

EBHS Meeting

10th January 2015

Mövenpick Airport Hotel, Zürich-Switzerland

Present:

Szabo

Ceruso

Maillet

Calcagni

Raatikainen

Portincasa

Apologies

Bahm

The meeting starts at 10:00 opened by Ceruso.

1. Approval of the Paris minutes

Maillet has a correction – he was present not as the representative of UEMS but as the representative of UEMS Council. Otherwise the minutes have been approved unanimously.

2. Report of the President – M. Ceruso

Since our last meeting the most important event was the Council meeting of UEMS in Granada. The detailed program of the 2 days meeting can be seen [attached](#). The main issues discussed from the several points were:

a) Harmonisation of scientific societies and boards (in our case FESSH and UEMS) needs a detailed and well-structured document (contract). The proposed contract was presented and should be signed by the Secretary General of FESSH (M. Haerle) and the President of the Board (M. Ceruso). This document attached is not the final form, but only a draft for discussion. Eventual comments are welcome from both parties. Probably the final version for official signature will be edited next year.

b) All participants in the Board meeting have underlined the importance of collaboration between boards and scientific societies. In the case of hand surgery, there is a fortunate situation that only one scientific society exists. (Other specialities like plastic surgery or radiology have some problems in harmonising the activity and strategy of the different societies and their board.) Zsolt Szabo asked the official position of UEMS regarding the members of the board: who can be delegated in the hand surgery MJC by other sections or boards? B. Maillet stated that there is a written law that members of the board delegated by other sections should have the special qualification of hand surgeon, thus general surgery, orthopaedic and plastic surgery sections can delegate in our board only surgeons who are hand surgeons or have an activity in hand surgery. M. Calcagni underlined the importance of fulfilling this requirement of UEMS in accepting further MJC members as the actual delegates all fulfil this requirement. M. Ceruso stated that he is officially delegated by EBOT (the orthopaedic section).

c) The question of common training platforms was presented by M. Ceruso and precised by B. Maillet who underlined the importance of a possible formation of a common training platform in hand surgery. This would be possible if at least in 10 EU countries hand surgery has a certain recognition (not full speciality but any other recognition!!!). So

hand surgery fulfills this requirement. The importance of a common training platform would be that once important training strategies are decided by the participants, it would be obligatory for all EU countries training programs. This Committee will work from 2016 but we can prepare the 'dossier' including the list of all European countries and Switzerland and detail what is the situation in each country.

d) NASCE (network of accredited skill centres of Europe) – M. Ceruso presented the proposed accreditation process (see attached) of these skill centres. The accreditation first time costs 3,000 Euro per centre and is valid for 4 years. A renewal for 850 Euro then becomes mandatory. There was a discussion of all participants what does a skill centre mean and finally we have agreed on the fact that centres where not clinical but experimental, laboratory conditions make possible practical learning activities (micro-surgery, laparoscopic surgery, tendon repair etc.) should be considered. The forthcoming meeting of this committee will be held in 5th February 2015 in Dublin where sections, boards and MJC's representatives are welcome.

e) CESMA – EBHS was represented by L. Muir (M. Calcagni being absent due to the Extraordinary FESSH Council Meeting in Konstanz) Here the general rules of accreditation were discussed. The EBHS diploma fulfills all requirements of the European Examinations. Accreditation in UEMS should be in harmony with accreditation in FESSH to prevent a double accreditation some centres being UEMS accredited while others FESSH accredited. This is why the chairman of the FESSH Accreditation Committee should work on synchronising these two rules. In order to facilitate this process the chairman of the Accreditation Committee, J. Bahm should work on a draft supervised by M. Haerle and sent to M. Ceruso. Then the President of EBHS will send this letter of agreement to Dr. Bianchi, chief of the UEMS accreditation committee. A letter from the Board President should be sent to the Trauma Section calling their attention to include hand surgery criteria in their requirements. There was a discussion why should we work on that. B. Maillet answered very clearly that if hand surgery is not working to present its strategy and plans then others will do it probably not as well as EBHS would.

3. Financial report of the Treasurer – Zs. Szabó

Zs. Szabo presented the financial report of 2014. Incomes of the Board were from membership fees (previous agreement that FESSH is donating 1 Euro per member as UEMS membership fee, previous years EACCME accreditations and examination fees). Expenses were related to EBHS Examination, travel of Board delegates to UEMS Council Meetings and CESMA meetings and administration. See detailed report attached. A separate estimation of functioning costs of the Board was discussed where 2 separate meetings, 2 UEMS Council attendances and one CESMA attendance should cost yearly around 10,000 Euros. All other attendance would increase the expenses of the Board. The first year balance shows that the agreed 1 Euro per member membership fee and the positive balance of the EBHS Examination are enough to the functioning of the Board. In case the examination balance is reduced (due to lower number of candidates and/or more reimbursements asked by examiners) an augmentation to 2 or 3 Euros per member of the membership fee has to be discussed.

4. Report of the Examination – M. Calcagni

M. Calcagni reported on the successful Paris examination. (to be copied from minutes)

5. Other issues

Zs. Szabo stated that a 3 years period will end this year and new elections for the Board should be considered. The previous agreement that a right balance should be preserved

between FESSH and other sections delegates still seems to be important. A detailed discussion is planned for the next EBHS Meeting in Milano and the official elections should be organised in the autumn of 2015 – probably in Brussels linked to the CESMA Meeting (November).

6. Next meeting was decided to be organised during the FESSH Congress in Milano but not on the last day. A proposed date could be Friday, 19th June during lunch break from 12:00 to 14:00 hrs. Checking the date and venue with local organisers should be done shortly.

The meeting was closed at 12:00.