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GROUPEMENT EUROPÉEN DES MÉDICINS EN PRATIQUE LIBRE

Minutes of the EANA meeting held from 10 – 11 June 009 in Brussels, Belgium

present:

President	Dr. Jörg Pruckner	Romania	absent with excuse
Vice- President	Dr. Maximilian Zollner		
		Sweden	Dr. Gunnar Welander
Belgium	Dr. Roland Lemye	Switzerland	Dr. Yves Guisan
Germany	Dr. Maximilian Zollner Ute Leutloff-Simons Dr. Regina Biesenecker Dr. Kerstin Jäger	Slovakia	Dr. Ladislav Pasztor
Greece	absent with excuse	Spain	Dr. André Bolliger Dr. Olga Garcia Gomez Dr. Nelly Albesa Caro Dr. Aranzazu Albesa Perez Dr. Gemma Albesa Perez
Luxembourg	Dr. Claude Schummer	Czech Republic	Dr. Pavel Tautermann Dr. Marie Durpektová
Ireland	Dr. William J. Lynch Claire Camilleri	Hungary	Prof. Dr. Ferenc Hajnal Dr. Renáta Papp
Austria	Mag. Nathalie Holzer	UK	absent with excuse
Portugal	Dr. Isabel Caixeiro Dr. Manuela Santos	Reporter	Mag. Nathalie Holzer

EANA President Dr. Jörg Pruckner welcomes all participants. The minutes of last meeting held in Budapest are unanimously accepted, the present agenda is discussed and it is decided to put an additional topic on the agenda (survey on gastroscopy costs in Europe by Ms Leutloff-Simons), as well as cost and remuneration setting in the individual countries).

1. President's report

In his report, Dr. Pruckner gives a review of the events and objectives of the past 7 months in the individual international organizations (CEOM, AEMH, UEMS, FEMS, PWG, EFMA/WHO, WMA).

In her capacity of president, Dr. Isabel Caixeiro reports on the newest developments within the UEMO.

Due to EANA's registration in Luxembourg, it is decided unanimously, that the name of the website will be changed into „eana.lux“, Dr. Schummer will collect information in this regard.

2. Treasurer's report

Despite the fact that the EANA is a small organization, the balance looks very good, which allows to finance expenditure, if needed, without any problem. The admission of new members will result in additional membership contributions which will have a positive effect on the EANA budget. The balance is quite positive due to minimal expenses during the past year.

According to a resolution taken at the Budapest meeting, the travelling expenses of the president shall be assumed (Dr. Pruckner will only make use of this provision if costs cannot be assumed by the Medical Chamber).

The treasurer's report on revenues and expenditures is accepted, and it is unanimously decided that the membership dues remain unchanged. In addition it is agreed that a document will be prepared for adoption at the autumn meeting to be held in Madrid.

It has been unanimously decided that the account will be transferred from Germany to Austria, while Dr. Lemye will continue to assume the task of treasurer.

3. PR- measures, strategy for attracting new members

Dr. Renata Papp is asked to re-contact the competent persons in Serbia and Croatia, as both countries have interesting structures.

Dr. Schummer, as well as Dr. Lemye and Ms Leutloff-Simons have (good) contacts with different French organizations and EANA statutes allow that a country is represented by more than one organization. However, the relationship between those organizations should be clarified beforehand (specialists, general practitioners and those working in group practices).

It is decided the French delegations will be invited to the autumn meeting to be held in Madrid.

3.1. Working group – business plan

At Dr. Lynch's suggestion for including the strategy of attracting new members and the question of marketing in the business plan, the institution of a working group is decided which will consist of Dr. Lemye, Ms Leutloff-Simons, Dr. Schummer, Dr. Lynch, Dr. Welandar, Dr. Jäger and Dr. Tautermann, with has the objective to develop a business plan.

Dr. Welandar will develop a questionnaire on the situation of group practices in Europe, which shall also be a topic for the forthcoming meeting in Madrid. In addition, each member shall deal with this subject in its national report (future forms of integrated cooperation).

4. Resolution – what is the definition of a self-employed doctor?

It is decided to draft an EANA position paper in form of a resolution for the EMO Joint Meeting. Parting from Dr. Schummer's power point presentation of last year, the proposals of the Spanish delegation, as well as the position paper of the *Virchowbund*, a statement is drafted

after a thorough discussion. This statement is presented in a common meeting on the following day. This “basic document” contains a comprehensive definition of the liberal profession, as well as a listing of its fundamental elements in form of „bullet points“. The document is translated into French and English, and discussed on the following day in a plenary meeting (statement, see enclosure).

5. Report by Dr. Wilks

Dr. Michael Wilks reports on the newest developments within the CPME and on the following issues: EWTD, the importance of IT and ehealth, cross-border health care, as well as the CALLIOPE and EPSOS projects.

In his report, he also appeals to all organizations to make more and better use of the available resources and to take a common position (mainly with regard to the Commission). Dr. Wilks explains that it is not the task of the CPME to make all national associations “happy and satisfied”, but rather to help find a definition of what European doctors have in common and of what may be achieved together.

On behalf of all present, Dr. Pruckner assures Dr. Wilks of EANA’s full assistance.
(report, see enclosure).

6. Bologna process implementation in Switzerland

In his power point presentation, Dr. Guisan reports on the Bologna process which has been in effect in Switzerland since 2006 (see enclosure).

Dr. Pruckner asks Dr. Guisan to perform evaluations once a year until the achievement of full implementation which is scheduled for 2012.

It follows a discussion on the Bologna process in the individual countries. Due to the topicality of this issue, it is decided that country representatives will present current developments during the autumn meeting.

7. Short national reports

Please request national report directly from the member countries, unless enclosed.

Portugal

Belgium

Sweden (see enclosure)

Spain (see enclosure)

Luxembourg

Austria (see enclosure)

Ireland

Hungary

Czech Republic (see enclosure)

Slovak Republic

Germany

Switzerland

8. Follow up – current issues

- Ms Leutloff-Simons presents the outcome of the survey on cost reimbursement. It is decided that the survey will become dynamic and that new answers will be incorporated. Furthermore, Ms Leutloff-Simons reports on the EU Health Workforce Greenpaper which was published on 12 December 2008.

9. Gastroscopy costs in Europa

Ms Leutloff-Simons conducted a survey on gastroscopy costs among European countries at the suggestion of a German doctor.

The range is from € 30 to € 300, and thus insignificant,- more answers, respectively more information about pricing in the individual countries would be needed, in order to give a more precise breakdown.

It is decided to draft a new survey outlining the definition of services (including the question on consultation services, if needed).

10. Miscellaneous

As Mag. Zahrl will not continue to assume the task of secretary general, Dr. Schummer is nominated unanimously as new secretary general.

As Ms Leutloff-Simons will go into her well-earned retirement by the end of June, Dr. Pruckner suggests that she will be awarded honorary membership for her long standing merits for the EANA and that she will be invited to the autumn meeting in Madrid at EANA's expenses. This proposal is adopted unanimously.

The forthcoming meeting will be held from 27 to 28 November 2009 in Madrid, Spain. Dr. Bolliger suggests that a meeting will be organised on the eve of the meeting, where doctors from Madrid and a selected group of persons will be invited and where the EANA will have the opportunity to present itself.

Dr. Pruckner expresses his thanks to all participants for their good cooperation.

Meeting closed at 1.30 p.m. (11th June)

Reporter: Nathalie Holzer