



## EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING 19 JUNE 2019 – BERLIN, GERMANY

### MINUTES **Draft**

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Present: Max Haerle, Aurelio Portincasa, Maurizio Calcagni, Martin Richter, Andrzej Zyluk, Krisztina Szigedi

Max Haerle welcomes participants and starts the meeting at 12:30  
The proposed agenda as been accepted and the discussion followed as below.

The minutes of the last EBHS Meeting of 16th November 2018 have been approved without any objections.

#### Report of EBHS Secretary – Aurelio Portincasa

Further to the actual developments in the management of the UEMS, the recently appointed UEMS vice-president, Marc H.M. Hermans contacted presidents of MJC's to make an overview of the recent activities and future projects of each of the MJC's and TF's.

A short report on activities of the last few years, minutes of meetings and documents illustrating collaborative projects setup between partnering sections or associations was requested also from EBHS. The points of this report has been prepared by A. Portincasa as listed below:

- 1] establishment of annual EBHS exam – both written and oral part
- 2] implementation of White Book
- 3] participating in construction of education programs for sections
- 4] participating in the creation of the exams in sections of orthopedics and plastic surgery
- 5] active participation to all meetings of UEMS
- 6] helping to build up educational points within CESMA
- 7] meetings of the Board of European Board of Hand Surgery at least twice a year
- 8] communication between the European Board of Hand Surgery and the European national hand surgery societies
- 9] exact book holding for all activities included the exam and exchange of information with UEMS.

EBHS Secretariat was asked to fill it in with contents and send it to A. Portincasa for final adjustments before returning to UEMS.

Further to this topic M. Haerle requested an activity chart to prepare including forthcoming UEMS meetings and responsible persons on EBHS behalf to attend.

Letter to call for 2019 UEMS Award nominations have also been discussed. Decision was made that EBHS will nominate M. Ceruso for next year's award.

A. Portincasa also reported on his attendance at the UEMS Advisory Council and EACCME meeting on 12 January 2019 in Brussels. His report with all supporting documents were sent to EBHS members in advance and are also attached to the minutes of this meeting.

M. Haerle thanked for the report and requested A. Portincasa to kindly keep on assisting him with participating at UEMS related meetings and communicating with UEMS.

#### UEMS Section of Surgery representatation in EBHS - Max Haerle

The representative of UEMS Section of Surgery, Timo Raatikainen has retired. Following the bylaws of UEMS a general surgery representative with knowledge and interest in hand surgery should be nominated. FESSH recommended A. Zyluk as a candidate for this position for the next three years. Recommendation letter to the Polish Medical Chamber has been sent with the request to proceed with application towards UEMS accordingly.

At the meeting in Berlin M. Haerle welcomed A. Zyluk and gave a short introduction about EBHS activities and the anticipated tasks in his position with the participation at EBHS meetings twice a year. A. Zyluk was requested to inform EBHS on the status of the application later this year.

#### Report of FESSH Examination Committee Chair - Martin Richter

This year's EBHS Exam has been held on 16-17 June in Berlin. There were:

- 178 registrations from 33 countries in the exam online system, 98 accepted among them
- 87 came to the written part in March 2019, 16 failed (18.4%)
- 81 registered to the oral exam in June 2019 Berlin, 62 passed

In order to match the increasing number of candidates 12 new examiners have been invited in 2019 from France, Switzerland, Poland, Netherlands, Turkey, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Belgium, UK and Germany. The new system of 3 orals worked very well, it was worth the extra work load.

There were 13 teams (two examiners in each team) for vivas and in addition 3 teams for practical exam part. The practical part was without impact on the result in 2019.

On the practical part the topics were randomly distributed to the stations.

Evaluation sheet was filled in after each candidate's performance.

Future plans for EBHS Exam in Basel in 2020 are:

- The practical part will have an impact on the result of the exam.
- The practical test will count 10% and the 3 orals 90% in the result.
- CESMA officers will be invited for the reappraisal of the EBHS Exam

M. Richter participated at the CESMA Meeting quite recently on 31 May – 1 June 2019.

#### Report on EBHS Finances - Krisztina Szigedi on behalf of Maurizio Calcagni

K. Szigedi reported on her participation at the UEMS Treasurer's meeting on 23 February 2019 in Brussels where the common admin platform was introduced. The common accounting platform will regularize the record keeping and upgrade it in order to maximally facilitate the work for the UEMS Bodies and for the UEMS Office. In addition, each UEMS Body needs to send its planned budget as well as activity report every year in order to include them in the UEMS Budget and reports and to make them accurate and reliable.

An explanation of the management fees introduced by the decision of the UEMS Council Meeting in October 2018 was also given along with method of calculation and procedures.

2018 Management fees have been fixed and the EBHS share of €3910 was paid in June 2019 as requested by UEMS.

Summary of the UEMS presentation along with other supporting documents for the above topic are available at EBHS Secretariat in case EBHS Board would like to have more details.

EBHS account present status shows a positive balance due to the fact that examination fees have been paid by candidates while examination expenses will only be paid later this month. As foreseen by the end of the year the balance will be around zero after having paid examiners reimbursement and all costs related to the organisation of the exam. Detailed account report will be presented at the next EBHS meeting getting closer to end of the year when the annual budget will be almost final.

#### Different matters

A list of future UEMS/CESMA/EACCME meetings shall be prepared by EBHS Secretariat and shall be circulated to finalise attendance on EBHS behalf.

It has been agreed that the next EBHS meeting will be held joint to the FESSH Examination Committee meeting held in Nice, France.

Date and time is: 15 November 2019 (Friday) from 12:30 to 14:30

The meeting was closed at 13:30