



EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING 15 NOVEMBER 2019 – NICE, FRANCE

MINUTES

Present: Aurelio Portincasa, Maurizio Calcagni, Martin Richter, Andrzej Zyluk, Nándor Matrai, Krisztina Szigedi

Apologies: Massimo Ceruso, Max Haerle (due to redirected flight)

M. Haerle opened the meeting at 11:40 via phone and apologized for not being present to to flight cancellation the night before.

Approval of the minutes of the last EBHS Meeting of 19th June 2019

The minutes of the last meeting have been approved without objections.

Report of EBHS Secretary – Aurelio Portincasa

A. Portincasa reported on the UEMS Council Meeting on 18-19 October 2019 in London. There was no representative present on behalf of EBHS but the requested documents have been submitted thus his report was held based on the minutes and supporting documents of the meeting. The detailed report was circulated amongst EBHS members and are also attached to the present minutes.

EBHS has been asked to submit a report on current and future activities to UEMS. The report presented at the meeting was prepared by A. Portincasa and submitted to UEMS earlier.

M. Calcagni called attention that as EWAS is not part of UEMS point 3 shall be removed from the document. Several other remarks were made and requested to amend the document for future submissions to UEMS. Common training platform would be the only important but not much progress in that. We can propose our target for the next 3 years with a draft budget up to 4 to 6 meeting per year paid by the sections.

UEMS Award nomination has been a topic as well. As agreed at the last meeting in Berlin EBHS wishes to nominate Massimo Ceruso for 2020 UEMS Award. UEMS will circulate application criteria and form in spring 2020. Upon receipt of the form we shall ask M. Ceruso to fill it in. In the meantime EBHS Board shall inform him about the decision.

Report of EBHS Treasurer – Maurizio Calcagni

The annual budget report has been prepared by K. Szigedi and presented by M. Calcagni. Income in this year up to date is €66,900 while expenses foreseen in this year are €99,313 The negative balance in 2019 is due to the following facts:

- 1) Increased number of examiners due to increased need for capacity (e.g. more viva stations onsite and the launch of practical examination)

- 2) Increased amount for examiners' reimbursement in addition to higher rate of reimbursement claims compared to previous years. (formerly cca. 40% of examiners reclaimed reimbursement, this year it had been 95%)
- 3) Increased cost of autumn examination committee meeting again due to higher number of attendees.
- 4) Payment of €3910 management fee to UEMS that was also extra to previous years.

The budget will have a negative balance which can be financed from two sources. One is the remaining balance from 2018 the other is by FESSH input before the end of the year.

Plan for 2020 budget has also been presented with proposals to cover increased expenses:

- 1) Increasing FESSH membership fee for the actual number of FESSH members that is 4592 in 2019. It might also be considered if the current €1 per member shall be raised for 2020.
- 2) Raising examination fee since EBHS Exam fee is relatively low compared to other European Board exams. Amount shall be considered for both options – FESSH members and none FESSH members.
- 3) Excluding autumn FESSH Examination Committee meeting costs from EBHS budget.
- 4) Including FESSH online self-assessment income to EBHS budget.

These options shall be presented to FESSH Executive Committee at its meeting on 28 November as well.

K. Szigedi is requested to update the present budget plans with the options discussed at EBHS meeting.

UEMS Section of Surgery representation in EBHS– Maurizio Calcagni

M. Calcagni Introduced the members of EBHS board to A. Zyluk who is the newly appointed representative of the UEMS Section of Surgery in EBHS. The activity of EBHS and the positions of the members have also been introduced.

A. Zyluk explained the process of his appointment process and will try to be of help wherever he can. A. Portincasa also welcomed him on board and thanked him for the effort.

EBHS European Diploma in Hand Surgery - Martin Richter

M. Richter reported that this year in Berlin there were 78 candidates accepted for oral exam who completed the task with 20% failure rate – 36% in total including the result of the MCQ. This result is not much higher than last year. Regarding the reports of other exam result at CESMA meetings we are in the middle level among other specialities.

The next exam will be held in Basel prior to the annual FESSH Congress on 1-2 June 2020. It is going to be new this time that the practical exam score will give 10% of the result.

So far there are 107 registrations submitted plus some left-overs from 2019. Based on former years' figures we expect the same number of candidates.

CESMA meetings are mainly about assessment where M. Richter and L. Muir try to participate once a year but not twice as the meetings are more useful for organisations in the process of establishing a European exam. Next year M. Richter will go.

Different matters

Future UEMS/CESMA/EACCME meetings

A list of foreseen UEMS related events were circulated and EBHS Board members have been appointed to meetings. The list shall be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Next EBHS meeting

It was agreed that the next EBHS meeting is held on 5 June (Friday) in Basel during FESSH Congress. Save-the-date emails will be sent by EBHS Secretariat soon and further details with exact schedule and agenda draft are due in April 2020. UEMS representative shall be invited. It was also decided that the next autumn meeting shall be held via skype to be more cost effective.

The meeting ended at 13:10