

## **EuSEM Disaster Medicine Section Business Meeting**

**13 September 2011  
MEMC VI, Kos, Greece**

### **Minutes**

#### **Present:**

1. Steve Photiou (Italy) - Chair
2. Herman Delooz (Belgium)
3. Massimo Azzaretto (Italy)
4. Abdo Khoury (France)
5. Francesco Della Corte (Italy)
6. Irene Pereira (Portugal)
7. Cinzia Barletta (Italy)
8. Florentia Zeitouni (Cyprus)
9. Stelios Lampakis (Greece)
10. Alessandra Revello (Italy)
11. Demetrios Pyrros (Greece)
12. Kurt Anseew (Belgium)
13. Luc Mortelmans (Belgium)
14. Karen Politis (Greece)

#### **Apologies:**

- T. Codreanu (contemporaneous presentation at Congress)  
K. Anseew (leaves meeting early to do presentation at congress)  
L. Mortelmans (leaves meeting early to do presentation at congress)

#### **Business**

- A. Introduction of present members
- B. Presentation of tentative plan/programme of the Section (follows), and creation of groups-of-interest (GOIs) for the single tasks (points 3, 4, 5)
- C. It is pointed out that projects should be simple and well-targeted, in order to guarantee feasibility
- D. Discussion occurred concerning whether point 5 (see below) is within EuSEM's framework. S. Photiou points out that, in his opinion, all suggested issues are within framework; on the other hand, the same programme was presented in the EuSEM Council, it obtained positive opinions (and was not challenged) among Council members.

#### **1. Active membership: implement the Section's activity and increase the number of members**

The concept of active membership was pointed out (EuSEM members, in goodstanding, active participation in the activities of the Section: possible increase of the number of members, given that some EuSEM members expressed interest/asked to become part of the Section)

#### **2. Database of skills and interests of the DM section members, useful for the creation of work groups**

The database can offer the opportunity to create working groups of members with common interests, who can work on specific projects.

S. Photiou explains that the creation of GOIs is an option that underlines the commitment to a specific task, and the rather short duration of the group (till accomplishment of task)

### **3. Enhancement of Disaster Preparedness throughout Europe at all levels**

- ❖ It was pointed out that it is convenient to 'start from scratch' and at non-professional level (thus aim at populace).
- ❖ Insight on suggesting 'kit' to be used during disasters (see also US guidelines). S. Photiou states he is conducting similar study in this period.
- ❖ L. Mortelmans states he is now working on a project that studies issues of Disaster Preparedness of personnel-on-the-field.
- ❖ S. Photiou has already conducted similar research on ED personnel.

GOI: A. Revello, C. Barletta, I. Pereira, S. Lampakis

### **4. Promotion of educational activities in Disaster Medicine (courses, projects, clinical guidelines, transnational protocols)**

During discussion, enlightening presentation made by D. Pyrros, highlighting the sometimes extreme organisational diversity among EU countries. The task is deemed complex and long-range (possibly even beyond the duration of this chairmanship, thus a task to be carried on further ahead), requiring long and accurate preparation.

To be followed by S. Photiou and D. Pyrros

### **5. Promotion of a common curriculum in Disaster Medicine for Medical School undergraduates and EM residents throughout Europe**

In case of disaster, emergency physicians will be the first medical professionals to be involved. Thus, education in DM becomes mandatory. The same must be said about Med School undergraduates.

To discuss with Roberta Petrino, who follows the creation of the EM curriculum.

GOI: H. Delooz, M. Azzaretto, F. Della Corte

### **Other Issues**

- ❖ DM section members (including members not present in Kos) can freely decide to take part in a GOI, according to their interests (please notify Chair).
- ❖ Meetings to be held on Skype periodically (dates to be decided).
- ❖ Chair will follow actively all projects .

### ***Chair's Adjunctive Remarks (not part of the Minutes)***

*S. Photiou, together with M. Azzaretto, have already conducted research on ED personnel's DM preparedness.*

*T. Codreanu has conducted a multicentric study on teenagers (issue to be discussed with him)*