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Minutes of the delegates meeting of the UEMS Nuclear Medicine Section/European Board of Nuclear Medicine.

Saturday October 10, 16.00 – 18.00, International congress Centre Barcelona, Spain

1) Welcome and approval of Agenda.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Thomas O. Nunan, President of the Section and Board of Nuclear Medicine of the UEMS. There were 27 national delegates, 4 members of the UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee, 5 Committee Chairs and 1 PWG representative present. The agenda was approved by the delegates with one item added.

2) Item added to the agenda.

Presentation of junior doctors – representative of PWG

3) Minutes of the National delegates Assembly Munich 2008

The minutes of the meeting of 2008 were circulated. There were no corrections and they were approved by the delegates

4) Activity report of the UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee

T.O. Nunan reported that most of the information concerning the Executive Committee is in the paper work circulated before the meeting. Last year, UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee convened 2 teleconferences and held 1 meeting in Vienna.

The most important topic for deliberation during the past year was the preparation of the curriculum for multimodality imaging, which is now almost tuned with our colleagues from radiology.

There is still concern about the supply of Mo-99 and it was felt that a European wide solution is needed.

Dr. Piloy was nominated for UEMS/Section nuclear medicine representative for Ethel meetings in teleradiology.

Prof. Samal from Czech Republic expressed his gratitude to the members of Executive Committee for their prompt response and help in resolving potential nuclear medicine training crisis in Czech Republic.

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5) Survey on Nuclear Medicine –Radiology – multimodality imaging

T.O. Nunan advised that this topic would be covered in the presentation of the Education and Syllabus committee chair.

6) Finances

The finances are in good overall order. M. Bajc presented the UEMS/EBNM finances for 2008 showing an income of roughly € 41,000 and spending of € 31,000. Net income was improved by about € 10,000 compared with 2007. The increased activity of some Committees and a new structure for increased membership fee of UEMS/EBNM had led to the financial improvement.

7) UEMS meeting Brussels

Dr. Huic reported on the Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the UEMS specialists' Sections and European boards in Brussels on 21st February 2009. He informed European colleagues about Molybdenum-99 supply crisis, the situation with nuclear medicine training in Czech Republic and posed the question about the problem with the maximum 6 hours CME credits per day. At the afternoon plenary meeting, annual reports of the Secretary-General and President of UEMS action plan for 2009 were presented. UEMS put a lot of efforts in improving visibility (mainly through refreshing the UEMS main web side) and increasing collaboration with all UEMS sections. Financial situation is currently stable, but the Executive remains cautious regarding investment. The Syllabus of Paediatric Surgery, the Training Programme in Clinical Genetics, the European Curriculum in Emergency Medicine, and the proposal to set up a Division of Interventional Radiology were endorsed and forwarded to Council for official adoption by the UEMS. Problems with the implementation and use of the EACCME website were discussed. A certain number of Sections had requested assistance from the EBAC (European Board for accreditation in Cardiology). On the basis of the UEMS Strategy and Action Plan it was decided to establish a European Accreditation Council for Postgraduate Training (EACPGT). The main aim of this initiative would be ultimately to give the UEMS a formal status for the granting of accreditation and the revalidation of specialists at the European level. The European Commission has recently launched a *Green Paper* on healthcare workers. The text points to issues such as: increasing ageing population in Europe, need for constant training and education to adapt to new technologies, worrying consequences of mobility, i.e., brain drain, the shortage of healthcare workers, and appearance of new diseases and infections. The EU Council adopted a common position on working time which should not exceed 48 hour. The UEMS was recently contacted by the American Board of Medical Specialties, which proposed establishing collaborative relationships in the field of assessments. The EC document Communication on Telemedicine was released by the European Commission in the course of summer 2008. Its aim is to cover the whole spectrum of medical activities and encourage Member States to extend and improve the use of e-applications by the healthcare profession.

8) Job descriptions for National delegates

Dr Huic reported on the proposal to change EMS/EBNM national delegates' duties in line with the EANM rules changes, suggested by Executive Committee. The changes included the following:

- the term of office for national delegate is limited to 4 years
- they should not also be the EANM delegates or deputies for their country
- meeting attendance is restricted to two persons, who should be the National Delegates (not deputies).

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Job description for national delegates includes:

- attendance on the Delegates Assembly and reporting about the meeting the Board of the National Society and national members,
- awareness about UEMS/EBNM “policies & procedures” and activities,
- Familiarity with navigation and use of the UEMS/EBNM website
- liaison between National Society and UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee – passing on news; asking UEMS/EBNM for assistance with national legislation etc., keeping informed national members about benefits of the UEMS/EBNM activities, passing on the UEMS Newsletter to membership via e-mail within reasonable time of receipt and translation into the national language, keeping informed national members about accreditation activities of the EBNM. S. Frangos and I. Kulakiene argued that, in the case of small countries, it might be difficult to have separate delegates for UEMS/EBNM and EANM. All agreed that this statement should be amended to “if possible, they should not be the EANM delegates or deputies of their country at the same time”. In addition, some changes were proposed about the criteria for the elections of members of executive committee. Possible candidates for these duties might be also former members of the Board or active members of one of the Committees. To be eligible, a candidacy has to be supported by two other members of the Board, belonging to countries other than that of the candidate. National delegates agreed the changes which will be implemented in UEMS/EBNM rules.

9) Review of rules for Section Board

T.O. Nunan informed delegates that changes in job description of national delegates and in the elections of Executive Committee members will be incorporated into UEMS/EBNM rules.

10) Activity report of the Committee Chairs.

a. Fellowship Committee (J. Buscombe)

For the first time this year, The Fellowship Committee ran the FEBNM examinations at the EANM headquarters in Vienna on May 2nd and 3rd 2009. A total of 26 candidates sat the MCQ; of these 12 passed.

In addition 11 candidates took the oral examination and all 11 passed. The candidates generally preferred this location for the examination as it was quiet and they found it less stressful than the EANM. In particular, images could be shown on high quality Hermes screens; this was an improvement on the use of laptops.

At Barcelona a further 3 Spanish candidates took the examination and passed.

As agreed by CESMA, the central committee overseeing all the Fellowship examinations for the UEMS, all those who have passed the examination in previous years whether or not they are trained in the UEMS are to be awarded FEBNM.

New certificates, which are very fine indeed, were sent to all FEBNMs in recognition of their achievement.

b. Accreditation of CME Committee (T. Varetto)

Since the last EBNM meeting, the CME Committee section of EBNM website (http://uems.eanm.org/committees/cme_accreditation/3_members.php?navId=393) has been renewed. All necessary information and relevant documentation on how to obtain European CME credits both as e-learning CME and through formal courses are on-line. The list of accredited events has been updated with the 7 CME events evaluated and accredited by the Committee since January 2009. New accredited events are now announced using the EANM electronic newsletter. Dr. Varetto advised of changes relating to the use of e-learning materials. The following credit system has been adopted for accreditation of e-learning materials: 31-90 minutes is equal to 1 credit, 91-120 minutes is equal to 2 credits, 121-150 minutes is equal to 3 credits.

The flat fee of 600 Euros applies to the first hour of e-learning CME, equivalent to 1 credit; a further fee of 600 Euros applies to each additional credit /hour.

The results of a survey, undertaken by the European Accreditation Council of Oncology, regarding the situation of CME system in the 27 EU Member States was presented.

At present, there are no standard rules in Europe for continuing medical education (CME). CME is mandatory with an obligation to obtain CME credits in 17 countries out of the 27 EU Member States (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, UK, Greece, Italy and Slovenia)

CME is voluntary in the 3 Nordic countries Finland, Sweden and Denmark;

The credit system for live events is generally based on 1 CME credit for 1 hour of CME, with a maximum of 6 credits a day.

The survey shows that more than two thirds of the EU member states (20 countries out of 27) participate in the UEMS CME Credits system; this means that the National authority automatically recognizes the validity of the UEMS EACCME/EBNM credits even where an event is held in another European country.

To increase the number of European CME Credits, e-learning CME programmes should be developed.

UEMS Delegates should play an important role in convincing CME Providers in their home countries to apply their CME events to EACCME for accreditation.

UEMS/EBNM Accreditation and ECMEC are a guarantee of the high quality of the CME event and could facilitate the access of NM Specialists from other European Countries.

CME Committee Members: Prof. Susan Clarke from London resigned to join the Accreditation NM Department Committee (CANMD).

c. Accreditation of Training Centres Committee (C. Rossetti)

At present, there are 65 accredited centres in total. Some are in process of reaccreditation. Financial balance presents income from fee payments of 1350 Euros, and expenses of 59 Euros.

There is need to improve the quality and number of certified centres. Therefore the committee is planning to improve qualification of training centres and it is proposed to begin a programme of visiting centres. A pilot visit is scheduled for the end of this year. There is also a need to interact with training associations to improve implementation of the training programs. In particular, it is important to obtain feedback from ex Trainees as this provides useful information. In order to update current training, a questionnaire will provide crucial information (e.g. mandatory access to PET facilities).

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To promote applications of EBNM accreditation of training centres in Europe during November 2009, an e-mail will be sent to 1.800 nuclear medicine departments. Moreover, educational/professional Institutions need to be given proper notice of the recommendations by National Delegates.

d. Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Departments Committee (L.S. Maffioli)

CANMD had achieved the planned goals for 2009. Web pages are extensively updated. Online Accreditation and Re-accreditation forms are provided. Aims, history and advantages are up to date. Accreditation has been mailed to **1717** nuclear medicine departments in all European Countries

The new design of Diplomas is presented on the section “*Gaining Accreditation*” of the web-site: the newly designed Certificates will be sent shortly to all accredited departments.

The list of Accredited Departments has been updated. 58 departments have been accredited in 13 countries and others are pending.

Cooperation with IAEA has been achieved. The presentation and critical review of the Guidelines on Clinical Audit has been approved by the Commission and The Guidelines are being printed.

Clinical audits have been implemented in 9 countries (Finland, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, UK and Switzerland), but not yet in the 18 other countries (Austria Malta ,Netherlands Portugal Republic of Ireland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg). (UK appears in both lists....?)

There is the need for a course on Quality Systems and Clinical Audit based on good medical radiological procedures, with modification of practices where appropriate and the application of new standards are necessary. For that purpose the first course is scheduled in the first half of 2010.

After that further courses are planned, some in cooperation with IAEA.

Cooperate with the AIPES

AIPES wants to cooperate with EANM / UEMS in defining minimum standards throughout Europe for “safe delivery” of radio isotopes. CANMD would support and participate in the development of a proposed standard.

e. Education and Syllabus Committee (A. Prigent)

The Syllabus for postgraduate specialization in nuclear medicine was updated in 2006/2007 and is available both on the website of UEMS/EBNM (<http://uems.eanm.org>) and in the “blue pages” of the Eur J Nucl Mol Imag.

After the confusion caused by the “white paper”, alternative propositions have been made about the multimodality imaging. It was agreed to prepare a “Syllabus for PET-CT in oncology”, to recommend a two-year training in the “other” speciality, and to allow reporting (and reimbursement) for PET, CT and PET-CT by a specialist with a multimodality imaging certification.

During a telephone conference on 9 September 2009, the Executive Committee agreed some salient points:

- The content of the curriculum is satisfactory and T. Nunan is liaising with ESR to identify common topics in training

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- . Joint reporting with both parties receiving the appropriate fees is a preferred approach.
- Common trunk type training is not supported because it might result in reduced number of applicants for nuclear medicine training.

Considerable work remains, and three candidates for the Education and Syllabus Committee have been accepted by the General Assembly of National Delegates in Barcelona as new members of the Committee: François Brunotte (France), Roland Hustinx (Belgium) and Haluk B. Sayman (Turkey). One of the missions of this renewed committee will be to review and finalize the content of the curriculum.

11. Presentation of junior doctors – representative of PWG

Julia Huijbregts (PWG) stressed the importance of training for junior doctors. She asked the national delegates to put her into contact with a training representative of their country, or some other training contact. She wants to create a European Training Forum to give feedback and get involved in training specific matters.

12. Elections and Presidency handover

After short presentation of his career and achievements Durval Costa from Portugal was unanimously elected as a President Elect. The other candidate (Trond Velde Bogsrud) was not present.

T.O. Nunan expressed his gratitude to all members of Executive Committee, to all chairs of the committees and to all members of EANM/UEMS staff and handed over the Presidency to Drazen Huic who will serve for the next two years as a President of UEMS/EBNM. D. Huic replied with thanks and best wishes, hoping that excellent cooperation will continue in the coming years.

Dr. Pilloy also came to the end of his term of office on the Executive Committee. Since, there were no official candidates for his position, the elections for the forth member of the Executive Committee will be held in Vienna 2010.

13. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Vienna, October 9, 2010.

Enclosures:

1. 2008 auditors report
2. Summary of 2008 finances



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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 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008 on the account in Vienna.

All explanations requested by us were provided by the UEMS/EBNM treasurer Marika Bajc and Andreas Andiel.

The structure of the book-keeping is clear and transparent.

We note a gradual increase in income from all accreditation committees and some more is expected. The annual support from EANM is higher allowing for undisturbed work of all committees and cooperation with UEMS Brussels.

Web page costs have decreased to reasonable level. However the secretarial assistance is still a high expense exceeding the ExComm expenses by 50%.

We support the gradual increase of country membership fee in proportion of the number of nuclear medicine specialists.

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UEMS / EBNM accounting 2008 - summary

1.1.2008 - 31.12.2008

Class	Subject	IN	OUT
	balance 1.1.2008 on the UEMS/EBNM account	1.752,68 €	
01_EANM_2007	UEMS/EBNM Budget 2008 from EANM	25.000,00 €	
02_B_2007	bank 2007		13,50 €
02_B_2008	bank 2008	474,93 €	213,14 €
03_P_2008	postage 2008		32,20 €
04_Gen_2008	general costs [office, etc.] 2008		234,25 €
05_ExComm_2008	UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee 2008		6.525,49 €
05_ExComm_2009	UEMS/EBNM Executive Committee 2009		4.645,16 €
06_HP_2007	Homepage 2007		2.258,03 €
06_HP_2008	Homepage 2008		1.947,13 €
08_EBNM_fell_2008	UEMS/EBNM Fellowship Committee 2008		7.022,20 €
08_EBNM_fell_2009	UEMS/EBNM Fellowship Committee 2009		3.087,20 €
09_EBNM_fee_2008	EBNM Fellowship Exam fee 2008	4.847,30 €	300,00 €
10_SYL_2008	Educational & Syllabus Committee 2008		0,00 €
11_CME_2007	UEMS/EBNM Accreditation of CME Committee 2007	1.700,00 €	
11_CME_2008	UEMS/EBNM Accreditation of CME Committee 2008	1.100,00 €	
12_ATC_2007	Accreditation of Training Centres Committee 2007	140,00 €	
12_ATC_2008	Accreditation of Training Centres Committee 2008	1.350,00 €	58,40 €
13_CANMD_2006	UEMS/EBNM Accred. of Nuclear Medicine Depts. 2006		408,92 €
13_CANMD_2008	UEMS/EBNM Accred. of Nuclear Medicine Depts. 2008	1.480,00 €	3.785,19 €
13_CANMD_2009	UEMS/EBNM Accred. of Nuclear Medicine Depts. 2009		1.001,08 €
14_Mb_Nat_Del_2008	member country fees - National Delegates 2008	5.250,00 €	
15_VER_2008	honorarium vereint 2008		0,00 €
total income 1.1.2008 -31.12.2008		41.342,23 €	
total expenses 1.1.2008 -31.12.2008			31.531,89 €
account balance 1.1.2008		11.563,02 €	
16_deposit_2008	deposit of securities 31.12.2008	21.975,80 €	