

# EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

**On: Wednesday 7 May 2008 13.00-15.30 hr**

**Venue: Aurelia Convention Centre & Expo/Room D  
Via di Torre Rossa 94, 00165 Rome/Italy**

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### **Attended the meeting:**

1. Stefan Lindgren /Sweden, Werner Bauer /Switzerland, Chris Davidson/U.K., Jan Willem Elte/Netherlands, Daniel Sereni/France, Faustino Ferreira /Portugal, Roger Duckitt/UK, Janet Stevens /UK, Caroline Gutierrez/Belgium, Irene Huis in 't Veld/Netherlands, Richard Ceska (Czech Republic), Karel Horky (Czech Republic), Lubos Kotik (Czech Republic), Viktor Vassiljev (Estonia), Kim Petterson-Fernhol (Finland), Georg Ertl (Germany), Johannes Koebberling (Germany), Nicholas Katsilambros (Greece), Sotirios Raptis (Greece) Ronolfur Palsson (Iceland), Colm Quigley (Ireland), Haim Bitterman (Israel), Avi Porath (Israel), Mark Kramer (Netherlands), Knut Lundin (Norway), Anna Kotulska (Poland), Eugene Kucharz (Poland), Antonio Martins Baptista (Portugal), Ion Bruckner (Romania), Dan Isacoff (Romania), Sona Kinova (Slovak Republic), Andrej Dukat (Slovak Republic), Melchior Alvarez de mon Soto (Spain), Pedro Conthe Gutierrez (Spain), Blanca Pinilla Llorent (Spain), Ramon Pujol Farriols (Spain), José Antonio Santos Calderon (Spain), Primoz Vidali (Slovenia), Clare Higgins (U.K.), Eva Nitelius (Sweden), Lena Bokemark (Sweden), Karin Mannhem (Sweden), Serhat Unal (Turkey), Ion Bruckner (Romania), Peter de Leeuw/Netherlands, Karena Grundy/Netherlands, Harry van Hulsteijn/Netherlands, Thomas Kjellström/Sweden, Lenska Bosanska/Czech Republic, Moshe Vardi/Israel, Lorenzo Dagna/Italy, Daniela Toporan (Romania), Ammar Qa'dan/France (Inst. Member B-MS EMEA), Francois Camus/France (Inst. Member Servier), Geert Kruijer/Netherlands (Inst. Member Pfizer), Philippe Jaeger/Switzerland (Inst. Member Amgen).

**Insert list of attendees & apologies for absence**

### **Apologies received from:**

John Kellett and James O'Hare (Ireland); Lejniaks and Agris Martinsons (Latvia); Virginijus Sapoka (Lithuania); Nel Geelhoed (the Netherlands); Primoz Vidali (Slovenia); Mine Durusu (Turkey).

### **1. Opening**

- Stefan Lindgren on behalf of EFIM thanked Pr. Licata and Pr. Gasbarini for hosting EFIM-7
- AC members are kindly requested to remind their national societies to pay their dues for 2008.
- Jan-Willem Elte was unanimously re-elected as Secretary General.

### **2. Welcome**

- Dr Colm Quigley, President, Irish Society of Internal Medicine (replaces James O'Hare)
- Dr. Lena Bokemark, Board member Swedish Society I.M. (will replace Eva Nitelius)
- Prof. Georg Ertl, President German Society of I.M.
- Francois Camus representative from Servier International (will report on Clinical Research Course)
- Karena Grundy representative from Elsevier (will report on European Journal of Medicine)
- Observers from Spain for Congress bid 2012
- Observers from Czech Republic for Congress bid 2012
- Representatives of the Institutional Members: Ammar Qa'dan B-MS and Geert Kruijer Pfizer and Philippe Jaeger for Amgen Int and FDIME.

- Representatives Young Internists Group: Roger Duckitt/UK (will report on Young Internist activities), Lorenzo Dagna/Italy; Lenka Bosanka/Czech Rep.; Moshe Vardi/Israel.
- Caroline Gutierrez/ Associated Global Services/Belgium, Assistant to the EFIM-Board (introduction)

**3. Draft Minutes of Administrative Council, Bratislava 27/09/2007 for approval (*Enc 1*)**  
The minutes of the last meeting were approved without amendment.

**4. European Journal of Internal Medicine: Status report and nomination for a new Editor-in-Chief**  
*(K Grundy/Elsevier and P de Leeuw/EJIM)*

Please see attached presentation.

Following Karena Grundy presentation some questions were asked:

Question from Prof. Gasbarrini: Is it possible to know the level of gastroenterology in the citation index?

Answer: it is possible to do so but the KG didn't have the figures with her.

Question from Prof. Gasbarrini: Is it possible to add a factsheet at the end of the Journal about a specific theme listing what is from the specialist and what is from the internist, with a small debate?

Answer from Stefan Lindgren: This is part of the competencies project; EFIM is thinking of developing an interactive part to the journal, a vehicle for continued education.

Karena Grundy stressed that in order to publish the abstracts of the Congress in the current edition at the time of the event, it is very important to prepare this well in advance. She therefore encourages congress organisers to work with Elsevier in the year running to the Congress.

Stefan Lindgren informed that the Executive Committee has decided to increase the web publication for shorter case reports.

Finally, Peter de Leeuw announced his wish to leave his position as Editor-in-Chief of EJIM. Stefan Lindgren thanked Peter for his work on behalf of EFIM, and invited candidates to the position to apply before the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. The new Editor in Chief will be selected at the next AC meeting in Dublin.

**ACTION POINT: ALL, send candidacies for Editor in Chief position**

**5. EBIM European Diploma Exam (*S Lindgren*)**

Stefan Lindgren informed the AC members of the disappointment in the low interest for the EBIM. The December 2008 date will therefore be the last one before a break. After that the situation will be evaluated, and if interest is met again, the EBIM could be reactivated.

Greece proposed continuing with the diploma, as representatives think it is not fair to stop.

**6. Bids for ESIM 2009-2011, including decision after suggestions from the ESIM-Selection Committee. *Candidacies from Turkey and UK***

Werner Bauer presented the results of the selection committee, stating that two excellent bids were received. The final decision was however to suggest to give ESIM2009-2011 to London, in order to rotate in the northern part of Europe, and also taking in consideration London very high accessibility from anywhere in Europe.

This suggestion was unanimously approved, and Turkey encouraged to bid for the next school.

**7. Venue for EFIM-11 Congress in 2012, including decision after evaluation by a Selection Committee**

*Presentations from representatives of the National Societies of both candidates, Czech Republik and Spain*

- Further to the presentations of Dr. Ceska from the Czech Republic, and Dr. Pujol from Spain (presentations annexed) Daniel Sereni introduced the results of the evaluation committee. Although both candidacies obtained high marks, Spain was slightly ahead, and it was therefore suggested to have EFIM-11 in Madrid. The decision was approved by the AC.

- Greece representatives asked about the objectivity of the criteria, and commented that both 'geographical representation' and 'price of accommodation and registration' should be considerations.
- Different representatives asked that Prague should automatically be selected for 2013.
- Stefan Lindgren reminded that a clear procedure was set for the selection of the congress venue and couldn't be changed on the spot. If the rules need to be modified again, it will have to be done in advance. The Czech representatives were however strongly encouraged to present their candidacy again for the 2013 congress.

8. **Vascular Medicine Working Group: Continuation of the project** (*JW Elte*)

The peripheral Arterial Disease Management guide is being distributed in the conference bags. A script will soon be ready.

9. **Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe** (*D Sereni*)

The foundation is a tool for the federation to raise money in order to promote research and education in internal medicine. The foundation had a difficult infancy but is now growing better, with achievements, projects and support, including a venture with Amgen and the Royal College of Physicians London for a Masterclass in Renal Physiology and Pathophysiology to be held 19-21.06.08.

A new support has been found with the patronage of Yves Saint-Laurent, and Servier International is still a strong sponsor.

10. **EFIM course on clinical research** (*F Camus, Servier*)

Please see enclosed presentation from François Camus.

Stefan Lindgren suggested that this model could be used by any national society.

11. **Young Internists** (*R Duckitt*)

Roger Duckitt thanked the Italian congress organisers for facilitating a half day young internists session. Please find presentation attached for the report on the Young Internist activities.

The Young Internists Working Group has recently become an official subcommittee of EFIM, thus ensuring its continuity.

The YI would like AC members to encourage trainees in their countries to participate in the surveys available on their website.

The YI welcome any contribution to help develop the education material on the website.

12. **Procedure for Executive Committee Election at AC Dublin 24-25/10/2008**(*S Lindgren/W Bauer*)

Chris Davidson and Daniel Sereni will see their terms end in Dublin, two positions are therefore open. Candidacies can be presented up to 28 days prior to the election. Candidates must be members of the AC, and should be supported by at least another national society than theirs. Candidates are required to write a one page pitch. They should also state for which position they are running. The vote is a closed procedure.

The request of the Italian society to move the date of the meeting (25 October 2008) due to the beginning of the Italian Congress of Internal Medicine that same day cannot be approved due to practical reasons.

Werner Bauer added that in the future, the procedure could be simplified by electing people to the executive committee. Internal executive Committee would be done at a second stage. This would allow candidates to first serve on the board before moving on to any other position.

**Action: ALL to submit candidacies according to the guidelines**

13. **Forthcoming events**

- **ESIM 11: Estoril, Portugal (1-6 September 2008): Short report from A Martins Baptista** (presentation to be added soon)

The ESIM will be held for the last time in Portugal, in the same venue as last year. Please see enclosed presentation for more details.

The UK College of Physicians will sponsor 4 candidates.

Stefan Lindgren announced that Antonio Martins Baptista will remain the vice-director of the school for two more years.

- General Assembly and Administrative Council: Dublin, Ireland (24-25 October 2008): Short report from J O'Hare, presented by C Quigley (the new President of the Irish Society of Int Med).  
(attached)
- EFIM-8 2009, Istanbul, Turkey (27-30 May 2009): Short report from S Unal  
(presentation attached)

#### 14. Any other business

- **Dr. Palsson, Iceland:** The work of the Competencies working group around the **white book** is very important, as we need to learn how internal medicine is practiced around Europe. The working group is however a bit disappointed with the return rate of the questionnaire (about 30%). It was agreed to therefore send the questionnaire not only to presidents and vice presidents of the national societies, but also to members of the AC, who are strongly encouraged to fill them out online at: [www.efimsurveys.org](http://www.efimsurveys.org)  
The Young internists stressed out that they hadn't seen the white book and would appreciate getting involved in the process.  
**ACTION POINT: Working Group to resend questionnaire to AC members**  
**ALL: return questionnaire**
- **Chris Davidson: A NHS workshop** of international level asked EFIM to contribute with speakers, which was done. This is a useful use of EFIM.
- **Daniel Sereni: UEMS** had its last meeting in Brussels, where a new President Colin Sample, Vice President is Rijk Gans as well as a Secretary General Francis Heller were elected. UEIMS is willing to work further with EFIM, and even suggested to organise in the future their meeting along with the AC meeting. Stefan Lindgren suggested to invite them in Dublin.

**Action: SL invite UEMS representatives to Dublin**

#### 15. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 25.10.08 – Dublin Grand Hotel, Manhide