



EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF LEGAL MEDICINE - ECLM

4rd meeting of the General Assembly

Saturday Dec 7, 1996 0945 - 1315 hrs

Faculté de Médecine Henri Warembourg,
Pôle recherche, 1 place de Verdun, amphithéâtre A, Lille (France)

Minutes

Present (alphabetical order):

Delegates: Bär (Secretary), Brinkmann (Vice-Chairman), Buijze, Busuttil (Chairman), Cohen (Executive BM), Cusack, Eisenmenger, Franklin, Gosset, Lorente, Penttilä, Pinto da Costa, Puts, Rammer, Rognum, Saukko (Treasurer), Vujuklakis

Deputies: Carneiro de Sousa, Duarte Nuno P. Vieira

Observers: Bouska, Jenkins

The beginning of the meeting was delayed by 30 minutes until a quorum according to the statutes was reached.

Quorum: 17 / 19 delegates and deputies present

TOP 1: Apologies

were received from: Knight, Vanezis, Simenson, Harbison, Bolster, DeRoy, Wennig, Harding, Mangin, Villanueva, Gregerson, Consigliere

TOP 2: New Delegates

Portugal: Prof. Sà is replaced by Prof. Duarte Nuno P. Vieira

France: Prof. Mangin to be replaced in due course by another delegate from France

TOP 3: Protocol of 3rd General Assembly, London

No corrections or amendments. Accepted formally.

TOP 4: Matters arising

a. Document on Clinical Legal Medicine

The work of the subcommission (Chairman: P. Franklin) is very much acknowledged by the president. A broad and detailed discussion about the opportuneness to now include more subspecialities in the syllabus with respect to our goal to get recognition of our discipline on the European level comes to the conclusion that: a stringent definition of the Legal Medicine is strategically better for our efforts to obtain recognition and it is decided that the existent syllabus stays the official and strategic document. However, the propositions made by the Commission on Clinical Legal Medicine will be further discussed to finally be integrated in an up-coming revised syllabus. The commission will

meet again in April 97 to continue the work. A revised document will be presented to all members on the occasion of the 5th General Assembly at Dublin (19-23 Aug 97). W. Bär joins the commission on Clinical Legal Medicine as a new member.

All members are invited to send their comments on the "Concept addendum to the Syllabus of Postgraduate Specialization in Legal Medicine" to Peter Franklin by the end of February 97.

b. Communication with European Council and International Committees

B. Brinkmann reports on the activities of the European Council group "Chara" to produce a document on medico-legal autopsies. Members of the Chara group are the Medico-legal specialists: (A. Andre, B. Brinkmann, B. Knight, P. Mangin). The ECLM document was being carefully considered in this respect.

c. International Academy of Legal Medicine

B. Brinkmann gives a short report on the activities of IALM and the creation of a European section within the IALM which will focus on the scientific matters.

d. Communication with members of the Executive

see TOP 5

TOP 5: Letter form Dutch Colleagues

Enclosure: Manifest of the Netherlands delegation.

A broad discussion about ways to ameliorate the flow of information within ECLM and among the ECLM members. It is suggested by A. Busuttill that each delegate of each country writes an annual report about the activities and the situation in his country and forwards this report to the President by the end of October at the latest. A news-letter will then be issued by the Board and sent to all ECLM members at least once per annum.

TOP 6: Finances

P. Saukko reports on the difficulties still encountered to collect the annual fees. The assembly requests an annual invoice with indication of the mode of payment of the annual fee on behalf of each member's National Medico-legal Society. Furthermore the presentation of an annual report and a budget is requested and the annual report will have to be checked by auditors. This may necessitate a change of the statutes.

The matter raised in the previous meeting concerning financing of official delegates will be discussed when the budgetary requirements are clearer.

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

T.O. Rognum presents a report about the efforts and difficulties of our Norwegian Colleagues to introduce a specialist title in Legal Medicine in Norway. Any support by ECLM members is warmly welcomed (e.g. Curricula on postgraduate formation etc.).

TOP 8: Date and venue for the next Meeting

Dublin - during IALM Congress (19-23 August 97)
Exact date and venue to be confirmed.

Additional Informations:

Executive Committee: 1995-1997

President:	A. Busuttli;
Vice-President:	B. Brinkmann;
Secretary:	W. Bär;
Treasurer:	P. Saukko
Board Members:	B. Cohen, P. Mangin, J. Simenson

For the General Assembly at Dublin Aug 97 nominations for the Chairman and the Secretary will be necessary since the term of both comes to an end.

A. Busuttli thanks Prof. Gosset and his colleagues in the name of all ECLM members for the perfect organization of the Meeting and their warm hospitality.

W. Bär (Secretary)
Zurich, 11.12.96