



EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF LEGAL MEDICINE - ECLM

5th General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 19, 1997: 1400 hrs - ca. 1530 hrs

Albert Lecture Theatre
Medical School, Royal College of Surgeons
123 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Present (alphabetical order):

Delegates: Bär (Secretary), Brinkmann (Vice-Chairman), Busuttill (Chairman), Cohen (Executive BM), Cusack, DeRoy, Eisenmenger, Franklin, Harbison, Mangin, Puts, Saukko (Treasurer), Simenson, Vieira, Villanueva

Apologies were received from: Vanezis, Rognum, Thomsen

The beginning of the meeting was delayed by 15 minutes until a quorum according to the statutes was reached.

Quorum: 14 / 15 delegates and deputies present

Minutes

- TOP 1:** - Minutes / Lille
No corrections, No amendments. Accepted by acclamation.
- TOP 2:** - Changes in Membership of ECLM
None
- TOP 3:** - Report of the Chairman - Matters arising

A board meeting was held at Utrecht, 12 April 1997 and the following topics were discussed: Agenda for the Dublin Meeting, ECLM and Europe - further progress, finances of ECLM (Membership Fees, Budget, etc.), Future documents and projects, progress with clinical forensic medicine, aspects of Job Protocol, major disaster investigation, Common protocol for maternal death, Common protocol for sudden unexpected death in children, drug related deaths, the Newsletter, The new ECLM Council - elections, relations with European Academy of Legal Medicine

TOP 4: - Election of Chairman and Secretary

Bär is ready to serve for another term as secretary and is reelected by acclamation.
Prof. A. Busuttill would like to stay in the ECLM Board but wishes to pass over Chairmanship to someone else due to a heavy charge of professional duties.

Prof. P. Saukko is proposed and is elected unanimously as new Chairman of ECLM.

The other board members were elected in December 96 and needed therefore not to be reconfirmed.

The ECLM Executive Committee for 1998-2001 is composed of:

Chairman: P. Saukko, Turku, Finland
Vice-Chairman: B. Brinkmann, Münster, Germany
Secretary: W. Bär, Zurich, Switzerland
Treasurer: to be elected by the board
(Treasurer a.i. A. Busuttill, Edinburgh, U.K.)
Board Members: A. Busuttill, B. Cohen, P. Mangin, J. Simenson

TOP 5: - Financial situation

The balance of ECLM is DM 26'493.84
However there are a high number of ECLM members that could not pay their fees due to the fact that they were never invoiced.

TOP 6: - Financial assistance for meetings

A. Busuttill informs the PLENUM that some of the ECLM Executive Members should like to get a financial compensation for their activities in the ECLM (Board meetings, Commissions, etc.) and the Board proposes a annual reward not higher than DM 800.-- p.a.
The plenum accepts this proposal by a big majority.

TOP 7: - Relations with European Council and UEMS

There is a very long discussion about the lengthy and cumbersome path to get Legal Medicine recognized as a specialist discipline in Europe. As member of Finland in the ACMT (Advisory Committee on Medical Training) P. Saukko informs us that Forensic Medicine is on the proposed „New Doctors Directives“. Once more the following strategies are forwarded:

- to recontact UEMS and its liaison officer (Dr. Leybland)
- encouragement of contacts of the ECLM members with their national delegates
- send a copy of the Doctors Directives to each ECLM member

TOP 8: - Newsletter

The chairman's call for contributions had to positive answers.
Thank you very much.
G. deRoy wishes a ECLM-Web site.

TOP 9: - European harmonization of the 'autopsy'

The KARA Committee established the main principles. Next steps will be the introduction of a protocol (prerequisites, technical parts). Next meeting in Nov. 97. Common documents should be introduced in all EC countries.

TOP 10: - Clinical aspects of specialization in ECLM protocol

P. Franklin summarizes the work of the commission on the inclusion of Clinical aspects of Legal Medicine in the existing syllabus. The commission decided - in contrast to what was decided in Lille - to send out the document to all members. After a long discussion about the best strategy it is decided that the syllabus goes back to the Executive Committee and will be revised and amended and presented at a meeting to come.


Due to lack of time TOP 11 and 12 cannot be addressed.

TOP 11: - Other potential ECLM documents

TOP 12: - Varia/A.O.C.B.

TOP 13: - Place, Date of next Assembly

No exact date determined. Optional: May '98.


W. Bär (Secretary)
Zürich, 11.12.97