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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE UEMS ORL SECTION AND BOARD
Warsaw, 29th September – 1st October 2017**

Friday 29th September 2017

**13.30 - 13.45 Welcome and introduction of new delegates and guests.
Ulrik Pedersen**

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

He invited new delegates to introduce themselves: Rupal Mehta (Belgium), Mihael Ries (Croatia), Markus Rautiainen (Finland), Paul Schuil (The Netherlands), José Ezequiel Barros (Portugal) and Ann Hermansson (Sweden).

He also welcomed Manuel Bernal Sprekelsen representing CEORL.

**13.45 - 15.00 Introduction to main topic: Revision of General Logbook
Ulrik Pedersen, Adrian Agius**

Ulrik Pedersen reported that in this meeting the revision of the main logbook that was started in 2015 should be finished and the new version should be published end of 2017 or early 2018. The groups have had a whole year to work in this logbook and the different chairmen have sent their changes before the meeting. In these two days the logbook (which has been given a new format with the changes sent by chairmen) has to be finalised.

Delegates are divided in groups. After Coffee the chairmen should present their final changes.

(See document 1 enclosed to these minutes)

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 16.30 “Cont” Revision of the General logbook and group work
Ulrik Pedersen, Adrian Agius and Wolfgang Luxenberger

The different changes are presented.

1. Some changes have been made to the introduction by most groups.
2. The different changes made by all groups are presented and agreed.
3. Some more changes to be made and to be sent to Maria as not all groups have had time to finish their work.

Ulrik reminds delegates that this is a dynamic process and any changes that delegates feel should be made in the next month's/years to come should be sent to the different chairmen for their agreement and changes, if approved, should be sent to Maria for the document to be modified.

16.30 – 17.00 UEMS Council Meetings 2017
Adrian Agius

This topic was scheduled for the following day but as the previous one finished early and the guest lecturer was not available yet it was decided to be moved here to allow more time for the next day.

(See document 1 enclosed to these minutes)

17.00 – 17.30 Guest Lecture
Romuald Krajewski

Ulrik Pedersen introduces Romuald Krajewski and reads out his curriculum.

Romuald gives a detailed overview of UEMS as in 2017.

At the end of his presentation 3 topics are discussed with him.

Francis Marchal asks about the name of our specialty.

Sverre Steinsvag asks about the new EACCME on line system.

General discussion about training time for the ORL specialty, is it 5 years?? Some countries are trying to reduce the time to 3-4 years; Romuald explains that the UEMS will not accept this.

Some of the above topics are not finally closed and Romuald promises to get back to us in some aspects.

(See document 2 enclosed to these minutes)

Saturday 30th September 2017

09.00 – 10.30 Manpower. General Manpower and the situation in Portugal, Italy and Spain.
Pernilla Sahlstrand Johnson

Pernilla informs delegates and the Board that this is her final UEMS ORL Section and Board meeting as she is terminating her period. She thanks everybody for their collaboration and hard work regarding the Manpower.

There is a discussion about the Manpower figures for UK and Ireland as the number of specialties that appear in the presentation is too low compared to other EU countries. Tristram explains that this is due to the fact that in UK and Ireland most of the primary ENT work is done by General Practitioners (GPs or family doctors), this system is worse for patients but a much cheaper one.

(See document 3 enclosed to these minutes)

Gaetano Motta (Italy) explains that the number of training centres will decrease for next year by 2 (more or less) due to the strict rules from government to centres.

The number of ENT specialists in Gaetano's presentation is 1751 and this number differs from the real total number in Italy. This is the number provided by the Italian Society of ORL but there are approximately 600 ORL more that belong to other associations and not to the Italian ORL Society.

(See document 4 enclosed to these minutes)

Eduardo Raboso (Spain) explains about the Spanish training programme (MIR), system, length... Training in Spain is 4 years and this is not enough.

The number of ENT specialists in Spain is not REALLY known, doctors do not have the obligation to register at the Medical College as "specialists" and it is not mandatory to become a member of the Spanish Society of ORL.

(See document 5 enclosed to these minutes)

Antonio Conde (Portugal) explains that the training programme in Portugal to become ENT specialist is 5 years. There is a final training exam in Portugal.

(See document 6 enclosed to these minutes)

The countries proposed to present the Manpower in their countries are:

Greece (was due to present it this year)

Estonia

Latvia

Lithuania

Agreed by all present delegates.

A new Manpower chairman needs to be elected as Pernilla is finishing her term in UEMS ORL Section. Delegates are asked to think about it and candidates to come forward later when election will take place.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee

**11.00 – 11.30 "Cont" Revision of the General logbook
Ulrik Pedersen, Adrian Agius and Wolfgang Luxenberger**

The Head and Neck group presents further changes to their part, these changes are explained by Francis Marchal. They will send the final changes in a document to Maria to be introduced in the final document.

All groups are asked to take the work back home and to send final changes to Maria by the 1st November. The final logbook should be done and published early 2018.

Regarding the group composition:

Paediatrics: Harriet Akre is elected new Chairman for the Paediatric group.

Phoniatrics: Christianne is leaving the Section and she will send the name of the person replacing her in the UEMS ORL Section and that will be leading the group. Rupal Mehta has now joined this group.

Otology/Neurotology: Rory remains as Chairman

Rhinology: Adrian remains as Chairman

Head and Neck: Henri Marres remains as Chairman

Facial Plastics: Fazil remains as Chairman.

11.30 – 12.00 NASCE, ERN and the future structure of UEMS

Ulrik Pedersen

Introduction: power point presentation by Ulrik Pedersen.

(See document 7 enclosed to these minutes)

Our Section has 2 delegates in NASCE. Not much has been done since last meeting.

Ulrik asks:

- Should we still be involved in NASCE?
- If the answer is YES, our Section should nominate 2-3 delegates

Francis Marchal will continue as delegate in NASCE.

Eugene Panosetti is elected to replace Klaus Albegger

Norbert Stasche is elected as third delegate.

This is agreed and approved by all present delegates.

Regarding ERN (European Reference Network) there is not much to say as it is a very quiet organization, not much has happened since last meeting. It is sponsored by the European Commission. In the future delegates may need to be elected for this group.

12.00 – 12.30 The work of CEORL including Fellowship programmes

Manuel Bernal

Manuel starts his presentation with a bit of history about EUFOS/EAORL/CEORL...

CEORL took over what EUFOS was; EUFOS was never a registered association.

The members of CEORL are:

1. Subspecialty Societies (EAORL). They all have similar voting rights and have a total of 15 votes. This will change as from next week after the CEORL Congress as there are several proposals for statute changes in the Agenda. The Presidential Council is thinking about having one representative for each subspecialty society within the Presidential Council.
2. National Societies (EUFOS) which have 15 votes.
3. UEMS has 3 votes.

At present CEORL Congresses are organized by the National Society where the Congress takes place.

As from this year it will be CEORL who will organize the biannual Congress with or without the local National Society where the Congress will be held.

This will allow CEORL to promote more Fellowship programs as the benefits from the different congresses will go directly to CEORL as incomes.

Some subspecialty societies, like Facial Plastics, have their own Fellowship program and this is a good idea and CEORL should promote this as well.

CEORL has a large Congress every other year (odd years) as the subspecialty societies have their meeting in even years and these Congresses should not concur.

The aim of CEORL is to be “one voice for ENT in Europe and beyond”.

Any concerns regarding ENT issues in Europe can be addressed to CEORL to their Vienna office.

12.30 – 13.00 Approval of minutes from the last meeting held in Prague 2016.

Adrian Agius.

The minutes from the last meeting held in Prague 2016 which have been available to all delegates since last November on the website were approved unanimously.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 Treasurer’s report

Wolfgang Luxenberger

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

There is a discussion raised by Norbert Stasche asking if the fee paid by countries to the Section should be related to the number of ENT specialists in the country (which is never accurate) or to the country’s population. He feels that this should be addressed.

There are a couple of countries that have not yet paid the fee for 2017 and 2 countries that have not paid for 3 years. Poland is one of this countries and the Polish delegate informs that the payment is on its way now and this will leave us with only one country that has to pay several years and something has to be done about this. According to the rules and procedures, countries that do not satisfy the fee for 1 year should not be allowed to vote in the current meeting and countries that have not paid for 2 years will lose UEMS membership in the Section.

These rules should be applied and Adrian will contact the Country that has not paid to inform them of the situation and what will happen if they do not satisfy the fee by the end of this year.

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

(See document 8 enclosed to these minutes)

14.30 – 15.00 Report from EBEORL examination board

Klaus Albegger

Klaus Albegger explains the new EBEORL organigram as from 2016 in which the CEORL President is part of the Board.

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.

Manuel reports that the next CEORL Congress in 2019 will take place in Belgium (June/July) and Part I exam should take place within the Congress.

Belgium and Switzerland are thinking about adopting the EBEORL exam as their end of training exam. This is being looked at by the EBEORL Board and the National Societies for these countries.

(See document 9 enclosed to these minutes)

15.00 – 15.15 EACCME report **Sverre Steinsvag**

The new website for EACCME is presented by Sverre.

He explains the problems they are facing with the new website for the accreditation of courses. It is a platform that takes a lot of time per course to be accredited, very time consuming.

There is only one login per Section. There should be one per member of the EACCME Section group as at present everything has to be done by Sverre as he is the only one with a login.

We need to request more logins for the group, only one person can review each course. Courses should be reviewed and accredited by several people to be a fair accreditation.

Sverre will contact UEMS to request this to be considered.

Joachim Wichmann proposes himself as Manpower Chairman and this is accepted by all delegates.

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee

15.45 – 16.15 Election for President and General Secretary **Wolfgang Luxenberger**

In Geneva a whole new Board was elected:

- Ulrik Pedersen as President replacing Karl Hörmann
- Adrian Agius as General Secretary replacing Chris Milford
- Renato Piantanida as Treasurer replacing Francis Marchal. Renato was replaced later as he moved to live to Switzerland and was no longer an Italian delegate in UEMS. He was replaced by Wolfgang

Now time has come to elect new President and General Secretary as the Treasurer has still another 2 years to serve in his position.

Adrian Agius is re-elected as General Secretary for a further period and he accepts to stay. He thanks all present delegates for their trust in him and re-election.

There are 2 proposals for President but it is agreed amongst both of them and only one stands up for the position, John Fenton is elected as President for the UEMS ORL Section and Board.

(See document 10 enclosed to these minutes)

16.15 – 16.30 UEMS next meetings

Hungary (Budapest) 2018: Presented by Istvan Sziklai. The meeting will be held from the 5th to the 8th October 2018

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 4th to 5th October 2019.

Estonia 2020: Proposed and agreed

Denmark 2021: Proposed and agreed

(See document 11 enclosed to these minutes)

16.30 – 17.00 Any other business

Ulrik proposes that it should be written that every year we should have a report about EBEORL at the UEMS meeting. Formally, an EBEORL representative should come to UEMS Council meeting.

No other business.

Ulrik Pedersen then stands up and reports on his history throughout UEMS since 1999 when he started in this group up to today.

He thanks all delegates and the Board for the hard work and collaboration with him throughout these years and mainly in those when he has been President.

He wishes all the best to the new elected President.

(See document 12 enclosed to these minutes)

Ulrik is awarded with the UEMS medal for his hard work and collaboration in UEMS.

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.

Warsaw, Poland, September 2017

Documents attached to the minutes:

1. Adrian Agius_UEMS council meetings 2017
2. Romuald. Overview of UEMS for ENT 2017
3. Manpower 2017
4. Manpower Italy
5. Manpower Portugal
6. Manpower Spain
7. Nasce and ERN
8. Treasurer report
9. EBEORL report
10. Election Board
11. Budapest 2018 presentation
12. Presentation Ulrik