another term of 2 years.

8. Tele-Nuclear Medicine: W. Pilloy presented the general information considering Telemedicine, which is archiving of all examinations in an electronic patient record (EPR), the transmission of medical data from one point to another for purposes of communication for remote consultation and/or interpretation by medical professionals or is used for academic purposes, like continuous medical education, distance learning, database building or expert advice. In some fields of medicine distant reading of images is easier (like radiological or histological pictures) and widespread. Standards for 'Good Telemedicine Practice-GTP' and auditing will have to be set, organizations must be registered for telemedicine and physicians will have to be licensed and audited on their practice of good Telemedicine.

Tele-Nuclear Medicine has specific requests, as the nuclear medicine examination is not only reading of acquired data, but has to include (in addition to privacy protection) also all steps from decision for the type of investigation, modalities to be used, application of radiopharmaceutical, monitoring of the patient during examination, quality control of data acquisition and processing and finally the interpretation of the examination. Furthermore, it does not allow eventual

discussion of the interpretation, either with the referring clinician or in multidisciplinary meetings. It is of course not possible to perform radionuclide therapy at distance.

W. Pilloy will prepare a document to be circulated to the delegates for their comments.

9. Website: The website has been adapted according to general EANM changes. The UEMS/EBNM Committees have separate sections each with all relevant information and the members of the committees. The two addresses are e-mail: office@uems.eanm.org and <http://uems.eanm.org>. Material to be put on web has to be approved by UEMS/EBNM president. In July and August more than 5000 hits were noted. The UEMS/EBNM part will have three levels of access: open web page, committees and executive committee, in analogy with the EANM structure.

10. Varia: Prof. Bischof Delaloye announced that thanks to Dr. Nazarenko's effort communication with Latvia (that will become a member of UEMS in 2007), was established and two delegates were nominated.

11. Next meeting: UEMS NM Section/European Board of Nuclear Medicine Delegates' Assembly will be in Copenhagen on Saturday, October 13th, 2007, 16:00 – 18:00.

Attachments:

Finances 2005

Report of internal auditors

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Report of internal auditors

We have examined the bank statements and other financial records of UEMS/EBNM for the period from 1.1.2005 to 31.12.2005 on the account in Vienna. No transactions were made on Ljubljana account for 2005 as the money will be transferred to Vienna in 2006 and the account closed.

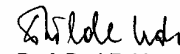
All explanations requested by us were provided by the UEMS/EBNM treasurer.

We appreciate the transparency of the book-keeping and clear separation of all the different expenses. The concerns of last year regarding the costs of secretarial assistance and maintenance of website were resolved and the cost could be decreased. Our recommendation to establish a global contract for these two items has been accepted and will be realized.

It is our view that the finances of the UEMS/EBNM have been handled efficiently and accurately by the treasurer and secretarial assistance of Mr. Andiel during the above mentioned period.

We find it unacceptable and think it is a shame that some countries still have not paid the pending fees for past years.


Prof. Dr. H. Köhn
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May 3rd, 2006