



Minutes of the ESAM Executive Committee Meeting Athens (Greece) on 10th November 2010

Place: Royal Olympic Hotel - Athens

Time: 10th November 2010 14:00 -18:00

Persons present: Roland Vermeiren, Elena Cataman, Lilla Ungváry, Paolo Tosco, Hans-Werner Teichmüller, Kevin Herbert, Ries Simons, Uwe Stüben, Gábor Hardicsay.

The meeting was opened by President Roland Vermeiren.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the EC Meeting at Antwerp on 4 July 2010.

Minutes of Antwerp were accepted by all.

3. ECAM: practicalities (Ioannis)

Not discussed. Ioannis not present.

4. Membership status: certificates

All membership certificates pertaining to year 2010 were prepared and were sent or will handed out by Hans-Werner to each Association.

5. Budget

All Associations have just paid their 2010 fee but Croatia and Slovenia. Roland informed that they are re-arranging their organisations and he asked Paolo for communicating them to notice ESAM when it will be possible their re-subscription.

6. Advisory Board

Ries gave an overview of the existing activities. During former EC/AB meeting on 4th July at Antwerp, it was decided that the AB, as scientific body of ESAM, will prepare a number of "Position Papers", representing the official scientific point of view of ESAM. Because such papers should be based on thorough analysis of literature and expert knowledge, the expertise and efforts of experts within the AB is needed. To stir up the interest and activity of members, AB will produce brief papers with challenging questions (step 1). These papers will be mailed to all members. After contributions of the various experts have been received, draft position papers will be produced (step 2). After review by the EC, these papers will be finalized and published on the ESAM website (step 3). Presently AB is working on the first step concerning the following issues:

- Use of insulin in diabetes therapy and medical assessment for fitness to fly: a proposal of standardization of requirements across Europe
- Fatigue Risk Management of flight crew
- Cabin crew medical certification: usefulness?
- Other issues that will be considered are "Competence based AME-training" and "New rulemaking (NPL): proposal for changes"

The EC asked Uwe Stüben to set up a "Joint Workshop" attended both by ESAM and EASA doctors/specialists in order to perform an EASA-NPA review during 2011 in analogy with the past Specialist Meeting at Wiesbaden (Aug 2008).

7. EASA :

EC charged Kevin for sending to EASA an ESAM official paper (approved in advance by Roland) pertaining to ESAM position about unacceptable requirements for LPL, taking into account maximum leisure aircraft weight limits provided for by EASA rules, GMP role in aeromedical certification and interference between LPL and Class 2 requirements. It was highlighted the relevance to send such a paper to EASA before European Commission will approve the ultimate requirements.

8. CMO forum : 22 – 24 November Lisboa

Roland will attend such meeting and he will report outcomes to EC. It was noted that CMO forum was established to replace the doctors default within EASA. At the present time it acts as “medical consultant body” in behalf of EASA.

9. Training and Accreditation in Aviation Medicine: news?

EC agrees on the concept that training is a multi-level based issue. It starts from ICAO requirements, it must implement JAA and EASA rules and it might be at present time under scientific surveillance and leading by the national aeromedical associations.

Elena and Uwe were entrusted to update and to complete the present ESAM “Curriculum for training in aviation medicine” published by Eurocontrol Aug 2009. There is a need for preparing a “syllabus” containing every kind of course is foreseen to train an aeromedical competent doctor in each field of his/her wide and complete competence. The aim is to influence EASA decision about aeromedical training, by offering a science and experience based paper, shared among all European specialists.

Moreover, EC stated to propose to national associations, or proper national institutes, an “ESAM Approval” for all national aeromedical training syllabus, in order to assure a right and equal standard all over the Europe (Paolo). Such an “Approval” (“ESAM-approved Course”) will be based at first on a check about Programs, Teachers and Facilities of each national body asking for, carried out by a Committee appointed by ESAM EC.

10. AsMA

A dedicated part both in ESAM website and in “Blue Journal” will be edited by Kevin. Hans Pongratz was confirmed as ESAM Representative into AsMA.

EC hopes to be able to arrange in the future a joint aeromedical meeting with AsMA.

An ESAM Meeting should be held at Anchorage (USA) during AsMA Meeting in 2011.

Uwe presented possibility of arranging a Lufthansa charter from Europe (Köln? Frankfurt?) in behalf of ESAM members to get Alaska. Further information will follow.

11. Website

EC approved that Information Director will take care of publishing main interesting issues for visitors and newflashes; if possible, a “blog” as well.

Kristoffer will check hyperlinks to national associations websites in ESAM website.

12. Nomination Committee

Seven nomination for the positions of new EC were officially sent by Regular Members to Gábor. Joannis proposed herself by mail. EC decided to exceptionally accept such a nomination, only if formally confirmed by Hellenic Association.

In the future, Nomination Committee will follow rightly the procedure provided for by the ESAM Statutes.

Nomination Committee appointed at Milan GA on past November 2009 will guide election during ESAM GA on Saturday 13 November 2010.

13. Task List – Working groups

EC invited all ESAM members to prepare lectures or posters to be presented at the 82nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association, that will be held May 8-12, 2011, at the Hilton and Capt. Cook Hotels in Anchorage, AK. U.S.A. www.asma.com/meeting/

14. Other business

No other business.

15. Next meeting

The next meeting of the ESAM Executive Committee is planned to be held at Rome Italy c/o “Casa dell’Aviatore” address: Viale dell’Università, 20 00185 Roma on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 January 2011 (Paolo).

Roland ended the meetings by thanking all the members of “EC-2” for their outstanding work during past two years, and wishes all the best to the new “EC-3”.

Athens, 10th November 2010

Paolo Tosco
Secretary General