



## EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING 23 JUNE 2017

### **Date and Time**

23rd June 2017 (Friday) at 13:00

### **Place**

White Room, Budapest Congress Center  
H-1123 Budapest, Jagelló út 1-3.

### **Agenda**

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the last EBHS Meeting of 25th November 2016
- 2) Report of EBHS President - Zsolt Szabó
  - : UEMS Council Meeting in Tel-Aviv, Israel (27-28 April 2017)
  - : UEMS 60th Anniversary in 2018
  - : UEMS Rules of Procedures
  - : UEMS & European Scientific Societies meeting in Brussels (19 October 2017)
  - : EACCME new structure accreditation (experiences so far)
- 3) ESPRAS-FESSH / EBOPRAS-EBHS cooperation – Aurelio Portincasa
- 4) Report of EBHS Treasurer - Max Haerle
- 5) EBHS Exam issues -Martin Richter, FESSH Examination Committee Chair
- 6) CESMA meeting in Glasgow (13 May) - Martin Richter, FESSH Examination Committee
- 7) Different matters
  - : Timo Raatikainen successor in EBHS
  - : future UEMS/CESMA/EACCME meetings to attend
  - : next EBHS meeting (date and place to appoint)

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## MINUTES

Present: Zsolt Szabó, Max Haerle, Aurelio Portincasa, Maurizio Calcagni, Massimo Ceruso  
Martin Richter, Timo Raatikainen

### **1) Approval of the minutes of the last EBHS Skype Meeting**

The minutes of the last EBHS Meeting held on 25th November 2016 have been approved.

### **2) Report of EBHS President - Zsolt Szabó**

At the UEMS Council Meeting in Tel-Aviv in April nobody could be represented on EBHS behalf due to very unfortunate timing. As soon as the minutes of the meeting are available, EBHS Secretariat will circulate them.

The letter from UEMS referring to the 60th Anniversary in 2018 has been introduced by Zs. Szabó.

Information on the changes in 'Rules of Procedure' within UEMS has been shown. Having gone through, no changes have been seen what would effect the operation of EBHS.

It was mentioned that in the UEMS Council EBHS had no right to vote as a Board. The voting rights have the National Associations – not the boards or sections. A. Portincasa therefore insisted that EBHS should send the request to FESSH National Representatives and have actions/lobbying through them in the future.

UEMS & European Scientific Societies Meeting will be held on 19th October 2017 with the aim to achieve a better relation between the Scientific Society and the UEMS Board.

Nominees have been requested from EBHS – Zs. Szabó has nominated M. Calcagni as FESSH Secretary General and himself as EBHS President.

M. Ceruso considered it a crucial issue as it has been never clear so far, but now there seems to be an opening towards scientific societies. Zs. Szabó invited anyone else who would like to join them. EBHS Secretariat should be informed about further registrations.

K. Szigedi informed that EACCME has a new structure for CME accreditation which has been used for FESSH2017 Congress as well. Delay in launch of the system has caused certain problems and not all the anticipated features are operating yet.

### **3) ESPRAS-FESSH / EBOPRAS-EBHS cooperation – Aurelio Portincasa**

There was a positive feeling in ESPRAS ExCo meeting where A. Portincasa has participated.

George Psaras is open and glad to have a devoted session to hand surgery – both for plastic and orthopaedics. An entire morning or afternoon will be given. EBHS shall propose 10 names from all over Europe. It would be worth considering participants from each geographical regions. It was agreed that not only names but also topics should be proposed as the two connects very much. They expect a session devoted also to plastic surgery overlapping with hand surgery in Copenhagen with 10 people with free registrations. The Scientific Committee of FESSH2018 shall be informed. ESPRAS is going to renew with new bylaws within the coming year. So far IPRAS was the official body.

As EBOPRAS and the European Board of Surgery are both part of UEMS any kind of cooperation should come from EBHS and not from FESSH. Outi Kaarela from Finland is the new EBOPRAS chair – new relation shall be done.

The idea has been mentioned that ESPRAS – FESSH and EBOPRAS – EBHS shall be separately connected. M. Calcagni though does not feel the need of writing a letter from EBHS to EBOPRAS. He considers the relation between ESPRAS – FESSH is important. The only way to start a cooperation is through scientific level and not through political level – it was agreed. It was also agreed to start with the joint sessions and see after the changes in ESPRAS.

M. Ceruso reminded that orthopaedic surgeons are not interested in collaborating

### **4) Report of EBHS Treasurer - Max Haerle**

The actual balance of the EBHS account has been prepared and showed with details on both income and expense side. So far, the figures are in harmony with the plans prepared in last November where a closing balance of approx. €8,100 is foreseen owing to the raise in examination fees. This year's annual report will be prepared by EBHS Secretariat in November to see if any further financial actions are necessary.

## **5) EBHS Exam issues - Martin Richter**

Martin Richter talked about the number of applicants, ration of success and failure. 141 declarations of interest have been submitted most from Germany, Switzerland, UK, Netherlands. 88 applications have been accepted including 17 non EU candidates. 73 candidates took part in 9 centers at the MCQ where 16 failed. 65 candidates (including 12 from previous exam) attended the oral exam with 9 failures.

Two examiners have left the committee and two new ones have joined the team: Piotr Czarnecki from Poland and Massimo Corain from Italy.

At the oral exams the evaluation form was used consistently and extensively for the cases when 2 or 1 marks were given explaining the reason of the failure.

On-line self-assessment will be launched on 1st September with 60 questions for 120 euro available for 6 months. It hopefully will bring better results on the exam.

2 EACCME credits for the EBHS Examiners have been approved by EACCME.

The new MCQ's will be created online by the examiners into the online exam database. Classification of the questions on 2 levels will help to check in which fields more questions are necessary. The compilation of the exam becomes easier.

Next meeting of the Examination Committee will be held 17-18th November 2017 in Nice.

The Best Diploma Award was given to Rasmus Thorkildsen, Norway (13 points from the maximum 15).

EBHS Secretariat has been asked to launch accreditation of online assessment as e-learning even if credits are given later.

## **6) CESMA meeting in Glasgow (13 May) - Martin Richter**

### **7) Different matters**

No successor for Timo Raatikainen has been appointed yet officially.

Future UEMS/CESMA/EACCME meetings to attend

: October 10-13 Lund – F. Verstreken is in charge of UEMS relations now.

: October 19 Brussels

EBHS Secretariat shall find out the dates for 2018 meeting schedule as soon as available.

CESMA related meetings will be attended by M. Richter and/or L. Muir

UEMS/EACCME related meetings will be attended by F. Verstreken.

Next date shall be set if it could be connected to UEMS Meeting on 19 October in Brussels.

The EBHS meeting has been closed by Zs. Szabó at 14:30