

Minutes of the teleconference of UEMS Clinical Genetics section 12.12.2013 at 10 AM (-1 hrs GMT)

Present: (Due to problems with the conference provider, the participants joined the teleconference at different time points)

Ulf Kristoffersson, chair

Kristiina Aittomäki, secretary

Béla Melegh

Feliciano J. Ramos

Andre Reis

(Milan Macek and Helen Kingston, could not connect to the teleconference due to telecommunication problems)

1. The chair Ulf Kristoffersson opened the teleconference
2. The agenda of the meeting was circulated via email prior to the conference and accepted.
3. The economy of the section was discussed.
 - The section has approximately 9000 €, which can be used towards the expenses of the section and should suffice for the needs during the first year. The section may earn 2000 € annually from EACCME CME activities, and that is the only income we have.
 - Ulf Kristoffersson has been and is responsible for determining the EACCME CME points for training courses in genetics and the fees for this are/will be available for the section.
 - The annual membership fees per member organizations were discussed. In the Brussels meeting 250-500 € had been suggested and will be further discussed in the next board meeting. Also it is needed to discuss how this should be divided among the different member organisations.
 - Helen Kingston, who is the treasurer, has access to the funds and will create a budget for the coming fiscal year which runs from April 1, 2014 to March 31 2015.
4. UEMS clinical genetics website
 - It was agreed that the section needs a person responsible for the webpages. This was discussed and it was decided that Béla Melegh would be responsible for data entry and for updating the pages and Béla agreed to take on this task (with the help of local IT personnel).
5. Expanding the number of countries with appointed representatives
 - Ulf had already been working on this and will be responsible for taking it further.
6. Relations to other organizations
 - The section needs to connect with other relevant genetics organizations and associations, but no official contact will be made just now. Milan Macek is the liaison person for ESHG. Ulf Kristoffersson has informally asked Elisabeth Blennow from Stockholm who is vice president of ECA and the other Swedish delegate to UEMS what opinion ECA has on this.
7. Specialist training (Training programs, training courses)

- It was agreed that specialist training is the most important issue for the section and everybody's contribution will be needed. Feliciano told that relevant data had been collected in Spain and it was decided that he is responsible for preparation of a presentation for the entire group in the Lund meeting. Andre and Kristiina, and perhaps Helen, will also contribute.
8. A board meeting will be held in March 2014 in Lund. Ulf will circulate a Doodle schedule to find the date.
 9. Another teleconference was not considered necessary.
 10. Ulf closed the meeting at 10.54 (-1 GMT).

Ulf Kristofersson, chair

Kristiina Aittomäki, secretary