



## EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2015 – STUTT GART, GERMANY

### Date

22th November 2015, Sunday

### Time

10:00-13:00

### Place

Boardroom Nr. 3 - Mövenpick Hotel Airport & Messe – Stuttgart, Germany

### Agenda

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the last EBHS Meeting
- 2) Report of the EBHS President - Massimo Ceruso
- 3) Report of the EBHS Treasurer - Zsolt Szabo
- 4) Report on the EBHS Diploma Examination in 2015 - Maurizio Calcagni
- 5) Election of the new officers of the EBHS
- 6) Different matters

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## MINUTES

Present: Massimo Ceruso (EBHS President and EBOT representative), Zsolt Szabo (EBHS Treasurer), Timo Raatikainen (EBHS Secretariat and General Surgery representative) Maurizio Calcagni (FESSH Examination Committee), Lars Dahlin (FESSH Relationship Committee), Max Haerle (FESSH Secretary General), , Aurelio Portincasa (EBOPRAS representative)

The meeting starts at 10:00 with the discussion of the minutes of the last meeting in Milano.

### **Minutes of last meeting**

M. Ceruso: it is important to prepare a calendar of events including different UEMS related meetings including EBOT meeting dates.

M. Ceruso: introduces the official letter from EBOT with his nomination on the Italian Society's behalf as representative in the EBHS.

EBOPRAS improvement in communication has been mentioned.

A. Portincasa: requests to write an official letter on EBHS behalf and initiate cooperation in participating at meetings of the other or at least keep us informed on their meeting calendar and inform them on our EBHS meetings.

Amendments requested in the draft minutes:

- Massimo Ceruso is representing EBOT.
- Last sentence of point 6. The European Court decision: Eu Diploma **can** be used as a licence in UK which can influence the exam.

M. Haerle: asks if it is worthwhile to ask lawyers if this meaning is appropriate or has any risks for FESSH. M. Haerle is requested to contact FESSH legal advisor in this matter.

A. Portincasa: there are 2 levels in European Laws 1) it is obligatory and if one does not stick to the rules will be punished with a fine, or 2) it is a recommendation only and it depends on local authorities if applied. Even if UK approves, it does not mean other countries has to accept it.

M. Calcagni: if there is one more country with hand surgery as added qualification EBHS is able to form a Section. There are already 9 countries:

- Full title: Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Hungary (4)
- Added qualification: Germany, Austria, Spain, Turkey and Latvia.

A. Portincasa: the trend in Europe is to have 2 years common education + 4 years qualification. In Italy the last 2 years of the second 4 years is for choosing a speciality.

The minutes have been accepted with the above amendments.

### **Report of EBHS President**

M. Ceruso: represents the minutes of the Warsaw minutes with special attention for the paragraph regarding the proposed voting system.

Group II: in the past it has been full members only with the vote, in the future it will be different. Proposals have been made: 1) formally include the chairs of groupings to the Enlarged Executive Committee (EEC). 2) give voting rights to Sections & Boards.

M. Ceruso: It is time to start re-reading the White Book and revise the text according to the requirements now.

M. Ceruso: shows letter on future structure stating that votes are by Member National Associations. But also the role of MJC's will be more and more.

T. Raatikainen: EBHS can delegate a person to any of the MJC's if we would like to increase its power.

A response has been discussed and approved for EBHS Secretariat to submit to UEMS before deadline of 14th December 2015.

4.3.8. point of UEMS Council Meeting minutes was discussed and to be distributed for EBHS members by Secretariat.

FESSH / EWAS votings were mentioned – it might be a disadvantage to be against each other. A political unity is required.

Zs. Szabo: reminds that it is EBHS to represent any kind of hand surgery within UEMS – not FESSH and/or EWAS.

M. Calcagni: when re-writing the Logbook and the White Book / Chapter 6 we shall emphasize the differences. Before the next EBHS meeting in Santander a draft for the revision could be prepared.

M. Ceruso: shows the 'Training Requirements for Trauma Surgery' document prepared by EFORT. This document is for circulation amongst EBHS members

### **Treasurer report**

Zs. Szabo: shows the balance of November 2015. Revenues and expenses are equal. FESSH is to pay €1,00 per members to EBHS account before the end of the year. EBHS Secretariat is to send invoice to FESSH.

Zs. Szabo: informs about technical problem with bank transfers existing since April 2015. A solution might be purchasing a Belgian SIM card.

Zs. Szabo: shows UEMS letter on financial report. EBHS will offer to share 50% of the money on EBHS account. Important not to keep much money on the account. The contribution of FESSH that is one euro per member at present shall be discussed at each autumn EBHS meetings to see how much the FESSH contribution is for next year.

M. Ceruso: no reimbursement of accreditation fees (300 euro per accreditation) will be given till UEMS comes straight again in 2018.

### **Examination report**

M. Calcagni: MCQ is on 18th March 2016 in listed centers which will be confirmed according to applicants. Lindsay Muir as co-chair of Examination Committee will attend next CESMA meeting in 2015 December.

- Due to restructuring FESSH committees new tasks were added to the Examination Committee, two new vice-chairs positions are proposed to cover all the tasks: for help running the exam and for keeping contact with EACCME.
- CESMA raised issues that should be considered by FESSH: creating rules for possible appeals after exam; having insurance for examination providers covering possible legal appeals; starting a course for examiners („teaching the teachers“)
- Our examination is now among the cheapest examinations in Europe, it is worth raising the fees but keep it still relatively cheap that would allow to cover completely the expenses and make a fair reimbursement for examiners. A solution shall be found for supporting candidates from poor countries, e.g. in a form of a scholarship.
- Appraisal of Examiners: together with the help of the Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations UK (contact: Ankur Pandya) we try to evaluate quality of examiners, reduce dove/hawk discussions, rise quality of exam, lower risk of legal issues.
- Discussions were made with the committee on separating the exam from the congress and making it shorter, Office provided calculations on several options and our final proposal is to keep it with the congress in its present format.
- Repetition Course could be offered by FESSH to possible candidates with regards to CESMA rules, it should be separated from the exam and examiners. The idea is supported, draft of the project will be presented in Santander.
- On-line Self Assessment tool: aiming to make FESSH more interesting for young surgeons, ASSH self assessment online is a good pattern.

### **Election of new officers**

Thanks were given to M. Ceruso for serving as President and T. Raatikainen for serving as Secretary in the last 3 years.

Proposals for new officers:

President: Zsolt Szabo (representing FESSH)

Treasurer: Max Haerle (representing FESSH)

Secretary: Aurelio Portincasa (representing EBOPRAS in the EBHS)

Past-President and delegate of EBOT: Massimo Ceruso

Above positions have been voted unanimously and without objections.  
The new mandate starts from 1st January 2016 and concludes 31st December 2018.  
EBHS Secretariat to send info on changes to UEMS Secretariat.

**Other issues**

- The report of B. Maillet has been presented. Secretariat to send congratulations on EBHS behalf for election as Treasurer and invite him to the next meeting in Santander.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June in Santander, Spain. A proposition for the date and time will be made by M. Haerle after the FESSH Congress program structure is set in early next year.

The meeting ends at 12:40