

UEMO 99/242.....

UEMO PLENUM Killarney, Ireland Saturday 24 October 9.30am - 1.30pm

Chair: Dr Cormac Macnamara, UEMO President

1. OPENING

In convening the plenary session the President expressed his thanks to all for having the privilege of having served as UEMO President for the past four years.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 1998

The minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President noted that he had delayed circulating his written report until he had been able to clarify precisely the current situation regarding the EU Directives. Following years of hard work the initial draft of the directive had proved disappointing and an active lobbying campaign was initiated with the special assistance of the Dutch delegation. It now appears that the majority of the amendments favored by the UEMO has been adopted in the European Parliament and sent as proposals to the Council of Ministers. However, these amendments could still be voted down and it is crucial that all delegations lobby their national governments and members of the European Parliament in this regard.

In regard to ACMT, the President noted that there had been movement to abolish this committee and that the pressure exerted by the UEMO and other sectors of the profession had ensured that the Commission had, at least for the present time, withdrawn their proposal.

In regard to CP there had been a frustrating period in which matters of importance to the UEMO had not been debated at CP meetings, even when they were listed on the agenda. However, the situation appeared to be improving and progress is expected.

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the UEMO the President extended the warmest wishes from UEMO.

With regard to the UEMO Conference on Women in General Practice, the President was pleased to report that there had been a high level of interest and there seemed to be a feeling that the UEMO should continue to address the issues raised at the Conference.

4. UEMO FINANCES

4.1 Closing of Accounts 1997

The Accounts were presented to plenum by the President and he noted that the following had been agreed during the Heads of Delegation Meeting:

- Kensington royalties should be available for particular projects and not general administration
- Arrears are to be pursued in respect of France and Greece.
- The incoming Presidency to make contact with Turkey informing them that under the circumstances they were suspended but to pursue some possibilities of affiliation
- The incoming Presidency to negotiate with Hungary on future payments

In discussion Dr Pace (M) noted that although the accounts reflected arrears for Malta he was of the opinion that the monies had been paid and would check this matter on his return. He also noted that the subscription for Malta should be 2/3 of a share and not 1 share as is reflected in the accounts.

4.2 Draft Budget 1999

Dr de Sousa presented a draft Budget which reflected an increase of 22%. He noted that such an increase would allow UEMO to operate as a self sufficient organisation and not continue to rely on financial support from the host country, such a structure would assist in allowing all countries to host the Presidency.

In discussion it was suggested by Dr Stein(L) that the proposed Budget be held for the four year Presidency period but Dr Chisholm(UK) argued against this stating that gradual increases over each year would be preferable to a large increase every four years. Some countries expressed reservations regarding the increase but on a proposal from the British delegation and seconded by the Irish delegation the draft budget was approved and adopted.

4.3 Subscription Key

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The President noted that no agreement had been reached at a meeting on the previous day regarding the possibility of a revised subscription key.

5. UEMO WEBSITE

Dr de Sousa presented the UEMO website and the intention is to continue developing this area over their Presidency,

6. UEMO WORKING GROUPS

6.1 Specific Training - UEMO 98/105 and 106

The group had met under the chair of Dr de Sousa. Dr Lamaire, Rapporteur presented the report which was circulated as UEMO 98/105. The meeting had agreed that as a matter of urgency all delegations lobby their national governments and European Parliament members. It was agreed that Sweden monitor the situation regarding implementation of the Directive on an annual basis- It was also agreed that the contents of training be examined in detail.

A subcommittee of this working group had also met and Dr Stein (L) reported that a review had been held regarding the situation in Luxembourg, France and Belgium, The Spanish delegation are to produce a paper on the complex situation in their country and further discussions be held with the Presidency with a view to UEMO offering some assistance in this regard- Dr de Sousa undertook to write on behalf of Slovenia who have an unsatisfactory alternative education proposal in their country.

The reports of the group were adopted.

6.2 Continuing Medical Education - UEMO 98/107

The group had met under the chair of Dr Jan Bergen (NL) and the report was presented by Dr Peter Mortensen (DK), Rapporteur. The meeting had reviewed the draft UEMO policy on CME and had made specific recommendations- It was agreed that a revised draft of amendments be circulated to all delegations with a view to adopting a policy in June 1999. In regard to the UEMS paper on CME structure It was agreed that comments be requested from all national delegations and be further considered,

The report of the group was adopted.

6.3 Quality Assurance- UEMO 98/102

The group met under the chair of Dr Finnegan (IR) and Dr Bronco (P) acted as rapporteur. The meeting had agreed on new methods regarding questionnaires and replies and the aim is to complete work in relation to 98/022 by Spring 1999, With regard to the UEMO Statement on Quality Assurance it was agreed that the

statement remained relevant and did not require any amendments at this point It was further recommended that the UEMO work in close co-operation with the ESGM/FM on quality assurance and that Equip be informed of the results.

The report of the group was adopted.

6.4 Medical Informatics - UEMO 98/109

The group met under the chair of Dr Hayes (IR) and Dr Chisholm (UK) who acted as rapporteur presented a detailed report to Plenum which was circulated to all delegates.

The report of the group was adopted.

6.5 Shared Care - UEMO 98/101

In the absence of Dr Ivlar(L), Dr Svendsen (DK) chaired the meeting and Dr Fullam (IR) acted as rapporteur and presented the groups report to plenum. A Danish analysis document of the draft statement on shared care (UEMO 98/027) was reviewed and it was agreed that this document be discussed with Dr Mart with a view to developing a statement for discussion at the next meeting.

The report of the group was adopted.

6.6 Equal Opportunities - UEMO 98/104 and UEMO 98/113 Draft

The group had met under the co-chairs of Dr Fabian and Dr Macnamara and a written report was presented to plenum. The group recommended the following to Plenum:

- Publication to a wide audience about the Proceedings of the Conference on Women in General Practice-
- UEMO to continue to keep the topic of Equal Opportunities on the agenda
- Maintain the working group to review and monitor situation
- Circulate questionnaire 98/113 *The report of the group was adopted.*

6.7 Preventative Activities - UEMO 98/103, Annex I & II

The group met under the chair of Dr Winell (FIN) and a written report was presented by the rapporteur Dr Fullam (IR), Two documents had been reviewed by the Group : a UEMO declaration on CFC-free Asthma Inhalers and the other on urban deprivation and drug abuse.

The report of the group was adopted.

6.8 General Medical Services - UEMO 98/108

The group had met under the chair of Dr Fabian(S) and a written report was presented by Dr Hayes (IR), Rapporteur. In discussion of Item 6 on Page 2 of the report it was noted that in the 3^d and 4^h lines the term "secondary or primary care" should read "secondary or tertiary care". It was further noted that in Item 7 the sentence beginning "he suggested..." should read " he suggested that the UEMS paper could be construed as to define limits for general practice".

The report of the group was adopted.

7. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

7.1 Standing Committee of European Doctors (CP)

The President re-iterated the UEMO hope that under the current Presidency UEMO items would be dealt with on the CP agenda.

7.2 European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)

With regard to the UEMS paper on primary care the President underlined his understanding that the view of the UEMS as expressed was focused on the practising specialists outside of hospitals. This might explain the content of the statement and he suggested that continuing cooperation with the UEMS would be beneficial.

7.3 Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors (PWG)

A written report UEMO 98/099 was presented by PWG Liaison Officer Dr Hans Reitz which included proposals for joint co-operation between UEMO and PWG.

7.4 European Society of General Practice and Family Medicine

On behalf of the ESGP/FM President, Dr Philip Evans presented the report. He informed the meeting that the secretariat of the ESGP/FM would in the future be located in Denmark and that the organisation looked forward to continuing cooperation with the UEMO and hoped to establish more regular contact,

8. UEMO PUBLICATIONS

8.1 UEMO Reference Book

Dr de Sousa reported that he, Ms Siv Lindquist and Mr Tom Kennedy had met with Kensington who expressed an interest in continuing to publish the UEMO Reference Book. Further information on this matter will be reported to the June meeting,

8.2 Proceedings of Conference on Women in General Practice

This publication was now available and will be a number of copies will be sent to all delegations for distribution.

9. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Dr Willy Buss was nominated and elected to serve as Vice President from 1999 -2002 inclusive.

10. NATIONAL REPORTS

As there were no questions on the circulated national reports this item was noted.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

Spring 1999	11/12 June - Oporto
Autumn 1999	29/30 September, Lisbon
Spring 2000	(to be decided)
Autumn 2000	6/7 October, Switzerland

12. CLOSING

Dr Macnamara once again thanked all delegates and the Irish Medical Organisation for their help and support during his term of Presidency, He wished the incoming Presidency well and expressed a wish that UEMO continue to play an Important role in the future development of general practice in Europe.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.