



Meeting Minutes

Monday 8th March 2010 at 09.30-12.00 hrs CET
ESICM, 19 rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels

Attendees:

Rui Moreno (Chair)
Andy Rhodes (Honorary Secretary)
Philipp Metnitz
Herwig Gerlach
Hans Flaatten
Jean-Daniel Chiche
Francesca Rubulotta
Fernando Gilsanz (Anaesthesia section)
Nelly Le Devic (ESICM EO)
Estelle Flament (ESICM office staff)

Apologies :

Hugo Van Aken (Chair of MJCICM and Anaesthesia section)
Magda Heras (Cardiology section)
Ranolfur Palsson (Secretary of Internal Medicine Section)
Gareth Llewelyn (Neurology section)
Tomasz Trojanowski (President of neurosurgery section)
Jean Christoph Mercier (Paediatric section)
Armand Girbes (ESICM)

Welcome:

Rui Moreno welcomed all participants.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held in Vienna on October 2009 that had been previously circulated on behalf of the past Chair of the board Prof. Julian Bion, were unanimously approved.

Current membership of Board

The current list of members of the Board was described and discussed. It was noted that there were not many Section representatives at the meeting. It was noted that this was disappointing, had happened often also in previous meetings of the Board, and that getting section involvement was vital for the running of the Board.

Election of new Chair and Honorary Secretary

The results of the recent elections were discussed. Rui Moreno is the elected chair of the Board and Andy Rhodes the elected honorary secretary. Rui Moreno thanked Julian Bion (in his absence) for all of his hard work as the previous chair and Hugo van Aken (in his absence) as the previous secretary. It was noted that Hugo Van Aken remained the chair of the multi-disciplinary joint committee for training in intensive care medicine. It was also noted that with the turnaround of the board membership, it was difficult to maintain a memory of previous discussions and decisions. This needs to be reviewed and corrected.

Board statutes and working arrangements.

The current board statutes and working arrangements were described and discussed. In particular it was noted that the board reports to the MJCICM and through them to the UEMS. It was noted that getting section involvement and also getting the MJCICM involvement was vital if any progress from the board was to be made. This was to be thought about by all board members, and views passed back to the chair.

Status of ICM Training

The road Map to incorporate Intensive Care Medicine in the Directive 2005/36/EV of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications as a particular medical competence in Europe in Annex 5.1.3 was discussed. In particular it was noted that although the roadmap had been accepted and agreed by the UEMS, little progress had been made since with regards implementing its recommendations within the EU. However, all the members supported this track and this concept as the best way to push things forward.

There was some discussion with regards the content of the roadmap, as some members of the board had not had the chance to review it. It was agreed that it would be sent to all board members for their review and thoughts following this meeting.

There was some discussion surrounding the different levels of recognition of ICM in the separate countries and also the way training schemes operate and recognize each other. It was recognized that the CoBatrice collaboration provided an excellent framework for describing the state of ICM training in Europe and it was noted that this project should collaborate to a greater extent with the EBICM.

Free movement for Health Professionals without a primary speciality

The importance of this issue was raised.

EBICM website

Several representatives of the sections had asked for more information about the board as could not find much on the Internet. It was agreed that we would develop a website describing the membership and activities of the board. This would ideally be hosted by the UEMS, but if this was a problem could be hosted on the ESICM site.

Hospital visitation program

There had been no requests for training programs to be visited and reviewed. There is a structured process within the anaesthesia section for this process, which is felt to be a valued tool and mechanism for improving training standards.

Next meeting

Date to be fixed in April or in May 2010