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European Union of Medicine in Assurance and Social Security
Union Européenne de Médecine d'Assurance et de Sécurité Sociale

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

9th June 2017 Helsinki, Finland

Those present:

The executive: Dr. G. Lindenger (President), Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers (Vice-President), Dr. G. Hart (Vice-President), Dr. A. Bahemann (Treasurer), Dr. A. de Wind (Secretary-General).

Members of Council: Dr. N. Agosti, Dr. Z. Alfrević, Dr. I. Autti-Rämö, Dr. H. J. Beck, Dr. S. Brage, Dr. F. Cattani, Dr. P. Daniluk, Dr. F. Latil, Dr. S. Hodac, Dr. D. Kajevic, Dr. C. Oancea, Dr. P. Pliva, Dr. J.-P. Schenkelaars, Dr. H. Štaňkova, Dr. K. Walseth Hara.

Apologies:

Dr. A. Alves, Dr. T. Čakš, Dr. E. Cameron, Prof. Dr. M. Ciuvica, Dr. I. Gkiouzelis, Dr. M. Gouëlle, Dr. L. Goyeryd, Dr. K. Grzylinski, Dr. G. Guðmundsson, Dr. A. Klipstein, Prof. Dr. R. Kunz, Dr. O. Masten-Cuznar, Dr. J. Margalho Carrilho, Dr. M. Rus, Dr. V. Sinay, Dr. I. Soare,.

Absent:

1. Welcome

Dr. G. Lindenger opens the meeting and he thanks Dr. I. Autti-Rämö for her hospitality and for organising the meetings and the scientific program. He also expresses his thanks to Dr. M. Gockel for providing a typical Finnish experience.

Dr. G. Lindenger welcomes Dr. Stepan Hodac from the Czech Republic, who briefly introduces himself.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Liège (11th February 2017)

Approval of the minutes.

3. Notices to members

- Letter from Dr. A. Klipstein:

SIM-Swiss Insurance Medicine, together with ASIM, University of Basel would be happy to organise the EUMASS 2020 or 2022 Congress.

- UEMO

The European Union of General Practitioners / Family Physicians (UEMO) has decided to explore the theme of certification of sick leave for workers in Europe. Once the results are processed the final report could be of interest to EUMASS.

- CPME

During the CPME meeting last April in Vilnius it became obvious that the CPME secretariat organised a survey on doctor's regulation. Is the situation of insurance medicine involved in the national responses?

CPME Working Groups:

- Professional Regulation: the draft text of the Proportionality Directive: The activities covered by the Directive should concern the regulated professions falling within the scope of Directive 2005/36/EC. This Directive should apply in addition to Directive 2005/36/EC and without prejudice to other provisions laid down in separate Union act concerning access to, and the exercise of a given regulated profession. CPME strongly believes that the regulation of doctors' access to and practice of the profession is in the direct interest of patient safety and quality of care. CPME therefore opposes initiatives which challenge regulation for economic reasons, with no regard for the special need to protect patient care.
- Diet, Nutrition, Physical Activity: the CPME Policy on Obesity was accepted. The document calls for:
 1. Arise awareness
 2. To call on citizens to be aware of the benefits in terms of health
 3. Call on the EU and local authorities to take the problem of overweight and obesity seriously and ensure that citizens are encouraged to adopt healthy life styles and have access to affordable healthy food.

Consider to call attention to the consequences of obesity within the field of insurance medicine.

4. Maastricht Congress

- Organising Committee:

Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers provides a short update on the organisation of the Maastricht Congress, which will be organised jointly by GAV, NVVG and WVV:

The first announcement has been launched. Request to Council members to forward the first announcement to their national associations and relevant organisations.

Title of the Congress: Building Bridges Between Science and Practice

The venues for the Congress and the social events have been booked:

- Congress venue: MECC Convention Centre: 4th-6th October 2018: a plenary room that can accommodate up to 1700 people and 8 sub rooms for parallel sessions.
- Venues for social activities:
 - Wednesday night: reception for members of the EUMASS Council, Scientific Committee and Organising Committee at the Maastricht city hall, followed by a dinner at La Bonbonnière.
 - Thursday night: reception, guided tour and buffet at the Bonnefanten Museum in Maastricht.
 - Friday night: the Congress / Gala dinner with dancing afterwards at La Butte aux Bois across the Belgian border. Bus transportation is provided.

First plenary session: Peter Donceel Lecture by Associate Prof. A.E. de Rijk (University of Maastricht).

The scientific program is from 9 AM to 6 PM on Thursday and 5.30 PM on Friday and from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday: long days, but optimal accreditation.

In analogy to the Stockholm and Ljubljana Congresses, there will be room for 140 'abstract time slots' and 45 poster presentations. The latter taking place during coffee breaks and lunches.

Workshops: organised by Scientific Committee and/or Organising Committee

→ invited speakers

→ through abstract submission but not reviewed by the Scientific Committee

Important to decide on the (number of) workshops in good time as it affects the time schedule.

The Congress fee has yet to be set, but will be kept as low as possible. This is partly dependent on sponsorship.

Information on the website: www.eumass-congress.eu

Comment: the biannual Nordic Congress on Work and Rehabilitation (in Oslo) will take place one week after the EUMASS Congress in Maastricht.

- Scientific Committee:

Dr. C. Oancea gives an update:

At the end of May 2017 a list of 11 proposed plenary speakers was sent by the Scientific Committee. During the last Scientific Committee meeting a 12th proposed plenary speaker was added:

1. Associate Professor De Rijk, A., Maastricht University - Bridging research and practice: an European perspective – ***Peter Donceel lecture***
2. Survey about the state of the art in evidence based insurance medicine in EUMASS countries - Dr. Soren Brage
3. How to get scientific evidence into practice of insurance medicine tasks? – Prof. Dr. Sandra Brouwer, Groningen, the Netherlands
- 4 Associate Professor Silje Endresen Reme University of Bergen, Norway - Work-focused cognitive behavioral therapy to increase work participation in common mental disorders
- 5 Improving return to work through changes in legislation - Research Professor Eira Viikari-Juntura, Disability Research Prevention Centre of Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
- 6 William Shaw, senior researcher at the Liberty Mutual Disability Research Institute in the United States– Employer practices and policies to manage and prevent disability
- 7 Gender aspects in insurance medicine - Professor Gunnel Hensing, Gothenburg University, Sweden
- 8 Removing barriers from work and social participation in older ages. How far can we go? – Assoc. Prof. Despina Gherman, „Carol Davila” University, Bucharest, Romania
- 9 Principles of medical error prevention- Pr Philippe Michel, Professeur Sante Publique, Universite de Lyon
- 10 Procedures for the quality assurance of medical work in hospital on behalf of the health insurance companies - Professor Johannes Giehl, Head Competence Centre Quality Assurance of the Statutory Health Service in Germany
- 11 Occupational asthma and work – Prof. David Fishwick, University of Sheffield, UK, HSL's Chief Medical Officer
- 12 Choices in healthcare. A comparison in Europe - Prof Erik Schokkaert (KU Leuven)

There arises a discussion about the themes and the speakers. The logical order is to first agree on the themes and then look at which (plenary) speakers can adequately cover those themes. The (plenary) program preferably ought to be innovative and attractive, hence catching the audience.

This means that the Council must be timely informed about the themes and possible (plenary) speakers so that the Council can decide on both the themes and (plenary) speakers in consecutive meetings. A lesson for the organisation of future conferences.

During the meeting, the following themes were put forward as important to include in the plenary program:

- E-health and telemedicine in insurance medicine
- Ethical dilemmas in insurance medicine
- Robotics and rehabilitation
- Big data
- Ageing working population

- Migration
- Philosophy

Looking at the proposed speakers and titles, the following is noted:

The theme of big data will be covered by Research Professor Eira Viikari-Juntura (5) and the theme of the ageing working population will be covered by Assoc. Prof. Despina Gherman (8).

Suggestion: rephrase and broaden the titles.

Procedures for the quality assurance of medical work in hospital on behalf of the health insurance companies by Professor Johannes Giehl (10) regards a European study including four countries. Suggestion: adjust the title: “principles” rather than “procedures”.

Occupational asthma and work – Prof. David Fishwick (11): or preferably Prof. Ben Nemery (KU Leuven, Belgium), provided that his CV and publications are approved of by the Scientific Committee.

After ample consideration, the Council decides to replace themes/speakers 2 and 9 by telemedicine or e-Health and philosophy.

Request: recommend speakers for telemedicine and/or e-Health as soon as possible.

An email in this regard will be sent by L. Van Meerbeek to all Council members.

It is decided to end the plenary program with a philosopher’s reflection on the future of insurance medicine. Suggestion: Johan Braeckman (Belgium) or Menno de Bree (the Netherlands) for the Organising Committee to decide.

Perhaps workshops are a good option to bring the other themes into focus, allowing for a deeper and active discussion about those themes.

5. Website

Dr. J.-P. Bronckaers gives an update on the new EUMASS website (www.eumass.eu).

A search function was added.

Tab Scientific articles: request to the Scientific Committee to indicate at each meeting what scientific articles (links) are important to place on the website.

Request all Council members to check the national information on the website, provided preferably through links. It seems appropriate though to write a short introduction per EUMASS Member State about the position and work of insurance physicians in the national field of social security.

The closed part of the website for Council topics is still being considered because it must be sufficiently secure.

6. Working Groups

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Dr. G. Lindenger describes the progress of the Working Group:

All countries are now invited to join the project, but this invitation (per country) has been pending on a new English master file version, based on the discussions at the Liège meeting regarding double meaning of terms and differences on legal settings and common language.

Dr. G. Lindenger will send a new national file to each country before the Zagreb meeting.

- Ethics

Dr. G. Lindenger, Dr. I. Autti-Rämö, Dr. J.-P. Schenkelaars, Dr. K. W. Hara and Dr. A. de Wind are members of this working group.

An expert on ethics Dr. Hans Magnus Solli concerning the special situation on ethics in insurance medicine was consulted. He has responded on paper with reflections that he recommends to be considered. This will be discussed in the working group.

- ICF/FAB

The ICF/FAB working group is currently only working on FAB.

As decided at the Liège meeting EUMASS and Saskia Decuman will develop a contract for a Belgian pilot study. This can be used as an example for other national contracts with WD-FAB.

The Belgians are very interested in carrying out this study, but right now there is some uncertainty about the dataprotection.

There will be a workshop on WD-FAB at the Maastricht Congress.

7. Mail

- 07-05-2017: email from Dr. A. Klipstein, President of Swiss Insurance Medicine (SIM): SIM-Swiss Insurance Medicine, together with ASIM, University of Basel would be happy to organise the EUMASS 2020 or 2022 Congress.
- 19-05-2017: email from Dr. D. Kajevic: Serbian Republic Fund for Pension and Disability Insurance would like to host the EUMASS Council meeting in 2019.

8. Any other business

- Call for abstracts DICIM 2017:

In 2017 the Dutch Society for Insurance Medicine (NVVG) and the Dutch Association of Medical Officers in Private Insurances (GAV) again will organise a two-day congress, with an international day in English.

The organising Committee invites you to submit abstracts for a podium or poster presentation at the congress that will be held in the Netherlands on Thursday November 9th, 2017 (International day).

You are asked to provide a brief overview of the abstract intended for publication on the Congress website.

Abstracts for podium and poster presentations should focus on the topic of insurance medicine. Clinical topics with insurance medicine aspects are also welcome.

Abstracts should be no longer than 400 words and will be juried. The brief overview may consist of up to 100 words. Submissions will be accepted up to the deadline of July 1st, 2017. Authors will be notified of the status of their acceptance on or before August 1st, 2017.

Podium presentations (including discussion) will be 30 minutes in length.

Abstracts for the DICIM 2017 can only be submitted online through www.vgdagen.nl

Questions, please e-mail: info@vgdagen.nl

- The “Inspection General Assurance Santé” from France contacted Dr. G. Lindenger about benchmarking good practice in insurance medicine. They want to draft a report on the key French health insurance fund (CNAMTS) and its impact on healthcare efficiency, healthcare spending and the quality of ambulatory care. They are trying to identify key tools which could be implemented in France in light of international experience. Hence they would also have a better grasp of the “gold standard” in insurance medicine and current and future trends in this area.

9. Next Council meetings

22nd- 23rd September 2017: Zagreb, Croatia

Meeting venue: Croatian Institute for Disability Certification, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities, Mihanovićeve street 3, Zagreb.

22nd September: Lunch: 12 PM – 1.30 PM (for all participants)

Afternoon: scientific program, followed by a guided sightseeing tour by bus and dinner at a restaurant with great city views ...and a little surprise.

23rd September: 9.30: Council meeting

2nd - 3rd March 2018: Hasselt, Belgium

May/June 2018: Reykjavik

4th – 6th October 2018: Congress Maastricht

6th October 2018: Council meeting

February / March 2019: Belgium

June 2019: Belgrade

2020: EUMASS Congress: Basel, Switzerland

Dr. A. de Wind
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