



European Board of Intensive Care Medicine (EBICM) - UEMS Multi-Disciplinary Joint Committee (MJC)  
Intensive Care Medicine

## Minutes Meeting of the MJC ICM and EBICM

Vienna (Vienna Exhibition and Congress Centre) on Monday, June 3, 2019, from 11:30 to 13:30

### Agenda:

#### 1. Welcome (J. Kesecioglu / M. Sander)

Prof. Michael Sander (MS) and Prof. Josef Kesecioglu (JK) welcomed all participants. All participants introduced themselves.

JK thanked everyone for their participation, pointing out that the group needs to become more dynamic and more motivated to actually make decisions and effect change in respect of intensive care medicine in Europe.

#### *Action points:*

Encourage new members to take part in MJC ICM and EBICM projects.

#### 2. Review minutes Vienna (M. Sander)

The minutes of the Paris meeting were reviewed. In this context, MS pointed out that it had still not yet been possible to find members to fill the remaining gaps in the primary ICM specialities (cardiac surgery, cardiology, internal medicine, neurology). The group pointed out that Dr. Price and Dr. Llewelyn from the United Kingdom could become the representatives for cardiology and internal medicine.

#### *Action points:*

None

#### 3. Structure and Mission of the MJC ICM / EBICM

##### - Perspective from ESICM (J. Kesecioglu)

##### - Perspective from MJC ICM (M. Sander)

The structure of the EBICM was clarified. The EBICM consists of a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee for Intensive Care Medicine (MJC ICM) and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM). Each National Medical Association (NMA) can send two members. The two members of this NMA together have one vote.

MS presented the publication by Simon de Lange et al. regarding the structure, organization and training guidelines for the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee for Intensive Care Medicine.

The details of the structure of the MJC ICM and EBICM have been clarified, and with everyone on the same page, the group discussed features of the mission of the MJC ICM. Everyone agreed on a couple of major priorities the MJC should focus on in the future. These major features of the MJC's mission will have to be presented to the UEMS in order to

get its support. The previous features of the mission of the MJC were specified, in particular, the free movement of intensivists throughout Europe.

Furthermore, defining patient safety recommendations and achieving comparable staffing standards, as well as establishing standardized guidelines, remain important priorities for the MJC.

In order to achieve these goals, guidance from the UEMS is required. Therefore, a letter has to be drafted, and MS will contact the president of UEMS.

A different perspective on the future status of intensive care medicine was discussed, with the possibility of intensive care medicine becoming a specialty. Everybody agreed that this would automatically allow the free movement of intensivists throughout Europe, which is one important goal of the UEMS. In order to achieve this further guidance from UEMS is needed. We should look at the examples from other specialties eg. Respiratory medicine, geriatrics.

*Action points:*

A letter to the UEMS needs to be drafted with a request for support to realize the most important goals of the MJC, as defined in the meeting, as well as setting up regular meetings with UEMS.

4. Participation in other MJCs

- MJC on Immune Mediated Diseases (M. Sander)
- Infection Control (MJC IC) (M. Sander)

MS spoke about the participation of the MJC ICM in other MJCs in response to requests from the MJC on Infection control and the MJC on Immune Mediated diseases for collaboration with the MJC ICM. MS pointed out that he is going to forward this request to the MJC of internal medicine as well.

Dr. Gumersindo Diaz agreed to participate in the MJC on infection control.

*Action points:*

MS to forward the requests to the MJC of infection control.

5. European harmonization

- Fellowship program (M. Sander)

MS summarized the fellowship program of the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine (FEBICM). It was pointed out that the fellowship is a mark of excellence in Intensive Care Medicine, and contributes to the improvement of the individual quality of intensivists; its aim is the certification of maintained competences in Intensive Care Medicine. The criteria for this fellowship are:

- Training in intensive care medicine completed in a UEMS-Member state
- Registration as a specialist in a UEMS-member state for a minimum of 5 years
- Training and clinical experience as a specialist for 10 years
- European ICM examination passed

Due to the priority given to the previously mentioned topic regarding the free movement of intensivists throughout Europe, this topic is now to appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

*Action points:*

Put on the agenda for next meeting.

6. Recommendations on the basic requirements for intensive care units (M. Sander/J. Kesecioglu)

MS presented the publication by Valentin et al. (ICM 2011), which defined the basic requirements for intensive care units. The group agreed that, in addition to the ETR, it will be of importance for the free movement of ICM personnel across Europe to know the structure of and requirements for intensive care units across the continent, these to include technical aspects (monitoring, ultrasound machines, point-of-care devices etc.), but also staffing aspects (nurse-to-patient ratios, doctor-to-patient ratios, training requirements for the practice of ICM). Everybody agreed on the importance of good working conditions in intensive care medicine.

MS gave an update on the Staffing, Equipment and Safety Evaluation (EINSTEIN) in ICUs across Europe. In this study, designed to improve the quality of care for ICM patients across Europe, the following will be analyzed: the shortage of nurses, variable nurse-to-patient staffing ratios, the shortage of doctors, variable doctor-to-patient staffing ratios, closed ICU beds, different structures, equipment and patient outcomes. MS presented a time schedule for the EINSTEIN study.

*Action points:*

1. Prof. Sander to organise a meeting for the EINSTEIN study at ESICM in Berlin

6. Any other business

None.

*Action points:*

None.

**Next meeting:** During ESICM 2019, 28/9 – 2/10 2019 in Berlin, the exact date, time and venue to be communicated later.