



EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING 24 JUNE 2016 – SANTANDER, SPAIN

Date

24th June 2016 (Friday)

Time

13:30-15:30

Place

Sala de Prensa, Palacio de Congresos – Santander, Spain

Agenda

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the last EBHS Meeting
 - 2) Report of the EBHS President - Zsolt Szabo
 - 3) Report of the EBHS Treasurer - Max Haerle
 - 4) Report on the EBHS Diploma Examination in 2016 - Maurizio Calcagni
 - 5) Different matters
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MINUTES

Present: Zsolt Szabó, Max Haerle, Maurizio Calcagni, Martin Richter, Timo Raatikainen
Apologies: Aurelio Portincasa, Massimo Ceruso, Lars Dahlin

1) Approval of the minutes of the last EBHS Meeting

The minutes of the last EBHS Meeting were accepted without objections.

2) Report of the EBHS President - Zsolt Szabo

Zs. Szabo reported that Council Meeting in April was cancelled due to terrorist attacks in Brussels. The new date is 20-22 October that is unfortunately colliding with IFSSH Congress in Buenos Aires. Secretariat to contact A. Portincasa or M. Ceruso if they would be available. If not, it is not worth sending someone who is not aware of the issues. Members agreed on this.

At the CESMA meeting in May in Bucharest EBHS could not be represented either. M. Calcagni summarized the issues based on the minutes of the meeting. The main topic was appeal and rules for examiners that FESSH already has settled. There were no further advancements. It has been mentioned that most of the European Boards had a 'grandfather' rule providing honorary diploma to those who were acknowledged experts but have not sit for the examination.

The next EACCME Meeting on Continuous Medical Education (CME) is scheduled for 12th November where F. Verstreken will participate. L. Dahlin, on behalf of EBHS is in charge of accreditations and have been involved in several evaluation processes so far which brings money to EBHS account. According to former UEMS statement these amounts will be paid to Boards in 2017-2018 when UEMS finances will be settled again.

Next CESMA meeting is in 2-3 December in Brussels with participation of EBHS.

The next EBHS meeting should deal with the White Book to see what are the options to have more member countries declaring hand surgery as full title. Max Haerle added that France and the Netherlands are about to get it. After resenting EBHS point of view at its winter meeting UEMS shall be requested to discuss the topic. If official process is launched, the issue will be on the agenda at least. This occasion would also show how UEMS sees this point. T. Raatikainen added that it is not a question if it is accepted. If a country recognizes hand surgery as added qualification UEMS needs to acknowledge it too. According to him Estonia and Latvia plan to have hand surgery acknowledged as well.

It was agreed that the White Book should be updated and observed if there are any potentials in member counties to reach added or full qualification.

T. Raatikainen said there is already a nominee to replace him in his position in EBHS but she was not available to join the meeting now.

3) Report of the EBHS Treasurer - Max Haerle

EBHS account report has been submitted to UEMS in its requested format before 31 January 2016. Balance and money flow chart has been presented at the meeting to show that income and expenses in 2015 has been almost the same amount. Calculations for 2016 has been prepared accordingly. FESSH has transferred the agreed €3,000 to EBHS account as membership fee. Projected income from CME evaluation and EBHS Diploma Examination fees along with membership fee will cover expenses of EBHS Diploma Exam, CESMA membership fee, FESSH 2016 CME accreditation and the expenses of the winter meeting of the Examination Committee. According to plans balance will be around zero again. Account handling, administration of details and financial reports are administered by EBHS Secretariat.

4) Report on the EBHS Diploma Examination in 2016 - Maurizio Calcagni

M. Calcagni reported 130 declarations of interest for this year's Diploma Examinations. 83 have been accepted, 1 postponed, 10 repeated orals only. There were 13 non-EU applications and 13 working in different state. Germany was represented with the highest number of candidates and Switzerland was close to it since EBHS Diploma is acknowledged now. Netherlands, UK and Italy was high as well. 70 candidates have sit for MCQ in March, 57 passed, (81.42 %). Best note was 212 - similar as every year. At the orals there were 61 and 13 failed (21%). The total failure rate is 35.13%. Best examination was Higinio Ayala Gutierrez from Spain. Two best examinations from supported countries are Judit Hethessy from Hungary and Mati Merila from Estonia.

Exam fees will be raised for next year: €550 for FESSH members, €850 for non members.

Online self-assessment should be feasible and starting in Autumn 2016. A web-based platform is needed. The price should not be too high – users should be encouraged to pay, proposal is €100-120. FESSH online assessment should work as e-learning and not a part of EBHS exam. This assessment will have EACCME approval with credits for the MCQ time. Start

is planned for winter that is also good considering the ASSH self assessment in spring. M. Calcagni's mandate as Examination Committee chair has ended in Santander, his successors are Martin Richter (D) as Chair, Lindsay Muir (UK) and Frederik Verstreken (B) as co-Chairs. Zs. Szabo thanked his hard work and invited him to participate at the future meetings. T. Raatikainen mentioned the discussion at Surgery Section Meetings. There are 16 surgical specialities that have their examination and almost all are different. They might create a working group to find out what kind of exams there are and organised so that a recommended system should be used. They asked 3 different companies to see how it could be managed. M. Calcagni mentioned his former experience with ORZONE where he sees a conflict of interest as one of the UEMS officers has interest in it. It was confirmed again that EBHS uses its own system and is happy to present it to UEMS but is not willing to change.

5) Different matters

Next meeting will be held on 12th November (Saturday) evening if managable or 13th November (Sunday) morning. Invitations will be sent out by EBHS Secretariat in due time.

The meeting ended at 14: 30