

Union Européenne des Médecines Spécialistes

UEMS Section of Psychiatry

Minutes of the sixteenth meeting of the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes Section in Psychiatry held in Budapest, Hungary on 16 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. I. Tuma - Czech Republic - Psychiatric Association of the Czech Medical Association
Dr. A. Lindhardt - Denmark - Danish Psychiatric Association
Dr. H. Aggernaes - Denmark - Danish Psychiatric Association
Dr. K. Pykkänen - 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
Mr. R. Doesschate - 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 - Asociacion Espanola de Neuropsiquiatria
Dr. K. Svård - 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
Dr. K. Treichel - European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees

2. Apologies

Dr. V. Martin - Belgium - Belge Professionelles des Neurologues et Psychiatres
Prof. P. Lievens - Belgium - Association Professioneel Belge des Neurologues et des Psychiatries
Prof. F. Hohagen - Germany - Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Psychiatrie Psychotherapie and Nervenheilkunde
Prof. G. Christodoulou - Greece - Hellenic Psychiatric Association
Dr. A. Parashos - Greece - Hellenic Psychiatric Association
Prof. P. Furlan - Italy
Prof. S. Opjordsmoen - Norway - Norwegian Psychiatric Association
Dr. H. Nybäck - Sweden - Swedish Psychiatric Association
Prof. A. Mann - UK - Royal College of Psychiatrists

Dame Fiona Caldicott, the President, opened the meeting by welcoming members to Hungary.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 1998

The minutes of the meeting held in Lisbon, Portugal on 8 October 1998 were approved as a correct record, subject to changing the heading of 4a(iii) from 'Quality Assessment' to 'Quality Assurance'.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

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

(i) Biological Psychiatry Chaired by Prof. Fritz Hohagen

In Prof. Hohagen's absence no report was received. It was agreed to ask Prof. Hohagen to produce a draft statement, including recommendations for requirements for training in biological psychiatry, for distribution before the next meeting.

(ii) Social Psychiatry Chaired by Dr Ellen Hagemo

It was agreed to circulate the documents 'Recommendations on Social and Community Psychiatry' and 'Glossary of terms used in requirements for Specialist Training in Psychiatry' to national associations for comment. Delegates were asked to ensure that their associations returned any comments to the Chair of the Working Group by 1 August 1999. The President thanked the group for their work in this area.

(iii) Quality Assurance Chaired by Dr Karl-Otto Svärd

Dr Svärd informed the Section that national associations had now responded to the quality assurance document. He reported that, in the light of comments received, it had not been necessary to amend the document. The President asked the Section if they approved the final recommendations as an official document of the Section. This was agreed.

Dr Lindhardt suggested that the question of quality assurance could be developed further to include more specific recommendations on the setting of standards for care. Although it was acknowledged that this might be a difficult task, it was agreed that it would be a useful area for the Section to explore. Dr Svärd agreed to continue to chair the working group.

(iv) Mental Health Legislation Chaired by Dr Helle Aggernaes

Dr Aggernaes proposed that a revised version of the questionnaire on mental health legislation, previously completed by members in 1993, be circulated to members. The Section accepted this proposal and agreed to return the completed questionnaire to the Chair of the Working Group by 1 August 1999.

Dr Saliba brought to the attention of the Section a consultation documents entitled '*Guidelines to be incorporated in a preliminary draft recommendation of the committee of ministers of member states to ensure the protection of the human rights and dignity of people suffering from mental disorder, especially those placed as involuntary patients in a psychiatric establishment.*' The Working Group on Mental Health Legislation agreed to discuss this paper further.

(v) Old Age Psychiatry Chaired by Professor Anthony Mann

In Professor Mann's absence no report was received.

(b) Item 4(c): CME

Prof König, who had been nominated to the UEMS as the Section's expert on CME, reported that he had to date received no correspondence from the UEMS Secretariat on this issue.

(c) Item 7(d): Section and Board Web Site

Dr Martin had written to the UEMS webmaster regarding content and space availability on the UEMS web-site. He reported that space restrictions meant that only the names of the President and Secretary of each of the specialist Sections and Boards could be included on the current site. He also noted that there were currently no plans to develop this further.

(d) **Item 4a(i) and Item 7(h)** Public perception on the role of pharmaceuticals in psychiatry & Referral procedures in member countries

In Prof. Hohagen's absence it was agreed to postpone discussion of these items until the next meeting of the Section.

(e) **Item 7 (e)** Portuguese Medical Association

Section members had signed a petition at the previous meeting in Lisbon in support of the Portuguese Medical Association's attempts to lobby the Portuguese government to provide funding for neuroleptics and anti-depressants. Dr Albuquerque thanked members for their support and informed them that the issue was currently being discussed in the Portuguese Parliament.

5. UEMS Matters

(a) UEMS Management Council

Dr Pylkkänen reported that he attends two meetings of the UEMS Management Council per year. One meeting was always held in Brussels, the other rotated between member countries.

He informed the Section that it had recently been agreed in the UEMS statutes that the specialist Sections and Boards were able to comprise of the same membership. He also reported that the regulations concerning Board membership had been changed to permit representatives from both academic and scientific organisations.

He also informed the Section that the UEMS had been working towards the establishment of a European Accreditation Council for CME (EACCME). It was intended that this body would act as a European clearinghouse for CME credits and therefore facilitate CME for specialists in Europe. The EACCME would authorise the accreditation of providers and implement the international exchange of CME credits in conjunction with national associations. It was noted that the Section had not been involved in discussions surrounding the establishment of this Council.

The President thanked Dr Pylkkänen for this useful report.

(b) UEMS Section Representatives Meeting

The President informed the Section that she had attended the UEMS Section representatives meeting in Brussels during October 1998. She reported that the meeting was disappointing as it had been spent listening to historical accounts of all the UEMS Sections and Boards, leaving no time to discuss current policies and issues.

(c) Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section

Dr Sontag presented a report on the recent work of the Child and Adolescent Section in Psychiatry. He noted that the representatives from this Section were particularly interested in maintaining contact with the UEMS Section in Psychiatry and opening new channels of communication where possible. The President thanked him for this report.

6. Any Other Matters

(a) UEMS Budget

Dr ten Doesschate circulated a paper outlining which countries had not as yet paid their subscription for 1998 and/or 1999.

(b) Association of European Psychotherapists

The Section discussed the increasing prominence of a group named the 'Association of European Psychotherapists'. Dr Lindhardt suggested that this was an issue which involved minimum standards for care and therefore could be considered within the Psychotherapy working group. This was agreed.

(c) Report from the European Federation for Psychiatric Trainees (EFPT)

As Dr Treichel, the representative from the EFPT, was unable to attend the Board meeting, this report was given at the Section meeting. Dr Treichel presented an overview of the recent work of this body. He reported that membership of the Federation had recently risen to include 22 countries, which were currently represented by a total of 46 members. This increase in membership had given rise to a change in the organisational structure of the Federation and the election of a Board to deal with its day to day running.

Dr Treichel informed the Section that there had recently been discussion as to voting rights within the Federation. Section members suggested that the EFPT, given its recognition by the European Board of Psychiatry, should follow the same membership criteria as the UEMS. The Secretary agreed to forward to Dr Treichel the relevant documentation from the UEMS handbook.

The President, on behalf of the European Board of Psychiatry, congratulated the Board of the EFPT on their success in strengthening the role of the Federation and wished them every success in future ventures.

(d) Questionnaire on Psychiatric Sub-specialities within Member Countries

Mr Doesschate offered to devise a questionnaire with the aim of providing an overview of provision in the psychiatric sub-specialities within member countries. It was agreed that this would be a useful exercise.

(e) Elections for new Section President, Secretary and Treasurer

The Section was given notice of the forthcoming ballot to elect a new Section President, Secretary and Treasurer. It was agreed that the guidelines would be circulated at the appropriate time.

(f) Information Pack for New Delegates

It was decided that all new UEMS Section and European Board representatives should receive the following: UEMS handbook; agreed policy papers; statutes of Section and Board; minutes from two previous meetings of Section and Board and a full membership list.

(g) Dates of Next Meetings

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