

**EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING
ANTWERP BELGIUM, June 23th, 2012**

Present : T. Raatikainen (EBS - UEMS Section for Surgery), S. Sourmelis (EBOT - UEMS Section for Orthopaedic Surgery), F. Schuind (President UEMS MJC on Hand Surgery), M. Ceruso (Secretary UEMS MJC on Hand Surgery and past-Secretary General FESSH), Zs. Szabó (Secretary General FESSH), M. Calcagni (Chairman FESSH Examination Committee), J. Bahm (Chairman elect FESSH European Accreditation Committee)

The meeting starts at 13:00 with the approval of the minutes of the last meeting in Brussels (March 2012) and the proposed agenda for this meeting.

Zs. Szabó summarizes the main issues discussed in the previous meetings and highlights the need for a structured Board, and the election of the Executive, in order to direct and continue the work of the Board. This has to be the first act of the present meeting and he proposes to start with the election of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, so to activate the general management and the financial handling of UEMS activities. The total number of the Executive members will then be discussed also taking into consideration how the other UEMS Boards are structured. It is remarked that the executive members should be experts for Hand Surgery Training, Examination and Accreditation in order to have these activities implemented at their best by the Board in accordance with the UEMS rules and aims.

S. Sourmelis brings up his concern that no representatives from the Plastic and Reconstructive UEMS Section joined the present EBHS meeting and he consequently proposes to postpone the vote in a future meeting to be held within three months.

M. Ceruso reminds that the UEMS Central Office following the due procedure had sent out the invitation for this meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting. Apologies were received from some of the invited members. There had been contacts with EBOPRAS delegates.

Zs. Szabó recalls that the absence of some members should not prohibit the present members to continue working within the meeting and underlines the importance to proceed with the vote, as electing the Executive is a necessary procedural step in order to have the Board working and administering its financial issues with UEMS.

S. Sourmelis stresses that he only could support postponing the meeting for three months and would leave the meeting if the other members of the board would continue with the meeting agenda.

A vote concerning the issue is undertaken among the present members to decide upon the continuation of the meeting and all members, except for S. Sourmelis, are favorable to proceed with the election.

S. Sourmelis leaves the meeting with apologies.

The voting for the three positions is done and M. Ceruso is nominated as President, T. Raatikainen as Secretary and Zs. Szabó as Treasurer with the agreement of the convened members and the sole abstention of the EBOT representative.

The meeting is closed at 14:30.

J. Bahm, Brussels