

**EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING
MILAN, ITALY, June 19, 2015**

Present: Massimo Ceruso (President of EBHS and representative EBOT), Timo Ratikainen (Secretary of EBHS), Zsolt Szabó (Treasurer of EBHS), Bernard Maillet (representative UEMS Council), Aurelio Portincasa (representative EBOPRAS), Max Haerle (Secretary General FESSH), Gürsel Leblebicioglu (Chairman Journal Committee FESSH), Maurizio Calcagni (Chairman of FESSH Examination Committee), Daniel Herren (Treasurer of FESSH), David Warwick (chairman of FESSH Training Committee)

1. **The meeting starts** at 12:30 with the approval of the minutes of the last meeting in Zürich, Switzerland. Participants approved the proposed agenda for this meeting then Zsolt Szabó introduces the structure of EBHS to remind everybody how the board is consisted of.
2. **Communication problem:** Zsolt Szabó: There is a communication problem with the new management in the UEMS HQ, lack of reaction on messages. We would need more information on the activity of other boards and sections. A common calendar of events would be needed on what topic and when they have meetings: EBOT, EBOPRAS, General Surgery Board meetings, etc. We will ask it officially form UEMS and the help of Bernard Maillet is requested to solve this problem.
3. **Banking problem:** Zsolt Szabó: Presently we do not have any access to the BNP Paribas bank account as approval SMS for transactions is not arriving since April 9. Several requests and complaints to bank and telecom companies have been made but the problem is not solved yet. Management office can make transfer with the help of UEMS Managing Director as the bank account is part of UEMS accounts. More steps will be done to regain access.
4. **Financials:** Zsolt Szabó speaks about financials: EBHS account was opened 2013, all expenses of EBHS are covered from this account (presently not accessed). Incomes are: FESSH contribution (1 EUR / person cca EUR 3,000), examination fees, UEMS accreditation money. Accreditation fee and FESSH membership fee is not yet paid. This year the financial outcome seems to be a profit. By the next meeting we will know the definitve financial outcome (our bank access will hopefully be solved) and will see if the FESSH membership fee is enough or needs to be changed.
Maurizio Calcagni: EBHS Diploma is the cheapest examination in CESMA. There is interest also from countries outside.
Bernard Maillet: EACCMA accreditation is with VAT, any other activity is VAT free, a UEMS office is dealing with VAT declaration and accounting issues.
5. **Outcomes of the last UEMS Council meetings:** Bernard Maillet speaks about the last UEMS Council meetings in Brussels in April (attached). The main points are:
 - Professional qualification directive will be revised soon: common training platforms, national reports how CME-CPD is done at the countries
 - Harmonizing examinations: central website for diploma verification
 - New name: European Training Requirements for Medical Specialties
 - New address of UEMS: Brussels, Rue de l'Industrie 24

- Common Training Framework: a new form for subspecialties – could be good for hand surgery also, as easier rules and conditions will be applied. To be introduced foreseen in 3-4 years as new directive will be accepted. This does not influence to become a full specialty.
 - No new documents should be prepared for common training platform
 - Send a new documents to SG UEMS with the updated White Book emphasizing the new exam situation in UK, NL.
6. **Examination:** Maurizio Calcagni speaks about the last examination:
- Exam venue was moved from Milan to Brescia because of financial aspects, which was a very reasonable solution
 - MCQ results: participated 76, passed 58 (80%). Best MCQ examination: Dr. DE JONG Tjeerd (NL) with 213 points
 - Vivas: Participated 67, Passed 57 (85%). Best overall examination Dr. BICKERT Berthold (DE)
 - Examination committee meetings were held in Budapest and in Brescia discussing new questions and examination procedure, based on CESMA assessment in Paris
 - There is a lecture on exam during the congress, and a paper on the exam in JHS.
 - Future ideas: introduce internal auditors and discussing on possible detaching the exam from the congress.
 - European Court decision: European Diploma can be used as a license in UK which can influence the exam.
7. **Positions:** Zsolt Szabó reminded 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 section delegates still seems to be important. Official elections should be organised during the next meeting.
- Aurelio Portincasa's position from Plastic Surgery Section is confirmed
 - Timo Ratikainen's position is confirmed by the Finnish societies and represents the general surgeons
 - Massimo Ceruso: will be representing EBOT in the future
8. **Proposal for next EBHS meeting:** options are
- 16-17 October UEMS meeting in Warsaw, Poland
 - 11-12 December in CESMA meeting in Brussels, Belgium
 - November together with Council meeting
 - Assisztencia will send proposals to everybody on new date
9. **Meeting ends** at 13:44