

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

Administrative Council

Venue: Grand Hotel Malahide, Dublin

On: Saturday 25 October 2008 9.30–16.00

Minutes

1. Apologies and Welcome (S Lindgren)

Apologies were received from Ugo Carcassi (Italy), Andrej Dukat (Slovakia), Aivars Lejnieks (Latvia), Agris Martinsons (Latvia), Guiseppe Licata (Italy) and (Israel)

Welcome to Margus Lember, new president of the Estonian Society of Internal Medicine, Rhid Dowdle and Bhatia Deepak, from the Society for Acute Medicine (UK), Mikael Köhler, from the Swedish Society of Internal Medicine and Dr Crippa from Italy.

S Lindgren announced that there will be some changes in the agenda: item 10 will be moved to item 4, and additional items for ESIM and the course in clinical research.

1. Draft Minutes of the Administrative Council, Rome 07/05/08 for approval (S Lindgren)

The minutes were approved and signed.

2. Appointment of W Bauer as new President; Thank you to leaving members of the EC, and to A Baptista for ESIM

Chris Davidson, Daniel Sereni were thanked and addressed the AC with thanks for their time spent in the EC; Both will remain in close collaboration, taking care respectively of the FDIME and ESIM;

Antonio Baptista was thanked for directing ESIM for 3 years. He will remain as Vice Director of the school.

Stefan Lindgren left his seat to Werner Bauer, as new president of EFIM, and was thanked for his work.

3. Selection of a new Editor-in-Chief for EJIM; farewell to Peter de Leeuw, Editor-in-Chief EJIM

JWE thanked Peter de Leeuw for his excellent work at the head of EJIM for the past 3 years.

The AC approved the selection of Pier Mannucci, an Editor in Chief with a strong experience, as the new Editor in Chief of EJIM. A meeting will take place in Amsterdam before the end of the year to finalise the transitional process.

Karena Grundy commented that the Journal is doing very well, with Turkey, Sweden and Iceland having adopted the Journal, and she invites other National Societies to do the same.

4. EFIM-7 2008, Rome

WB reported on the fine experience of the Rome Congress and asked the Italian representatives to transmit the thanks of EFIM to professor Licata for the organisation and positive financial outcome.

5. EFIM-8 2009, Istanbul

Serhat Unal's presentation is enclosed. (Enc 1)

- The conference is to take place at the WOW hotel, close to airport and city center, with continuous transfer to the city.
- 14 symposia, 3 plenary sessions, 3 interactive lectures, and a YI programme.
- World day of internal medicine with colleagues from South America, Japan, USA.
- Number of oral communications will depend on submissions, but all abstracts will be published

(Question from Prof.Crimma)

- There will be some interactive lectures (Question from Prof Katsilambros) and a visit of the posters will be organised (Question from Romania)
- There is a possibility to hold a nurse day at the same time. They already have been contacted. It could be interesting to develop links.

6. EFIM-9 2010, Stockholm

Presentation enclosed (Enc 2)

7. EFIM-10 2011, Athens

Greek representatives informed us that the new president of the Congress will be Prof. Raptis.

8. Congress planning

- Change of document: The changes in the Congress planning documents, aimed at making things clearer, have been approved. In particular, the document points out that the participants data collected belong to EFIM, and not to the congress organisers.

The administrative Council approved the decision to move forward with contracting a core PCO, most likely CONGREX, providing the company is able to be flexible and able to avoid conflicts of interest with local PCO.

9. Communication with members of National Societies

It was agreed that in order to resolve the difficulties of communication with national societies, it was agreed that each national society will send the contact details of one person in each society responsible for disseminating information among the members.

10. Election of the Executive Committee

- Re-election of the treasurer: Faustino Ferreira was unanimously re-elected
- Election of the President Elect: Ramon Pujol was elected.
- Election of the second vice president: S Unal was elected.

11. Reports from the Working Groups

- **Quality of Care** (Harry Van Hulsteijn), The group needs input from National Societies and Young Internists and will use efimsurveys.org to get this information (**enc 3**)

- **Competencies and European Board of Internal Medicine**

EBIM is a coordination between the section of Internal Medicine at UEMS and EFIM. Competencies will represent both group, results will be published under EBIM. The group holds 2 physical meetings a year, one on UEMS ground, one on EFIM ground.

Projects:

European exam was not successful, and only few YI were interested to achieve this diploma. It will rest until interest is met again.

Quality assessment of IM / specialist training: With the help of YI UEMS will develop what they have worked on so far. There is a need to know what the most common problems are in every day practice and compare it with actual training.

Presentation of the e-prime project (**presentation enclosed 4**)

Political issues: the group will change its name into “professional issues of internal medicine in Europe” and the new chairman will be Mark Kramer.

M Kramer sent a proposal of a document about the relationship between industry and practitioner; that will be discussed in the working group, and then EC before coming to the AC when the time is right.

other possible topic: economics and internal medicine, but need to finish strategy paper first;

Research course: the clinical research course will be held in Paris 16 to 18 April 2009. Requests for candidacies will be sent out to national societies in January.

12. Young Internists: report from Mine Durusu enclosed (**Enc. 5**)

13. Candidacy of the Society of Acute Medicine

R Doodle presented the Society of Acute Medicine, created 8 years ago and asked that the Society becomes a member of EFIM.

The representatives of UK in EFIM stated that the particular situation in the UK with no Internal Medicine Society per say, justified the involvement of this new group, especially as both groups are working closely.

M Durusu also noted that branches, such as acute medicine, are the future of Internal Medicine, and therefore the group should be welcomed in EFIM.

The membership was approved, with 2 voices against and 3 abstentions.

14. ISIM

See enclosed presentation (**Enc 6**). Dr Kohler mentioned that ISIM is always looking for additional lecturers and would welcome more participation from EFIM.

15. Foundation

Daniel Sereni informed the AC of his project to organise a fundraising event in Paris in February 2010 at the Opera in collaboration with the Pierre Bergé foundation.

16. ESIM

Presentation from A Baptista (**Enc 7**) of the September 2008 school.

- The school witnessed growth every year
- A Baptista thanked AC members for sending lecturers

- He also announced 2 free registrations for newcomers thanks to the remaining budget of ESIM 2008

ESIM 12: Presentation from C Davidson (Enc8)

The school will take place in Greenwich, 6 to 12 September 2009, with 60 to 70 residents, and the cost will be 995 euros for the week.

12. Any Other Business

No other business

13. Next meeting

Next meeting will take place in Istanbul on May 27th at 1 pm

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