

EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF LEGAL MEDICINE - ECLM

Minutes

11th General Assembly Meeting – Lisbon

Date: Saturday, May 30th, 2009 11.30 – 13.00 hours

Place: Fundacao Calouste Gulbenkian, Av. De Berna, 45A, 1067-001 Lisboa, Portugal.

Room: Auditorium 3

List of those Present (Alphabetical order):

Delegates: B. Brinkmann (Germany), A. Busuttil (United Kingdom/Scotland), M. Coklo (Croatia), F. Corte-Real (Portugal), D. Cusack (Ireland), B. Ellul (Malta), S. D. Ferrara (Italy), P. Franklin (United Kingdom/England), L. Frontela Carreras (Spain), D. Gosset (France), M. Grozevaby (Bulgaria), H. Kase (Estonia), E. Keller (Hungary), Y. Kolev (Bulgaria), M. Labecka (Poland), D. Lorkiewicz-Muszynska (Poland), B. Ludes (France), A. Luna (Spain), T. Magalhaes (Portugal), P. Mangin (Switzerland), M. Michalodimitrakis (Greece), B. Oude Grotebelsborg (Netherlands), J. Payne-James (United Kingdom), A. Pauliukevicius (Lithuania), M. Piette (Belgium), S. Pollak (Austria), D. Radoinova (Bulgaria), P. Ricci (Italy), P. Saukko (Finland), L. Vabels (Latvia), M. Vali (Estonia), A. Vesterby (Denmark), D. Nuno Vieira (Portugal), V. Volksona (Latvia),

Observers: M. Golmen (Turkey), R. Hadjiev (Bulgaria), J. Sidlo (Slovakia), I. Wall (United Kingdom/England)

Non-classified (Delegate or Observer): C. Barbu (Romania), K. Krajcovic (Slovakia), A. Marnierides (Cyprus).

TOP 1: Opening address by the President

P. Saukko, Chairman/President of the ECLM, took the chair and in his opening address delivered a summary of the situation regarding recognition of the speciality of legal medicine at European level. The annexes of specialties had not yet been updated and P. Saukko proposed that there is a need for a new way to work on the problem of specialty recognition.

TOP 2: Registration of Delegates

Registration of delegates to the General Assembly then took place. Each person present at the General Assembly was invited to introduce themselves and was then requested to print their name, email, country, delegate or observer status and to provide a signature on the attendance sheet. A large number of delegates and observers contributed to this part of the meeting. The new Secretary of the European Council of Legal Medicine will update and amend the list by communication with each of the member countries. The General Assembly was deemed quorate. D. Cusack agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting.

TOP 3: Election of the Chairman of the General Assembly

B. Brinkmann proposed P. Saukko as Chairman of the General Assembly and this was approved.

TOP 4: Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by the Assembly.

TOP 5: Draft Minutes / Report of the 10th General Assembly, Porto, June 23, 2007

The draft minutes of the 10th General Assembly meeting in Porto on June 23rd 2007 were summarised by D. Cusack and approved. Questions were asked by B. Brinkmann and J. Payne-James about the new draft statutes of the ECLM which had been discussed at the 10th General Assembly. D. Cusack confirmed that new draft statutes had been drawn up. It was agreed that the draft statutes will be brought before the new Executive for consideration and will then be circulated to delegates for their consideration and approval at the 12th General Assembly.

P. Mangin informed the Assembly that the major difficulty which arose in Porto was an out-of-date list of delegates. He had undertaken to commence the process of updating the delegate list. It was on the basis of that updated list that members were circulated with the agenda for this 11th General Assembly and the updating was successful as confirmed by the very large attendance of delegates and observers at this 11th Assembly. P. Mangin explained that his academic secretary had spent a considerable amount of time in this delegate updating process and he stressed the need for a permanent secretariat for the ECLM. P. Saukko indicated that it had been difficult to get full responses from member countries and that this difficulty had been compounded by the resignation of W. Bar as Secretary to the ECLM after many years of dedicated work. I. Wall raised the

question of decreasing the quorum for a General Assembly but it was agreed that this was not possible without the notice required for changing the statutes and could only be done at the next General Assembly.

It was agreed that the new Executive would review the draft statutes and consider the issues raised by the delegates and observers at the meeting.

TOP 6: Report of the President

P. Saukko again summarised the state of the recognition of specialist competence in the European Union and there was a general discussion of the strategy regarding measures in achieving the inclusion of legal medicine within the recognition directive. The new Executive was requested by the Assembly to make this an item of priority.

TOP 7: Election of the Executive Committee (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)

The General Assembly then proceeded to election of the Executive Committee. J. Payne-James requested that the members of the outgoing Executive be read out to assist the General Assembly and this was done by D. Cusack. B. Brinkmann referred to the need for a combination of both continuity and new membership.

Nominations were then invited for election. The following were validly nominated (in order of nomination): Ferrara (Italy), Mangin (Switzerland), Vieira (Portugal), Franklin (United Kingdom), Cusack (Ireland), Saukko (Finland), Ludes (France), Vali (Estonia), Brinkmann (Germany), Keller (Hungary), Michalodimitrakis (Greece) and Kolev (Bulgaria). Each nominated delegate provided a brief summary / curriculum vitae for the Assembly.

Electoral scrutineers were appointed from the Assembly to validate the election and all delegate members were entitled to vote.

P. Saukko withdrew his name from the nomination list.

Six of the delegates nominated were elected on the first ballot by simple highest numerical votes and two delegate nominees who were tied in seventh position went to a second ballot.

The seven delegates elected to the Executive Committee were (in alphabetical order): Cusack (Ireland), Ferrara (Italy), Keller (Hungary), Ludes (France), Mangin (Switzerland), Vali (Estonia) and Vieira (Portugal).

The elected members of the Executive jointly agreed to carry out the General Assembly's stated wish to hold a meeting of the Executive to elect Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and to set out strategy for the ECLM at the earliest available opportunity.

TOP 8: Varia / AOCB

No issue was raised under this topic.

TOP 9: Place, Date of next General Assembly

The General Assembly had noted with approval the encouraging high attendance from so many member countries and underlined the importance of the task for the Executive Committee to reinvigorate the ECLM in achieving its aims and to confirm the list of delegates and to review new draft statutes.

As the meeting had exceeded the scheduled time and delegates needed to attend another session of the IALM Congress, it was agreed that the place and date of the next General Assembly would be a matter for consideration, decision and notification by the new ECLM Executive.

Meeting concludes.