

Minutes - Executive Committee meeting in OSLO

Date: 22-23 JUNE 2008

Present: Roland Vermeiren, Claudia Stern, Elena Cataman, Hans-Werner Teichmüller, Hans Pongratz, Anthony Wagstaff. Excused: Lars Tjensvoll.
Present for item 15: Uwe Stüben, Ries Simons (Advisory board).

1. Adoption of the agenda:
The agenda was adopted as proposed by Roland. Originally the NPA from EASA was to be the main subject of discussion – the response from ESAM must be issued before mid-October.
2. Approval of the report from the EC meeting in Munich
Item 10: “ESAM workshop” corrected to “EASA workshop”. Otherwise approved.
3. Preparation of the General Assembly on 15 November in Budapest
No reaction yet regarding participants, which indicated that improving contact with members should be worked on. Maybe email lists to individual members would be possible in the future? There was a discussion on how to improve participation and activity. The speakers could/should talk about ideas for the future.
 - **Agenda items: Reports of President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Advisory Board and auditors. Approval suggestion put forward by the auditors for each point. Nominating Committee report and voting – the Nominating Committee would organise the vote.**
4. **Status of the Nomination Committee.**
No nominations for the new Executive Committee yet, but the committee was working on this.
5. **ECAM status - no abstracts had been received to date**
Direct contacts would be made with the relevant groups. Deadlines may have to be postponed. EASA will make a presentation during the European Conference of Aerospace medicine (ECAM) in Budapest on 13 and 14 November.

6. Membership status

The following new members were accepted:

**Hellenic aerospace medical society
Hungarian society of aviation and space medicine
Irish society of aviation medicine
English association of aviation medical examiners**

The AMC in Toulouse would be invited to be an associate member of ESAM.

The EC noted the name change of the Croatian association, which would be updated in the registers.

7. Status as regards fees

Paid so far: AIMAS, AMABEL, GAAME, DGLRM, Moldovan Society.

8. Status of training harmonisation

Elena informed the meeting about the work so far, including communication with the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine on this issue. Both the training of AMEs and pilots were of interest for European harmonisation. General aviation pilots were subject only to national regulations on training, this group being of greater risk for many types of accidents, including spatial disorientation. The group would continue to work on strategies for developing this area in Europe.

A discussion was held on the possibility of setting up a user group of European providers of such training.

9 Website status

The ECAM and GA info and updated member info should be issued promptly.

10. Flyers, pins and certificates.

3000 flyers had been produced, courtesy of EUROCONTROL. Similarly, certificates of membership had been produced for issue to paying member associations of ESAM. Pins were in production – the design already having been finalised.

11. EASA – work within ESSI.

Roland briefed the EC on meetings at EASA in Cologne with the project leaders of the European Strategic Safety Initiative (ESSI) and the importance of finding at least 3 candidates (and stand-ins) for the 3 ESSI workgroups: commercial aviation, general aviation and helicopters.



12. Debriefing on AsMA congress

The President of ESAM had attended the AsMA Council meeting. He made a report on the membership and activities of ESAM. The AsMA Council was very interested and looked forward to future collaboration. Representatives from the European national associations and ESAM were welcome to apply for membership and active work within the Council (candidates to be found via the website?).

The ESAM meeting was very well attended. There was a general presentation of activities by the President, a report by the task force for the European harmonisation in aviation medicine training by Dr Cataman and a debriefing of the activity of the Advisory Board by Dr Stüben. A general discussion followed, including a debate about a more political versus a more scientific approach regarding EASA proposals, especially concerning the new LPL. Efforts had to be made to build up within Europe a network of domain specialists working in aviation medicine and also to lobby our viewpoints. More active work within AsMA was also welcomed but ESAM members had to actively apply. Excellent collaborative discussions had been held with the new elected President of AsMA, Dr Bellenkes, possibly leading to the application of AsMA to become an associated member of ESAM (ESAM was already an affiliated member of AsMA). He would like to have more contact with the European national associations and ESAM.

13. Presentations at the Wiesbaden congress

At the congress of the DGLRM (German Association of Aerospace Medicine) in Wiesbaden, the President would give a presentation on ESAM and a second presentation would perhaps follow.

14. ICASM congress

The President had sent a poster presentation about ESAM to the Academy for the ICASM congress in Bangkok in September 2008.

15. Work of the Advisory Board

NPA EASA - The EC decided that the member associations should be informed by email that the NPA was open and that ESAM was working on a response to this before the deadline in mid-October. The Advisory Board would not be able to prepare a finished document before August 5. The EC would therefore work in parallel with the Advisory Board, the President being the point of contact. The EC was responsible for the final document and would submit it on behalf of ESAM after making it known to all the member associations and giving them the opportunity to respond also to EASA if they felt it necessary.



- a. **Specialist groups.** The responses of the Advisory Board members from each member association would be given primary consideration – but in parallel to responses and inputs from specialists.
- b. **Hypoxia training.** The Advisory Board deemed it impossible to make a response within the original time limit, due to concerns of what the ESAM scope should be. After some clarifying discussions, it was decided that the Advisory Board would submit a proposal for an answer within 3 weeks to the EC. The answer would inform further recommended steps for EASA on this issue.

16. Miscellaneous:

It was decided to inform the national associations about the EASA NPA with a **hyperlink**, including the message that ESAM (EC) would give a compiled answer after the conclusions of the AB / specialists, which would not prevent the member associations also giving their own reactions to EASA, mentioning our common answer but with the possibility of highlighting specific points - perhaps in their own language.

17. Review of the task list

Items 5,6,7,11 in the task list had been completed. Item 8 had been done by Roland, but representatives for the 3 ESSI workgroups needed to be found (via the website??). Invitations to AsMA and AEA Medical Board to apply for associated membership to be sent by Roland. The remainder to stay.

18. Next meeting of the EC

The meeting would be arranged prior to the General Assembly in Budapest on 12 November, but perhaps an additional brief meeting would be necessary to finalise the response to the EASA NPA .

Lars Tjensvoll
Secretary General