



EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF LEGAL MEDICINE - ECLM

**1st General Assembly
Wednesday Aug 25, 1993, 1530 - 1645 hrs**

University of Düsseldorf, Lecture Room 3B

Minutes

Present (alphabetical):

Delegates: Bär, Brinkmann, Busuttil, Cohen, DeRoy, Dirnhofer, Eisenmenger, Epivatianos, Geirsson, Gosset, Gregersen, Grundin, Harbison, Knight B, Leinzinger, Löwenhielm, Mangin, Metz, Penneau, Penttilä, Piette, Piga Rivero, Pinto da Costa, Lunz, Puts, Rammer, Rognum, Vieira, Saukko, Simonsen, Thomsen, Vanezis, Villanueva

Deputies: Carneiro de Sousa, Vougiouklakis

Observer: Jenkins, Quatrehomme

Apologies: Gujer, Koutselinis

Quorum: 13 / 33 delegates present

TOP 1: Statutes:

Inclusion of a definition of Legal Medicine (2(3)) and the reduction of the percentage of delegates to demand an unscheduled meeting from 65% to 35% (6(5)) are unanimously accepted. Statutes as whole are unanimously accepted. No abstentions. B. Brinkmann will arrange for these changes to be notarised officially with the Civil Courts in Cologne.

TOP 2: Elections

P. Muller and J. Costa Santos have resigned. Elections were held by written ballot with the two candidates acquiring the higher votes being elected. As new members of the executive board are elected: P. Mangin, Strasbourg and J. Simenson, Denmark

Interim Office bearers and B. Cohen: reelected by acclamation

These changes to the Executive Committee will be notified to the Civil Courts in Cologne in accordance with the previous arrangements.

1st Executive Committee of ECLM (1993-1995):

President: A. Busuttil;

Vice-President: B. Brinkmann;

Secretary: W. Bär;

Treasurer: P. Saukko

Board Members: B. Cohen, P. Mangin, J. Simenson

TOP 3: Membership Fee: 30 ECU per Delegate, Observer. The fee for 1993 is now due and should be paid to P. Saukko (treasurer) as soon as possible.

TOP 4: UEMS: B. Brinkmann cites an inofficial letter of Prof. Hinrichsen that seems to confirm the acceptance of Legal Medicine as a monospeciality by the UEMS under the reserve of acceptance of the official protocol in Feb 94 (see enclosure).

Job Description/Post-Graduate Specialisation: A comprehensive "Job Description" (see enclosure) will be sent out to all delegates. **Within 6 weeks,**

each country contributes its minimal framework of a Job Description (to be sent to W. Bär). The ECLM Board will amalgamate all versions in a "final" version that will be circulated prior to the next meeting of the General Assembly. The scope is to have a communal baseline acceptable to all countries on to which can then be added a supplementary requirement for any individual country.

TOP 5: Harmonisation of Autopsy Protocols

A "working group" from the General Assembly will elaborate an European protocol. Sweden has already produced a "Process Manual for Forensic Autopsies and Connected Measures" that has been accepted by their national Board. The Royal College of Pathologists of the UK has also produced an autopsy protocol and other countries may be working along the same lines.

Members of the working group:

Brinkmann B, Busuttill A, Rammer L, Mangin P, Knight B, Piga Rivero A.

B. Brinkmann calls for contributions from all countries of autopsy protocols which are being or have been produced. The "working group" will collate these into one document which will be discussed by the Executive Board and then circulated to the General Assembly prior to the next meeting.

TOP 6: Perugia Document

Important document that should be spread broadly in the academic community of each member country.

TOP 7: A.O.C.B/Varia

"Missing Delegates"

Italy has to date not nominated any representatives. A. Busuttill will write to the current President of S I M L A and once more request that names of delegates are put forward. Luxembourg which has no medico-legal association and thus has not delegated anyone to attend ECLM. The name of Prof. Robert Wennig (a toxicologist) was suggested and A. Busuttill will discuss with him and obtain his formal opinion on the matter.

Admission of other "European" Countries to ECLM:

B. Knight and B. Brinkmann will send a list of possible candidates to W. Bär. The Board will decide on the admission of additional countries. In a first step these countries will have an observer status and will be put on the mailing list.

Request of information by other associations: these should be responded to positively provided that they accept to pay postage and other stationery expenses to the ECLM.

Next General Assembly (2nd) :

Strasbourg (France), during XVIth Congress of IALMSM, May 31- June 2, 94

W. Bär
Zurich, Aug 31, 1993

Enclosures:

Job Description, Copy of letter Prof. Hinrichsen, List of addresses of Delegates/Deputies/Observers (updated)