MINUTES OF THE EUROPEAN BOARD OF HAND SURGERY MEETING

Mövenpick Airport hotel, Zurich, Switzerland January 10, 2015

Present:

Massimo Ceruso, Chairman/EBHS; delegate of UEMS Orthopaedic surgery Section (EBOT)
Aurelio Portincasa; delegate of EBOPRAS (UEMS Plastic surgery section)
Zoltan Szabo, Treasurer/EBHS; delegate of FESSH
Timo Raatikainen, Secretary general/EBHS; UEMS MJC-Hand Surgery; delegate of UEMS Surgery Section
Maurizio Calcagni; FESSH examination committee
Bernard Maillet; UEMS

1. Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. Chairman gave a report from UEMS Council meeting presenting a draft of MoU –agreement between UEMS and European scientific societies.
   Dr. Maillet added, that in 2016 a new directive of Common Training Platform for medical specialities will be launched. If named speciality is officially accepted on any level of skill in 10 or more EU countries, this speciality may create an own platform. He recommended EBHS to send an application to the Council already in advance.
3. The relationship of EBHS to NASCE and CESMA was discussed. In order to create Hand Surgical skills laboratories (microsurgery, arthroscopy, fracture fixation, etc.) it would be appropriate to be active towards NASCE. Presentation of EBHS in the next NASCE meeting in Dublin was discussed but left open. Co-operation between EBHS and CESMA is already active.
4. Treasurer presented the accounts of EBHS, which already locate in Brussels but work still very stiff. The main income are the examination, the membership fee (1 € / FESSH member), and EACCAME. Main expenses consist of examinations (examiners’ expenses, examination venues and services), running of the office and the meetings. This makes the account to stay balanced (0), but in the future the FESSH – membership fee may need to be doubled and examination fee to be raised for positive development of finances.
5. Dr. Calcagni informed about the next examination on 16. June 2015 in Brescia, Italy: out of 128 applications 76 were accepted for MCQs. 58 passed and 18 (23%) failed. 58 were accepted for orals (+10 from the last year). There will be 26 examiners. Examination fee is 350,- € for FESSH members and 600,- € for others.
6. The next meeting will take place June 19. 2015 in Milan.

Timo Raatikainen
Delegate of UEMS Section of Surgery