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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE UEMS ORL SECTION AND BOARD  
Budapest, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**13.30 - 13.45 Welcome and introduction of new delegates and guests.  
John Fenton**

The President of the UEMS ORL Section and Board, John Fenton, welcomed all delegates attending the meeting.

He invited new delegates to introduce themselves: Gerhard Rasp (Austria), Jean-Baptiste Watelet (Belgium), Gerasimos Kyriakides (Cyprus), Konstantinos Vlachtsis (Greece), Cesare Miani (Italy), Kenneth Muscat (Malta) and Rusana Bark (Sweden).

He also welcomed Tamer Abouelsaad (Egypt) and Tadeus Nawka (Germany) representing Phoniatics.

**13.45 - 14.15 Presentation of complete and finished 2018 general logbook  
John Fenton and Adrian Agius**

The revised UEMS general logbook was finished last year and has been published on the website. There is a proposal to join Head and Neck, Laryngology and Phoniatics and remove phoniatics as a separate section within the logbook.

The Phoniatic representants are not too happy about this proposal as they would like to keep it as a separate Section.

John Fenton explains that Phoniatics is not a specialty on its own and therefore is part of ORL. It makes sense to keep it together with Head and Neck and Laryngology as they have many common procedures. This is to simplify the training of future ORL doctors.

The logbook is a dynamic document and if things change in the years to come it will be reviewed

again.

The proposal is voted in favour by all delegates except for one vote against (Henri Marres).

According to the above voting the logbook will be re-arranged.

### **14.15 - 15.15 Report of UEMS Council Meetings. October 2017 and April 2018** **John Fenton and Adrian Agius**

- Report on UEMS Council Meetings October 2017. Adrian Agius  
The MJC with ORL and Maxilo-facial surgeons has now been discontinued.  
Group II, in which ORL is included has now Magennis as President, but luckily the General Secretary is Adrian Agius.

*(See document 1 enclosed to these minutes)*

- Meeting with Health Commission. Adrian Agius  
Adrian has found out that regarding the name change the UEMS has not approached the Health Commission since 2014.  
The conclusion from this meeting is that if we want to change the name from ORL to ORL H&N surgery we need political involvement. Malta has managed it and the different countries should try to get their MP's to approve it and then we can take it to the European Commission.  
If the European Health Commission receives at least 2/7 of European Countries they will agree and approve the name change. We should all work on this in the different countries.

*(See document 2 enclosed to these minutes)*

- Report on UEMS meeting Marrakesh April 2018. Adrian Agius  
The entire meeting dealt with UEMS management fees. All Sections need to satisfy a fee and our feeling is that it will be beneficial for our Section if it is done based on incomes as we are one of the poorest Sections.  
There was also a discussion about the proposal to UEMS coming from physiotherapists as they want to "legally" be able to prescribe medications. Only doctors should be able to do this but this is now a discussion within UEMS.

*(See document 3 enclosed to these minutes)*

- Report CEORL meeting. John Fenton  
They are now discussing to change their name to "The Confederation".  
The next meeting will be in Brussels, June-July 2019 and the one after this in Milano in 2021.

*(See document 4 enclosed to these minutes)*

### **15.15 Introduction of main topic: ETR** **Adrian Agius**

Adrian Agius explains the basis of ETR and the 4 groups in which delegates will be working after coffee.

*(See document 5 enclosed to these minutes)*

The Chairman for each group is elected:

**Group One:** Training Requirements, European Board Exam, Harmonization of Standards. Chair Adrian Agius

*(See document 6 enclosed to these minutes)*

**Group Two:** Organization of Training. Chair John Fenton

*(See document 7 enclosed to these minutes)*

**Group Three:** Curriculum of Training, Core Curriculum definitions. Chair Brian Bingham  
(See document 8 enclosed to these minutes)

**Group Four:** Training Requirements for Trainers. Chair Henri Marres  
(See document 9 enclosed to these minutes)

**15.15 – 15.45 Coffee**

**15.45 - 17.30 Division and discussion in groups-ETR draft  
John Fenton and Adrian Agius**

Delegates divided into the four groups mentioned after coffee and at the end of the day the different Chairmen presented the preliminary conclusions.

The chairmen will continue working in their groups during the next few months and will need to send the final documents to the Board.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**09.00 – 10.30 Manpower. The situation in Greece, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania  
Joachim Wichmann**

**Greece** presents the Manpower situation and the fact that many residents have to move abroad when they finish their training to find a job.  
(See document 10 enclosed to these minutes)

**Estonia** explains that they are controlled by the Government who decides how many ENT residents they need each year. Usually one per year but sometimes they are given none.  
ENT training is 3 years. They are trying to increase it by one year at present. They are trying to have at least 4 years of training to start with.  
(See document 11 enclosed to these minutes)

**Lithuania** their situation is similar to Estonia.  
(See document 12 enclosed to these minutes)

**Germany** explains that they have a shortage of ENT doctors. They only train about 200 per year and they need about 1.500. Public work is increasing compared to private work as it is easier and means less responsibility and fewer risks. How to meet the need for ENT doctors in Germany?  
(See document 13 enclosed to these minutes)

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee**

**11.00 – 11.45 European Training Requirements. Guest lecture  
Romuald Krajewski**

(See document 14 enclosed to these minutes)

**11.45 – 12.10 Laryngology Fellowship presentation (ELS)  
Elisabeth Sjögren, ELS General Secretary**

Elisabeth Sjögren presents the Fellowship in Laryngology.  
The Fellowship is approved by all delegates with 3 abstentions.  
(See document 15 enclosed to these minutes)

### **12.10 – 12.30 Presentation phoniatics**

**Tadeus Nawka**

Tadeus Nawka presents EAP and UEP. Who they are and what they do.

The logbook in phoniatics has been published. They will review the logbook as it was last updated in 2010.

*(See document 16 enclosed to these minutes)*

### **12.30 – 12.45 Facial plastics**

**Fazil Apaydin**

*(See document 17 enclosed to these minutes)*

At the end of the presentation Fazil asks the Board to accept their group as “Facial Plastic Surgeons”.

The Board explains that term is not recognised in Europe, they do exams and they have a Board that certifies those that pass the exam but still cannot call themselves in Europe “Facial Plastic Surgeons”.

### **13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

### **14.00 – 14.15 Approval of minutes from Warsaw meeting 2017.**

**Adrian Agius.**

The minutes from the last meeting held in Warsaw in 2017 which have been available to all delegates since last November on the website were approved unanimously.

### **14.15 – 14.30 Treasurer’s report**

**Wolfgang Luxenberger**

Wolfgang Luxenberger presents the financial situation of the UEMS ORL Section and Board.

The accounts were approved by all delegates and the treasurer congratulated by his work.

*(See document 18 enclosed to these minutes)*

### **14.30 – 15.00 Report from EBEORL examination board**

**Ulrik Pedersen**

Ulrik Pedersen, EBEORL Chairman, presents the examinations and results performed by the Board since the last UEMS meeting.

He asks delegates to become examiners as there is always a need to recruit examiners as the most important part of the exam is the human factor. Many delegates are already examiners but EBEORL needs more.

*(See document 19 enclosed to these minutes)*

### **15.00 – 15.30 EACCME report. Situation of the EACCME evaluation process**

**Sverre Steinsvag**

The website for EACCME is presented by Sverre.

At present only Sverre is a reviewer. He is the only one to enter the evaluation page and review the courses to be accredited.

He needs more reviewers to work with him. How many are needed

Rory McConn Walsh, Henri Marres and Konstantinos Vlachtsis volunteer to join Sverre in this process. The Board thanks them for joining Sverre in this important task.

*(See document 20 enclosed to these minutes)*

### **15.30 – 15.45 Coffee**

### **15.45 – 16.15 Election for new Treasurer**

#### **Adrian Agius**

Adrian Agius explains that Wolfgang Luxenberger will be leaving as Treasurer as he has been doing it for a few years and recently has been elected Vice-Chairman of the EBEORL and will not be able to carry on with both.

Wolfgang is congratulated by the Board for his great job as treasurer and he receives a present from the Board for his great contribution to the Section as he has been a delegate since 2002.

Now time has come to elect new Treasurer.

Joachim Wichmann is elected as new Treasurer and therefore a new Chairman for the Manpower group needs to be elected. Marek Mestmaa is proposed as candidate for the Manpower group.

Both are approved by the Board.

Wolfgang will work close to Joachim till the end of the year or longer if needed to ensure a smooth transfer of all papers and competencies to the new Treasurer.

### **16.15 – 16.30 UEMS Next Meetings: 2019 Ireland, 2020 Portugal, 2021 Denmark and 2022 Estonia**

**Ireland (Dublin) 2019:** Will be organised by Rory McConn Walsh at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The meeting will be held from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

*(See document 21 enclosed to these minutes)*

**Portugal 2020:** Proposed and agreed

**Denmark 2021:** Proposed and agreed

**Estonia 2022:** Proposed and agreed

**Slovakia 2023:** Proposed and agreed

### **16.30 – 17.00 Any other business**

No other business.

Adrian Agius gives the UEMS ORL Section Diploma to Eduardo Raboso, Spanish delegate, as he is leaving the Section. He thanks Eduardo for his contribution to the Section.

Serafin Sánchez has been re-elected for a further period.

The meeting finally adjourned at 17.00 hours with a vote of thanks to the organizer and his team for the perfect organisation and excellent arrangements of the meeting.

## **Budapest, Hungary, October 2018**

### **Documents attached to the minutes:**

1. Report on UEMS Council Meeting, Brussels Oct 2017 Romuald. Overview of UEMS for ENT 2017
2. Report on UEMS-ORL meets Health Commission Brussels 28 Nov 17
3. Report on UEMS Council meeting Marrakech April 2018
4. Report CEORL meeting, Brussels 2018
5. Preamble ETR
6. Group one ETR
7. Group two ETR
8. Group three ETR
9. Group four ETR
10. Manpower Greece
11. Manpower Estonia
12. Manpower Lithuania
13. Manpower Germany
14. ETR. Guest lecture. Romuald Krajewski
15. ELS Fellowship
16. Phoniatics presentation
17. Facial plastics presentation
18. UEMS Treasurer report 2018
19. EBEORL report
20. EACCME 2017-2018
21. Dublin presentation 2019