



EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF LEGAL MEDICINE - ECLM

Minutes

8th General Assembly Meeting – Montpellier

Date: Saturday, Sept 7, 2002: 09:00 hrs - ca. 12:00 hrs

Place: CONVENTION CENTRE „LE CORUM“
Esplanade Charles de Gaulle
F-34000 MONTPELLIER

Room: Level 1, Room Joffre B

List of Presence (alphabetical order):

Delegates: Bär, Boukis, Brinkmann, Busuttil, Cohen, Cusack, DeRoy, Franklin, Harbison, Mangin, Pentillä, Pinto da Costa, Rognum, Saukko, Topman, Vieira

Deputies: Carneiro de Sousa M.J

Observers: Beran, Akif INANICI, Beran (for Bouska)

Guest: Beauthier JP, President Royal Society of Legal Medicine, Belgium

Apologies were received from: Bouska, Eisenmenger, Jenkins, Maes, Piga Rivero, Rammer, Thomsen, Vanezis, Wennig,

Quorum: reached (16 delegates or deputies)

TOP 1: Minutes 7th General Assembly

T. Busuttil isto be added to the list of delegates present.

TOP 2: Report of the Chairman

There is now a specialist title in Legal Medicine in Belgium. Progress to get a specialist title are reported from Norway.

TOP 3: EU Matters

Guy De Roy has offered to give an exposé on the most complex EU developments with regard to the recognition of medical specialities. In his excellent presentation Guy focussed firstly on the past with the old directives 93/16 with annexes. In 1996 Forensic Medicine as a discipline was on the list and very close to recognition but the relevant next ACMT meeting took never place. Starting in 2000 the „Commission of the European Communities“ issued a new directive COM 2002/119 (http://www.irm.unizh.ch/eclm/files/com_2002_119.pdf) elaborated on a completely new policy. Automatic recognition will now get only the 17 specialities actually recognized in all member countries. Not for the others! For the other disciplines doctors must apply to the member state in which they would like to get a working permit. That state can reject or impose complementary training (general regulations). In other

words the new directive is a serious obstacle, a burden to national authorities, ACMT is suppressed and only if a recognition is realized in all countries then formal recognition will be possible.

The CP has asked for reintroduction of the old recognition procedure. This should be backed up by UEMS.

Actual status: meeting in June 02 of Council of Ministers, end of Sept. 02 parliament. There seems to be some opposition. Lobbying should be focused on commission and scientific bodies. The Commission of EU parliament that deals with this matter is „Legal affairs and internal market“. Chairman is Giuseppe GARGANE (for names of members countries see list enclosed).

In the discussion a new start (once more) it is proposed to look again at the qualification and length of training in the member countries and to form two working parties (clinical, pathology) that should collect the data regarding the curricula of each member state.

D. Cusack proposes that ECLM should initiate an European College of Legal Medicine with an accreditation body that defines standards. A body of expert should deal with the recognition of national basic training in LM.

G. de Roy stressed that EU representation will always be by the CPme and UEMS.

P. Saukko proposes to wait with the creation of a College but supports the creation of 2 working groups. As a consequence of the new directive the UEMS will have to anyway consider what will happen with 35 disciplines that are now not recognized anymore. He also stresses that LM and ECLM will have to pass through UEMS.

It follows a discussion on strategies on how to deal with UEMS to have a own speciality of Legal Medicine. We should try to get a status of a speciality board of UEMS that deals with continuous education, accreditation, QM.

The two working groups are composed by open ballot of the following ECLM members:

Pathology: B. Brinkmann
T.O. Rognum
A. Busuttil
I. Topman

Clinical: B. Cohen
N. Duarte
P. Franklin
D. Cusack

Main goals: Collect qualification/diploma, length of training, curriculum in member states

The ECLM board is to nominate a person per country that is the contact person to the working groups.

TOP 4: Report of the Secretary

The secretary emphasizes once more that the national medico-legal societies must update - in case of changes - their representation in the ECLM. This should be done by a written and signed letter with the full addresses, functions (delegate or deputy) and if possible e-mail-addresses etc. of the representatives and who they replace !

TOP 5: Report of the Treasurer

Saldo 30 Sept 02: € 10'903.98

TOP 6: Change of statutes §4 (6)

According to the Statutes the General Assembly is held at least once every two years. A bi-annual rhythm fits well with the terms and the elections of the board members but makes it difficult to elect the chairman and the secretary which are in office for three years. To meet this statutory requirement an annual rhythm of invoking the members to a GA is the consequence which raised problems in the past. Therefore the following change of §4 (6) is proposed:

(6) The Executive Committee shall hold office for a period of two (2) years. Re-election shall be possible.

The change of ¶4 (6) is accepted unanimously by open ballot.

TOP 7: Election of the Executive Committee

J. Simenson would like to retire from the Board. The president thanks him for the work he has done for ECLM in the last years.

P. Franklin is proposed as a new candidate for the Board.

The old board stands for reelection (Bär, Brinkmann, Busuttil, Cohen, Ludes, Mangin, Saukko). Due to the appointment in 1996 of P. Mangin as Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine at Lausanne, Switzerland, France was not represented in the ECLM Board any more. The Board therefore invited B. Ludes to be representative of France ad interim and he now wishes to stand for election.

By secret written ballot it was voted:

Bär	13
Brinkmann	13
Busuttil	12
Cohen	10
Franklin	7
Ludes	12
Mangin	10
Saukko	12

Elected are Bär, Brinkmann, Busuttil, Cohen, Ludes, Mangin, Saukko.

The **Executive Committee 2003-2004** is constituted:

Chairman:	P. Saukko, Turku, Finland
Vice- Chairman:	B. Brinkmann, Münster, Germany
Secretary:	W. Bär, Zurich, Switzerland
Treasurer:	A. Busuttil, Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.

Board Members:	B. Cohen, Utrecht, The Netherlands
	B. Ludes, Strassbourg, France
	P. Mangin, Lausanne, Switzerland

TOP 8: Varia

The assembly wishes to receive the Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings.

TOP 9: Place, Date of next General Assembly

(Probably) on the occasion of the 16th International Congress of IALM at Milano, Italy (3-6 Sep 2003)



W. Bär (Secretary)
Zurich, 08.01.03