

Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes

European Board of Psychiatry

Minutes of the fourteenth European Board of Psychiatry held in Budapest, Hungary on 17 April 1999.

1. Present

Prof. P. König - Austria - Osterr Gesellschaft fur Neurologie und Psychiatrie (OGNP)
Dr. S. Iveziæ - Croatia - Croatian Medical Association, Society for Clinical Psychiatry
Dr. A. Argyriou - Cyprus - Cyprus Psychiatric Association
Dr. A. Lindhardt - Denmark - Danish Psychiatric Association
Dr. H. Aggernaes - Denmark - Danish Psychiatric Association
Dr. K. Pylkkänen - Finland - Finnish Psychiatric Association
Dr. R. Salokangas - Finland - Finnish Psychiatric Association
Dr. H. Sontag - France - Association Francaise de Psychiatres
Dr. J. Laboutiere - France - Association Francais de Psychiatres
Dr. S. Treichel - Germany - Berufsverband Deutscher Nervenartzte
Prof. J. Furedi - Hungary - Hungarian Psychiatric Association
Prof. N. Walsh - Ireland - Higher Training Committee
Dr. C. Smith - Ireland - Irish Medical Association
Dr. J. Saliba - Malta - Association of Maltese Psychiatrists
Prof. W. Schudel - Netherlands - Nederlandse Vereniging voor Psychiatrie
Dr. E. Hagemo - Norway - Norwegian Medical Association
Prof. A. Piotrowski - Poland - Polish Psychiatric Association
Dr. A. De Albuquerque - Portugal - Ordem des Medicos
Prof. M. Gómez-Beneyto - Spain - Asociación Española de Neuropsiquiatria
Dr. K. Svärd - Sweden - Swedish Psychiatric Association
Dr. A. Kubli - Switzerland - Société Suisse de Psychiatrie et Psychothérapie
Dr. G. Zarotti - Switzerland - Swiss Psychiatric Association
Dame Fiona Caldicott - UK - Royal College of Psychiatrists
Dr. A. Carney - Permanent Working Group on Overseas Doctors
Prof. M. Musalek - Association of European Psychiatrists

2. Apologies

Dr. V. Martin - Belgium - Belge Professionelles des Neurologues et Psychiatres
Prof. P. Lievens - Belgium - Association Professioneel Belge des Neurologues et des Psychiatries
Dr. I. Tuma - Czech Republic - Psychiatric Association of the Czech Medical Association
Prof. F. Hohagen - Germany - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie Psychotherapie and Nervenheilkunde
Prof. G. Christodoulou - Greece - Hellenic Psychiatric Association
Dr. A Parashos - Greece - Hellenic Psychiatric Association
Prof. P. Furlan - Italy
Mr. R. Doesschate - Netherlands - Nederlandse Vereniging voor Psychiatrie
Prof. S. Opjordsmoen - Norway - Norwegian Psychiatric Association

Dr. H. Nybäck - Sweden - Swedish Psychiatric Association
Prof. A. Mann - UK - Royal College of Psychiatrists
Dr. K. Treichel - European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees

Professor Gómez-Beneyto, the President, opened the meeting of the European Board of Psychiatry and welcomed members to Hungary.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 1998

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting held in Lisbon on 10 October 1998 subject to the following changes:

Item 4(a): To remove the sentence 'It was agreed that the term 'unsuitable' should only refer to those cases where trainee were suffering from severe cases of mental and physical illness' and replace it with 'It was agreed that only those trainees whose competence and performance over a prolonged period, which appeared not to respond to appropriate management intervention, should be deemed unsuitable for a career in psychiatry'.

4. Matter arising from the minutes

(a) Item 5(a) Visitation of Training Schemes in Budapest

Dr Gomez Beneyto informed the Board that a visit had taken place to training schemes in Hungary from 13-15 April 1999 in line with the UEMS Charter on Visitation of Training Schemes. The visitation committee was chaired by Professor Schudel of the Netherlands and included Professor Zihel from Slovenia, Professor Kotzan from Hungary and two trainees, Dr Treichel from Germany and Dr Keri from Hungary.

Dr Schudel presented to the Board a brief summary of the visit, concentrating on the following four areas:

(i) Design

The visit was carried out in accordance to the procedures outlined in the document 'UEMS Charter on Visitation of Training Schemes'. Questionnaires were circulated to the relevant personnel in Hungary and completed in full before the start of the visit.

(ii) Implementation

Dr Schudel reported that there were some minor organisational difficulties in implementing the procedures. He briefly noted the following points (i) the team had been unable to meet prior to the visit (ii) several members of the team had no prior experience of approval visits (iii) some of the staff in the hospitals visited did not appear to be fully aware of the visits purpose or goals (iv) the team were only able to visit a small proportion of the training institutes within a very large rotation scheme. However, Dr Schudel, stressed that these were not insurmountable difficulties and that both the team and the visiting centres had shown adaptability under the circumstances.

(iii) General comments

Dr Schudel commented upon the team's appreciation of all Dr Furedi's hard work before and during the visit and the spotless cooperation of all the Hungarians involved

in the process. He also noted that the theoretical courses held at the training institute seemed to be of a very high standard.

(iv) Follow-up issues

The Board members were informed that the visitation report would be circulated and discussed at the next meeting of the Board in Malta. The Board would then be required to decide whether an award should be made

The Board considered whether it was necessary to set up an appeals body at this stage. After some discussion it was agreed to defer the decision until the next meeting.

With regard to arrangements for the next approval visit, it was decided to write to all members inviting new applications for a UEMS approval visit.

(b) Logbooks

The most recent draft of the Recommendations from the Working Group on Logbooks was circulated to Board members. Dr Gomez-Beneyto informed the Board that the purpose of the logbook was to foster an educational process in which trainers and trainees could work together to improve training. He stressed that the Working Group had agreed that the logbook should not be used for evaluation purposes. A final draft would be circulated to members, to forward to their national association for comment, following the Budapest meeting. 1 August 1999 was agreed as the deadline for receipt of comments. Thereafter the document would be discussed at the next meeting in Malta.

(c) Psychotherapy Working Group

Dr Lindhardt reported that the purpose of this Working Group was to revise the psychotherapy section of the 'Requirements for Training in Psychiatry'. This report had previously been revised in 1995. The Working Group proposed circulating a survey to ascertain the perception of psychotherapy within the member countries. It was agreed that this would be circulated following the meeting in Budapest for further discussion at the meeting in Malta.

5. Collaboration with other Organisations

(a) American Psychiatric Association (APA)

Professor Gomez-Beneyto informed the Board that there would be an American Psychiatric Association conference in Chicago on 13 May 2000. Professor König, Professor Furedi and Dr Sontag volunteered to participate in a joint meeting to discuss European wide training matters. Professor Gomez-Beneyto agreed to contact the Director of International Affairs at the APA to take this further.

(b) Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP)

The President welcomed Professor Musalek, the representative from the newly formed Board of Education of the AEP, to the meeting of the European Board of Psychiatry. Professor Musalek reported that the AEP was intending to initiate work on educational standards and

related themes and issues and that collaboration with the UEMS Board of Psychiatry would be welcomed. The first meeting of the Education Committee, a sub-section of the Board of the AEP, was planned for May 1999. The UEMS Board looked forward to further updates and future collaboration.

(c) World Health Organisation (WHO)

Dr Lindhardt informed the Board that she had recently established contact with Dr Wolfgang Rutz, Director of Mental Health, of the EURO-WHO (World Health Organisation) to inform him of the work of the European Board. Dr Rutz had expressed a strong interest in the activities of the Board and also in attending its meetings. The members of the Board agreed that this would be productive.

6. Reports from Trainees

(a) European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT)

This report had been received at the meeting of the Section on 15 April 1999.

(b) Permanent Working Group for all European Junior Doctors (PWG)

Dr Andrew Carney, the representative from the PWG, gave the members of the Board a brief overview of the work of the PWG. He informed the Board that the PWG was the trainees equivalent of the UEMS. It collaborated with the UEMS centrally and was represented on each of the UEMS Sub-sections and Boards. The PWG meets twice per year and had recently been concerned with the following: the Provision of Working Time Directive; the changing role of medical professionals in relation to other health professionals; the question of medical migration within the EU and its impact upon training opportunities; recent Commission proposals concerned with part-time or irregular working hours.

The President thanked Dr Carney for a useful and informative report.

7. Any Other Business

(a) Visitation of Training Schemes

It was noted that members of the Board might be deterred from organising a UEMS approval visit due to the heavy workload involved. It was therefore suggested that members might wish to approach their national organisations with a view to incorporating UEMS visits within the approval visits undertaken by their national associations. It was agreed that it was important to continue the good work of the Board in this area. Therefore Dame Fiona Caldicott, and several other members of the Board, agreed to contact their associations with this suggestion.

(b) Feedback of work of Board and Section

The importance of disseminating and presenting information on the work of the Section and Board was noted. It was agreed that a feedback item should be included on the agenda of both Board and Section.

(c) Dates of Next Meeting

7-9 October 1999	Malta
13 - 15 April 2000	Strasbourg
October 2000	Kraków
April 2001	Slovenia
October 2001	Prague