



3^r meeting of the European Federation of Addiction Societies (EUFAS)

- General Assembly –

October 6th 2012, Berlin

1 pm – 3.15 pm

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome, adoption of the agenda and introduction of participants**
- 2. Approval of agenda**
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly in Madrid**
- 4. Report of the President**
- 5. Report of the Secretary (legal status of EUFAS,...)**
- 6. Report of the treasurer**
- 7. Amendment of statutes**
- 8. New members of the Advisory Board**
- 9. Working group for EU funding**
- 10. New members for EUFAS**
- 11. Next EUFAS meeting**
- 12. Election of the board**
- 13. Miscellaneous**

1. Welcome / Adoption minutes Madrid (July 5th 2011)

This year EUFAS was hosted by the German Addiction Congress in Berlin. EUFAS delegates were invited by the German Society for Addiction Research and Addiction Treatment and were allowed to attend the congress free of charge. The provision of the meeting room and the opportunity to organise two 2 EUFAS symposia was highly appreciated. Prof. Mann warmly thanked the two congress presidents (J. Lindenmeyer and A. Heinz) for the excellent organisation of the conference and for their hospitality to EUFAS members.

The names of the delegates present can be found in the attached list. Representatives of the addiction section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (Dr. Owen Bowden-Jones), Great Britain, of Lithuania, Estonia and Luxembourg attended the general assembly for the first time. They will check with their home organisations details of becoming a member of EUFAS.

The agenda of the current meeting as well as the minutes of the general assembly meeting in Madrid July 5th were adopted.

2. Report of the President

The president reported that meanwhile 35-37 countries are represented by delegates of national societies or groups dealing with the topic. Other societies are currently exploring the possibility to become a member such as the European chapter of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT). Representatives of the addiction faculty of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (Dr. Owen Bowden-Jones), UK, and of Lithuania, Estonia and Luxembourg attended the general assembly for the first time. They will check with their home organisations to become a member society of EUFAS.

K. Mann reported that the EMCDDA suggested including the vice-president of their scientific committee, G. Bühringer, as a member of the advisory board. This was unanimously agreed upon. Both EMCDDA and EUFAS will explore possible fields of collaboration and to place different information such as dates for conferences mutually on the website.

Following the suggestion of the president it was agreed that EUFAS becomes a member of the International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations (ICARA). It is our understanding that EUFAS will represent its member societies should they not want to be an ICARA member. The sources of funding of ICARA need to be explored further.

One important initiative which is in line with EUFAS' basic mission was organised by J. Bramness of Oslo. He drafted a letter concerning the European research programme Horizon 2020. The letter was intended to convince members of the European parliament to put more emphasis on addiction research. Several EUFAS member societies sent out this letter. These actions were taken by the German societies (A. Batra, M. Klein), the

Norwegian society (J. Bramness), the Italian society (G. Carrà), the Belgian society (G. Dom), the Polish society (M. Wojnar) and the Hungarian society (K. Felvinczi).

The president thanked all members who had taken part in this action. It may come too late for Horizon 2020, nevertheless it represents a blue print of what and how EUFAS can take action in the future.

Prof. Jens Reimer, Hamburg, has been nominated as webmaster for EUFAS.

The International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) represented by Alho suggested a close cooperation which was unanimously agreed upon.

3. Report of the Secretary General

F. Wurst reported that EUFAS is now legally installed in Austria. A bank account at the HYPO Salzburg has successfully been opened. All member societies are kindly asked to wire their membership fees (1 € per paying member) to the following account:

Hypo Salzburg

IBAN AT 855500011100014145

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The assembly thanked Prof. Wurst for the time and effort he puts into the task of the secretary general.

4. Report of the Treasurer

J. Bobes reported the current account balance as 2418€. Several societies have paid their membership dues. The option of excluding non-paying members was discussed at the current stage, however, it seemed important to strengthen the integrative power of EUFAS. Again membership regulation according to the World bank definition was discussed, however, no decision was taken.

The assembly thanked Prof. Bobes for his work as the EUFAS treasurer.

5. General discussion (reports, Berlin congress, ...)

Guidelines

C. Farren of Ireland suggested developing consensus guidelines. K Felvinczi proposed to consider already existing efforts on an European level such as the European Drug Prevention Quality Standards published by the EMCDDA December 20, 2011.

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/manuals/prevention-standards>

K. Felvinczi and R. Simon will provide a comparison of guidelines throughout Europe highlighting common issues. Connor Farren will coordinate a efforts related to guidelines.

European funding for EUFAS

G.Carrà, K. Mann and F. Wurst reported from a meeting with Dr. Vigano, Synergia Italy, October 4, regarding funding opportunities especially an operational grant from the EU. As a condition to receive money from the EU own contributions, (e.g. income of the society, fees from congresses etc.), need to be provided by EUFAS. The relation will be 60 % from EU and 40 % from EUFAS. There are different sizes of operating grants, with the maximum amount up to 100.000 € without the need for an audit. Higher amounts are possible (e. g. up to 259.000 €, but will need a formal external and professional auditing. Synergia would not ask for money, however, usually is partner if the grant is received and participates with 8-10% of the total grant contracted. A working group consisting of K. Mann, G. Carra, F. Wurst, K Felvinczi, J. Bramness and T. Gual will further elucidate this topic. The project of organising a two day European workshop in order to prepare a white paper regarding harmonisation in a specific field to be identified is provisionally considered.

New committees (such as on EU funding)

a) New committees:

Funding committees: K. Mann, G. Carrà, F. Wurst, K. Felvinzi, J. Bramness and T. Gual

Liver Transplantation – consensus paper: G. Dom, M. Wojnar, F. Wurst

b) Existing committees:

Treatment development: Gillian Tober, chair, J. Bobes, J. Curto, CK. Farren, J. Guardia, M. Wolters, P. Vossenberg

Research development: Toni Gual, chair, E. Scafato, NN

Prevention development: Guri Spilhaug, chair, Cristina Ribeiro, NN

Policies development: Jozef Racz, chair, K. Felviczi, A. Gual, K. Mann, G. Carrà

EUFAS papers

- J. Bramness et al. A Bibliometric Analysis of addiction publications in different European countries compared with the US (submitted)
- Aubin & Mann: L'Union fait la force : pourquoi l'Europe a besoin de la Fédération Européenne des Sociétés d'Addictologie. Addictologie et Alcohology; (e-pub ahead of print)

- Effertz & Mann: The Burden and Cost of Brain Diseases in Europe with the Inclusion of Harmful Alcohol Use and Nicotine Addiction. *Europ. Neuropsychopharmacol* (e-pub ahead of print)
- Carrà G, Bartili F, Carretta D., Scafato E, Clerici M, Mann KF. Perché è importante una federazione europea delle società tossicodipendenze? *Quaderni italiani di Psichiatria* (e-pub ahead of print).

CME courses

The possibility of offering (CME) courses was discussed. K. Mann reported on a potential option to collaborate with the Lundbeck Institute (LI). LI is independent of the Lundbeck Company and provides high level educational courses and material. They are currently planning a new programme in the addictions and would welcome expert input by EUFAS. F. Wurst offered to look into possibilities for courses in collaboration with the private Paracelsus University at Salzburg. The president suggested considering support and joint actions with the large European projects like Amphora and Alice Rap.

6. Approval of board actions

All actions taken since the last General Assembly were unanimously approved.

7. Election of a new board

The current executive board was re-elected with the exemption that Michel Lejoyeux, France, will be replaced by Henri-Jean Aubin, France. Prof. Mann thanked all members of the committee for their willingness to serve on the board. He stressed that after the approval of EUFAS by the Austrian authorities this is legally the first official board of EUFAS.

8. Amendment of statutes

Upon request of the Austrian authorities a modification is needed regarding paragraph 13,2:

“In case of dissolution of EUFAS the property will be disseminated amongst other *charitable societies*”. This change was agreed by the executive board.

9. Site and time of next meetings (Warsaw proposed)

The next General Assembly could take place in Warsaw, maybe followed by York in the UK (invitation by G. Tober). Marcin Wojnar reported that it will be organised within the next ESBRA meeting held Sunday September 8 until Wednesday September 11, 2013 in

Warsaw at the Marriot Hotel downtown. M. Wojnar will check the EUFAS request that like in Berlin, Prague and in Madrid the EUFAS delegates are exempted from the registration fee and that the meeting rooms will be provided without charge. Furthermore, time slots for one or two EUFAS symposia will be appreciated. A EUFAS CME course could be offered.

Prof. Mann suggested following this year's example in Prague and having a business meeting of the executive board during the EPA congress in Nice, France (April 6-9, 2013). Here members of the Scientific Advisory Board would also be welcome. He will negotiate with EPA for free rooms and free registration for one day.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by F. M. Wurst, Secretary General EUFAS

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Secretary General

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