



Minutes of the EBP meeting, Vilamoura (Portugal), Saturday 13th May, 2017

Attendees : a priori the same as at the GA.

1. Jean-Christophe Mercier (JCM) welcomed everyone at 8:30 am.
2. **Approval of the Minutes** of the previous EBP-CME meeting held in Brussels, Saturday 3rd Dec, 2016.
3. JCM reported on the **UEMS – EACCME 2.0 activities**:
 - The EBP chair attended several meetings during last year, including the CME-CPD conference in Amsterdam, 12th Nov 2016, and the UEMS Advisory Council on CME in Brussels, 14th January 2017
 - A big change has occurred with the adoption by the UEMS Council of the new criteria for:
 - i. EACCME[®] new criteria for the accreditation of Live Educational Events (LEEs). Attached is the UEMS 2016.20 document which gives all the details.
 - ii. EACCME[®] new criteria for the accreditation of E-Learning Materials (ELMs). Attached is the UEMS 2016.21 document which gives all the details.
 - iii. EACCME[®] recognition of CPD/CME activities described by UEMS 2016.22.
 - The most important achievements are the followings:
 - i. Purpose: to accredit all educational events and materials, and therefore facilitate the mutual recognition of credits between the European countries.
 - ii. 1 hour of learning = 1 ECMEC[®]
 - iii. Mutual recognition between the UEMS-EACCME, and the American (AMA) & Canadian accreditation systems (RCPCS)
 - iv. Transparency: declaration of Conflicts of Interests – No influence of Industry
 - v. Use of a new web-based platform and turnaround times <2 weeks
4. JCM also briefly touched upon the **UEMS – CESMA activities**, although regretfully the 10th Anniversary of the CESMA 'Glasgow declaration' took place on the same day in Glasgow as our EAP meeting in Vilamoura. Unfortunately, this is not the first time that UEMS-CESMA meetings collide with our own meeting. This was the case for the Brussels meeting, last December 2016. Next December 2017, it will also likely that the UEMS-CESMA meeting will take place on the same week-end as our EAP winter



meeting. We probably need to better coordinate our own EAP meetings with the UEMS activities. A growing role of CESMA delegates is **to appraise the other examinations** held in various European cities by the other UEMS sections in order to achieve high quality of the assessments. The EBP should provide financial support for its members who would volunteer for this task.

5. The main topic of the EBP meeting was the ongoing discussions with the RCPCH in order to implement the **first European Diploma in general paediatrics along with the RCPCH exam**, in September 2018.
 - A *memory of understanding* between the RCPCH and EAP/EBP has been elaborated in the aftermath of the 3rd RCPCH-EBP meeting held in London on 16th January, 2017. Mutual agreement has been achieved on most of the points, but important financial issues still need to be discussed (Andrew Long & Tom Stiris).
 - Martin White (MW) then gave the schedule of the **future RCPCH meetings** re. the future Exam:
 - i. First EBP attendance to the RCPCH Boards in Crawley, 8-9th Nov. 2016
 - ii. Both MW and Lenneke Schrier (LS) for the European Junior Doctors attended the RCPCH Boards in Liverpool, March 2017, and in another place, next November 2017.
 - A **new RCPCH-EAP/EBP meeting** should take place at the RCPCH headquarters in London, next Fall.
 - The future exam will fit with the RCPCH *Applied-Knowledge to Paediatrics* (AKP) mastercourse, probably separating the UK and EU candidates, though many non-British candidates are regularly taking the RCPCH exam.
 - MW insisted very much on the meticulous process of MCQs validation by the RCPCH Boards, and the necessary security of the validated MCQs bank.
 - However, a call was made to our European colleagues to develop “*Clinical cases book*” in order to provide a more European/International flavor to mostly British-inspired MCQs.
 - Jojanneke Heidema (JH) from the Educational Boards of the Netherlands said that the Dutch Concilium which is the overall board of the Dutch Society for Paediatricians was very positive about the implementation of a mandatory exam in the Netherlands.
 - LS for the European Junior Doctors said she has been quite successful in gathering Junior Paediatricians from already 9 European countries, and that all delegates were unanimously in favour of assessments during their training.



6. Finally, at the end of the meeting, JCM mentioned **two great news of the week**:

- The election of Emmanuel Macron as the next French president that will spare the EU of a deadly FREXIT.
- The official recognition by the French government of **Paediatrics as a 5-year speciality**, including **five officially recognized paediatric subspecialties** (i.e, Neonatology, PICU, paediatric neurology and paediatric pulmonology, while paediatric emergency medicine will itself become a subspeciality of both paediatrics and Emergency Medicine).