

UNION EUROPEENNE DES MEDECINS SPECIALISTES

SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Section of Psychiatry of the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes held in Helsinki, Finland, on 24 April 1998.

1. Present: Dr S Zihel (Slovenia), Dr V Martin (Belgium), Professor P Lievens (Belgium), Dr A Carney (PWG representative), Dr J Saliba (Malta), Professor A Mann (UK), Dr A Leht mets (Estonia), Dr S Treichel (Germany), Dr K Pykkänen (Finland), Dr C Smith (Ireland), Dr A Albuquerque (Portugal), Professor N Walsh (Ireland), Dr A Piotrowski (Poland), Professor A Parashos (Greece), Dr K O Svärd (Sweden), Dr H Nybäck (Sweden), Dr G Zarotti (Switzerland), Dr H Aggernaes (Denmark), Dr J Furedi (Hungary), Dr S Iveziaë (Croatia), Dr R ten Doesschate (Netherlands), Professor M Gómez-Beneyto (Spain), Dame Fiona Caldicott (UK), Dr A Lindhardt (Denmark), Dr Salokangas (Finland).
2. Apologies: Prof. Dr P König (Austria)
Dr E Hagemo (Norway),
Dr W Schudel (Netherlands)
Dr A J Dric Martin (France)
Prof G N Christodoulou (Greece)
Prof Jiri Raboch (Czech Republic)

Dame Fiona Caldicott, Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed Dr Zarotti, Dr Iveziaë, Dr Nybäck, Dr Leht mets and the EFPT trainee, who were attending the meeting for the first time. Members noted that Dr Wisloff of Norway had resigned from the Section and thanked him for his contribution to the work of the Section and the Board.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 1997

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record of the meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden on 17 October 1997 subject to the addition of Dr Kari Pykkänen's (Finland) name to the list of those who were present.

4. Matters arising from Minutes

a) Item 4(a): Reports from the Working Groups

Quality Assessment Chaired by Dr Karl-Otto Svärd

As the results of the working group's questionnaire on Quality Assessment had been circulated, Dr Svärd asked members if the facts were correct and asked if they agreed with the recommendations the group had made. After a few amendments to the results of the questionnaire the Section discussed whether the recommendations were realistic. Therein followed a discussion after which it was agreed that, following a minor adjustment to recommendation 4 and the addition of a 6th recommendation, both relating to the quality assessment of private doctors, the document would be taken to national organisations who would be asked to return their final comments by 1 September 1998 in order for the final recommendations to be made in Lisbon in October. Members were asked to note that the recommendations were for implementation and that individual countries were not expected to meet all the recommendations by 2000. The Chairman thanked the group for their useful work.

Continuing Medical Education

In Professor König's absence, Dame Fiona asked the Section if they approved his final recommendations as an official document of the Section. It was agreed that the final paragraph on page two should be altered in order to be less prescriptive about the amount of CME time that should be devoted to general psychiatry. The revised document would then be sent to members. It was also agreed to send the document to the UEMS Management Council for their approval. The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting held with other Royal Medical Colleges in London in March which had been organised by the Chief Medical Officer. The meeting was part of an initiative led by the British Government's current presidency of the European Union. This meeting published a document on the core skills a psychiatrist would be expected to have which she would distribute to the Section

On a matter which related to CME the chairman reported that she had received a letter from Dr Dric Martin and Dr Sontag regarding psychiatrists' obligation to maintain standards of practice and how judgements could be made about standards of practice. In the absence of Dr Dric Martin, it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for discussion at the meeting in Lisbon.

Finally, Dame Fiona reported that she had received a letter from Dr Peiffer which requested the Section to name an expert on CME to attend a conference he was organising and to act as the Section of Psychiatrist's contact person for CME. Professor König was proposed as the expert and Dr Lindhardt agreed to write to Professor König asking if he would be prepared to take on this role. Members noted that the UEMS would not cover costs for a CME expert.

Biological Psychiatry

As Dr Hohagen was absent it was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting in Lisbon.

Social Psychiatry: Chaired by Dr Ellen Hagemo

Dr Hagemo reported that the working group for social psychiatry had defined social psychiatry and would submit it to the meeting in Lisbon with a summary of the questionnaire distributed in 1997, indicating the overall trends. The Social Psychiatry working group had also worked on the appendix to be published in the Board's Requirements for Training in Psychiatry. They reported that these would be sent to Dr ten Doesschate for inclusion in the requirements' document before the next meeting.

b) **Item 5(a)** Notion of the Medical Act

Professor Walsh reported that the task group for the Notion of the Medical Act had not been able to meet up prior to the meeting, as had been hoped. It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for discussion in Lisbon.

c) Further Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 7(b)(1): Dr Aggernaes reminded the Section that they had agreed at the last meeting to send her copies of their National Mental Health legislation. She reported that she had only received two and asked members to send copies translated into English where possible.

Item 4(e) Collaboration with other European Associations: The Chairman reported that she had received a letter from Professor Christodoulou informing the Section that the AEP had agreed to formal affiliation with the World Psychiatric Association (WPA). It was agreed to ask Professor Christodoulou for further information,

including a copy of the rules mentioned in his letter, before considering the implications of an affiliation. Dame Fiona also reported that Professor Murray, President of the Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP) had been in contact with the College regarding the Section's invitation to the meeting in Helsinki. Professor Mann suggested that he acted as a representative of the Section at meetings of the AEP which he also attended.

5. **Reports on Psychiatric Practice in Estonia**

Dr Lehtmets, the President of the Estonian Psychiatric Association presented a report on psychiatric training in Estonia (copy of the report enclosed). After a number of questions the Chairman thanked Dr Lehtmets for his interesting and helpful report.

6. **UEMS Matters**

a) **UEMS Management Council**

Dr Pylkkänen gave an overview of the meetings of the UEMS Management Council. He reported that the Council held two meetings a year, one in a European country (each October) and a spring meeting in Brussels. The October meeting was always held in 5 languages and the Spring meeting in 2. Dr Pylkkänen reported that there were currently 18 full members of the UEMS and 6 Associate Members. He reported that the meeting held last October discussed a paper on the UEMS position on Primary Care which had not been brought to the table before. A new version of the definition of Primary Care had been brought to the Spring meeting which had been endorsed as official UEMS policy. The Council now saw CME as a key question. He also reported that the Statutes of the European Board of Psychiatry had been endorsed by the UEMS Management Council. Dame Fiona thanked Dr Pylkkänen for his useful insight into the work of the Management Council.

b) **UEMS Section Representatives Meeting**

Dame Fiona reported that she would be attending this meeting which had been moved from May to October in order to join in the celebrations of 40 years of the UEMS.

7. **Treasurers Report**

Dr ten Doesschate circulated a table which indicated whether member organisations had paid their subscription fees. Dr ten Doesschate reminded members that if they did not pay they did not have the right to vote.

8. **Any Other Business**

There was no further business.

9. **Dates of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the meetings would be held on the following dates:

8 - 10 October 1998	Lisbon, Portugal
15 - 17 April 1999	Budapest, Hungary
7 - 9 October 1999	Malta