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EUROPEAN BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY

SPRING MEETING

Saturday, 7th October 2006 – Deventer, the Netherlands

APPROVED minutes of the 29th meeting of the UEMS¹ European Board of Psychiatry held in Deventer, the Netherlands, on Saturday, 7th October 2006.

1. Present

Dr Brendan Cassidy - Ireland - Irish Medical Organisation
Dr Homayon Chaudhry - Switzerland - PWG²
Prof Can Cimilli - Turkey - Psychiatric Association of Turkey
Dr Dan Georgescu - Switzerland - Swiss Society of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy
Prof Manuel Gómez-Beneyto - Spain - Spanish Association of Neuropsychiatry
Dr Torben L Hansen - Denmark - Danish Psychiatric Association; President, Section for Psychiatry
Prof Edvard Hauff - Norway - Norwegian Medical Association
Dr Roberts Klotins - Latvia - EFPT³; Past President
Prof Gerhard Lenz - Austria - Austrian Association for Psychiatry & Psychotherapy
Prof Nils Lindefors - Sweden - Swedish Psychiatric Association
Dr Françoise Matthys - Belgium - Belgian Association of Neurologists and Psychiatrists
Dr Brigitte Mauthner - Austria - Austrian Medical Chamber
Dr Eva Pálová - Slovakia - Slovak Psychiatric Association, Vice-President, Section for Psychiatry
Dr Kari Pylkkänen - Finland - Finnish Psychiatric Association; Vice-President, Section for Psychiatry
Dr James O'Boyle - Ireland - Irish Psychiatric Training Committee
Dr Joseph Saliba - Malta - Medical Association of Malta / Maltese Association of Specialists in Psychiatry; Secretary, Section and Board of Psychiatry
Dr James Strachan - UK - Royal College of Psychiatrists; President, European Board of Psychiatry
Dr Roelof ten Doesschate - The Netherlands - Dutch Psychiatric Association; Treasurer, Section and Board of Psychiatry
Prof László Tringer - Hungary - Hungarian Psychiatric Association
Dr Ivan Tuma - Czech Republic - Czech Psychiatric Association
Dr Roland Urban - Germany - Professional Association of German Psychiatrists
Dr Andreas Zachariadis - Greece - EFPT, President
Prof Dr Ulrich Voderholzer - Germany - German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy & Neurology
Mrs Joanna Carroll - UK - Royal College Psychiatrists; Administrative Secretary, Section and Board of Psychiatry

2. Apologies

Prof Dinesh Bhugra - UK - Royal College of Psychiatrists
Prof Jacek Bomba - Poland - Polish Psychiatric Association
Dr Tsvi Fischel - Israel - Israeli Psychiatric Association
Prof Pier Maria Furlan - Italy - Italian Psychiatric Association
Prof Paul Hodiament - Netherlands - Dutch Psychiatric Association, Vice-President, European Board of Psychiatry
Prof Fritz Hohagen - Germany - German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy & Neurology
Prof Michal Hrdlicka - Czech Republic - Psychiatric Association of Czech Medical Society
Dr Slađana Ivezić - Croatia - Croatian Medical Association, Society for Clinical Psychiatry
Prof Lars Jacobsson - Sweden - Swedish Medical Association
Prof Matti Joukamaa - Finland - Finnish Psychiatric Association
Assoc. Prof Blanka Kores Plesničar - Slovenia - Psychiatric Association of Slovenia
Dr Astrid Kubli Bauer - Switzerland - Swiss Society of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy
Dr Andres Lehtmets - Estonia - Estonian Psychiatric Association
Dr Anne Lindhardt - Denmark - Danish Psychiatric Association
Dr Lucien Manuceau - France - French Association of Psychiatrists
Dr Miquel Roca Benasar - Spain - Spanish Society of Psychiatry
Dr Harald Sontag - France - French Association of Psychiatrists
Dr Livia Vavrušová - Slovakia - Slovak Psychiatric Association
Assoc. Prof Slavko Zihrel - Slovenia - Psychiatric Association of Slovenia, Medical Chamber of Slovenia; Vice-President, European Board of Psychiatry

¹ EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

² PERMANENT WORKING GROUP FOR JUNIOR DOCTORS

³ EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PSYCHIATRIC TRAINEES

3. To approve minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 8th April 2006 in Vienna, Austria, were received and approved as the correct record of the proceedings.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

There were none.

5. CME - task force and working group

Prof Gómez-Beneyto informed the delegates that he had not attended the European CME task force meetings for some time due to lack of funding. The task force had nominated an Evaluating Committee to assess psychiatric conferences on behalf of the EACCME. The committee was constituted of 3 delegates of the task force - Prof Henning Sass from Germany representing the AEP, Prof Levent Küey from Turkey representing the WPA and Prof Gómez-Beneyto on behalf of the UEMS Section and Board of Psychiatry. They had accredited about 25 - 30 events to date, about 70-80% of those received. The primary reason for not granting the CME accreditation was excessive pharmaceutical sponsorship.

The current issues on the agenda included procedures for dealing with fraudulent claims of EACCME accreditation, a possible collaboration with the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology - a private CME accreditation organisation with strong links to the pharmaceutical industry, the accreditation of multidisciplinary meetings and the financial arrangements between the EACCME and the evaluation committee. Prof Gómez-Beneyto had worked with the CME task force group since its inception and indicated that he wished to hand over his role on the evaluating Committee to another UEMS delegate. The President thanked him for his consistent work on UEMS behalf.

Prof Hodiament agreed to succeed Prof Gómez-Beneyto. Prof Hauff was appointed as his deputy. The length of term of these two officers had yet to be clarified. A list of events accredited to date would be forwarded to the President who would contact the EACCME to clarify the payment for this service.

ACTION:

1. President of the Section to write to Dr Maillet re payment ✓
2. Prof Gómez-Beneyto to send the list of accredited event to the President ✓
3. Secretary to draft a letter to evaluating Committee re new UEMS delegates ✓
4. Term of office for UEMS representatives to be agreed at next meeting

6. Proposal for a working group on Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine

Dr Georgescu submitted a written proposal for the new working group on liaison psychiatry following a review of the existing report (1997). There was increasing interface between psychosomatic medicine and general psychiatry. It was noted that the proposed time frame for the WG was too long. Dr Georgescu agreed that the information gathering stage of this working group could be removed with concentration instead on producing recommendations and good practice guidelines. This would allow the final report to be available in April 2009. The proposal was accepted. Interested delegates were asked to liaise directly with Dr Georgescu about joining the group.

7. Reports from the Working Groups

a) CME

In Prof Hodiament's absence Prof Gómez-Beneyto reported that the working group discussed the functions and roles of various bodies in the field of European CME. The WG's relationship to the evaluating Committee was also clarified. It was agreed that the working group's function should be changed from the production of a report to a support group for the evaluating committee. It would be more relevant for the group to become a standing committee reporting outside the working groups' slot. One of the first issues this group would focus on was the relationship between the CME events and pharmaceutical sponsorship.

b) Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatics

Dr Georgescu reported that the final report would address matters of professional identity, stigma, training and service development as well as the role of psychotherapy.

c) Visit Feedback - final proposals

It had not been possible to reach consensus on formalising feedback arrangements following the visit to host centres prior to the Committee's biannual meetings. This work group was therefore discontinued.

d) Old Age Psychiatry

This working group would report in future under the Section agenda.

8. European survey of specialist training in psychiatry - report for publication

The paper was presented by Prof Dr Ulrich Voderholzer in Prof Hohagen's absence. Delegates were asked to forward their comments directly to Prof Hohagen in the next 4 weeks. Once the comments were incorporated, the paper would be submitted for publication in the European Archives of Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience.

9. Review of the Training Charter

Dr ten Doesschate suggested this item should be discussed under item 10. This was accepted.

10. Report from trainees:

a) PWG

Dr Chaudhry reported that the last meeting of the PWG was held in Portugal. Psychiatry was a minority representation in the Committee but there were plans to establish close collaborative links with the EFPT. The proposal would be discussed further at the next meeting in Berlin in November. The PWG had nominated another representative to the UEMS - Dr Tiago Reis Marques from Portugal. He would be invited to attend the spring meeting.

b) EFPT

The last EFPT forum was held in Riga in June. There were new working groups established on CBT, exchange programmes and child and adolescent psychiatry. UEMS speakers included Dr Hansen, Dr Pylkkänen and Prof Lenz. The EFPT was currently consulting on compiling a comprehensive on-line database of available exchange programmes in Europe. The EFPT believed that participating in training programmes in another country improved the quality of practice of psychiatry and raised the awareness of cultural diversity in modern Europe. The arrangements could only be effective if such training was accredited towards final specialist qualifications in the trainee's home country. Despite obstacles such as the language and national criteria for specialist training, trainee exchange should be encouraged at all levels. The UEMS delegates were asked to contribute by providing information on exchange programmes available locally.

The EFPT was in particular working towards recognition as a registered charity. This would be developed further at the next forum in Athens in June 2007.

The EFPT working party on competency-based training and assessment wrote to the UEMS Board of Psychiatry with the request to consider a consensus statement in this field. A European position on core competencies, assessment tools and resources would make a positive contribution to the long-term development of psychiatric training. It was felt that the UEMS should lead the implementation of the competence based training in collaboration with the EFPT.

The delegates welcomed this development but noted that the task was immense. It was agreed that it was the right time to establish a working group on competence based training. The review of Chapter 6 of the Training Charter should focus on competences and assessment to reflect the changes in specialist training across Europe. Prof Gómez-Beneyto and Dr Hansen agreed to draft a proposal for the next meeting.

ACTION: Prof Gómez-Beneyto and Dr Hansen to draft the proposal for the working group on competence based training. ✓

11. Any other business

Dr Strachan reported that the Board did not receive any requests for visits to training schemes to date. This was a matter of concern as audit was the best way to improve training. He reminded the delegates that although audit visits to individual training centres were not feasible, the Board would encourage relevant national bodies to establish regional or national audit of training schemes and would be glad to assist in setting up the required procedures. This was successfully demonstrated in Lübeck and the model was published in German and British journals. The EFPT offered to promote this initiative and bring it to the attention of their chiefs of training. It was also agreed that this should be a standing item on the Board agenda.

Dr Tuma informed the delegates that this was his last meeting as the representative of the Czech Psychiatric Association after 8 years. He thanked the delegates for their support during that time and wished them good luck in the future work. Dr Strachan thanked Dr Tuma for his valuable contribution to the work of the Section and Board and wished him success for the future.

Prof Gómez-Beneyto suggested that the Section and Board should explore the feasibility of closer collaboration with patients' and carers' representative bodies. It was agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Dr Strachan thanked the Dutch Psychiatric Association for hosting the meeting and all the staff at Adhesie for their hard work and dedication in organising the meeting. Particular thanks were due to Dr ten Doesschate and Ineke Visser, his secretary, for their outstanding contributions to the smooth running of the meeting.

12. Date and venue of next meeting

April 2007 - Izmir, Turkey; 11-13 October 2007 - Geneva, Switzerland; Spring 2008 - Copenhagen, Denmark; Autumn 2008 - Slovenia (tentative proposal)