



2nd meeting of the European Federation of
Addiction Societies (EUFAS)

- General Assembly –

April 8th 2011, Madrid

10 am – 4 pm

AGENDA of the General Assembly

1. **Welcome an Introduction of participants**
2. **Report of the President**
3. **EUFAS Logo and Website (K. Mann)**
4. **Amendment of statutes (Advisory Board)**
5. **Bylaws**
6. **EUFAS legal status (F. Wurst)**
7. **Work Plan (G. Spilhaug, G. Tober, T. Gual, J. Racz)**
8. **Finances (J. Bobes)**
9. **Breakout sessions
(Prevention, Treatment, Research, Funding/Politics)**
10. **Next meeting**
11. **Miscellaneous**

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1. Welcome an Introduction of participants

2. Report of the President and decisions thereafter

Prof. Mann thanked Prof Bobes and his co-workers and colleagues for a perfect organisation of the meeting and for their great Spanish hospitality (all meals and the room plus equipment were provided for free!)

EUFAS is a new Federation. Finances come from contributions of individual societies which are limited by the number of their members (1 € per member). It was confirmed that each member society contributes one euro for each member (dues-paying) starting 2011 with the legal accreditation of EUFAS.

Each member society will provide a description of the society, goals, objectives, and contributions for EUFAS.

Karl Mann has contracted with his institute (CIMH) to grant EUFAS € 6000. In return, EUFAS is committed to include the CIMH as a sponsor on the website and any advertising etc.

An overview of the mission of EUFAS will be prepared to be published in journals of each member society and will be distributed to the members. The proposal will contain the definition, role and guiding principles of EUFAS.

Further parts of the report will be dealt within the following topics

1. EUFAS Logo and Website (K. Mann)

- a. The members of the EUFAS Board selected a logo for EUFAS out of four suggestions? The following logo was unanimously accepted.



- b. The website will be: www.eufas.net
- c. Different components of the website were proposed:
 - i. Map of Europe with links to the national societies.
 - ii. Future congresses
 - iii. Pictures of members and meetings.

- iv. Hot topics: For example, the proposed specialisation of professionals currently pursued in Norway and The Netherlands where Addiction Psychiatry as an independent specialty within medicine is currently established.
- v. Since EUFAS does not yet have a representative in some of the European countries (such as Czechia), the members will try to contact professionals in these countries.

2. Amendment of statutes

An International Advisory Board was created unanimously by the General Assembly and statutes amended accordingly.

Members to the advisory board will be nominated from the EUFAS membership and decided by the EUFAS board. They should serve for 5 years, membership will be renewable.

The president was asked to contact the following individuals and invite them to become a member of the Advisory Board (in alphabetic order):

1. Hannu Alho, Finland
2. Peter Anderson, UK, Spain
3. Ivan Berlin, France
4. Mats Berglund, Sweden
5. Jorgen Bramness, Norway
6. Miguel Casas, Spain
7. Griffith Edwards, UK
8. Gabriele Fisher, Austria
9. Gian Luigi Gessa, Italy
10. Christine Godfrey, UK
11. Andreas Heinz, Germany
12. Yevgeni Krupitsky, Russia
13. Ann McNeill, UK
14. Martina Pötschke-Langer, Germany
15. Ambros Uchtenhagen, Switzerland
16. Wim van den Brink, Holland

3. Statutes

The following modifications have been agreed on:

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b) Where it appears:

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c) Where it appears:

1.3.3 cancelled: **"individual"**

1.3.3 To supply information to, operate with and advise through its committees, any society institution ~~or individual~~ interested in these problems.

d) Where it appears:

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4 Organisation

4.1 The Federation has the following executive bodies

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee
- The Auditors
- The Advisory Board

e) Where it appears:

4.2.2 When a Member Society cannot be represented in the Assembly by its full quota of Delegates, the Delegate (s) present may cast more than one vote, providing permission has been requested in writing to the Secretary and approval granted by the Executive Committee. Similarly, if circumstances prevent of any Delegate from a Member Society, a Delegate from another Society upon prior written request to the Secretary and approval by the Executive Committee may cast their votes.

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f) Where it appears:

4.3.1 The Executive Committee is composed of the President, immediate Past-President, the first Vice-President, the second Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the officer for treatment development, the officer for research development and the officer for prevention development. Additionally, an officer for Eastern Europe is a member of the Executive Committee.

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5.2 The term of office of the President, the first Vice-President, the second Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the officer for treatment development, the officer for research development, the officer for prevention development and the officer for a special task is two years. President and first Vice President are eligible for one re-election, the other officers may be re-elected several times.

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6.1 The fiscal period is a one year period. It defines the term of the Executive Committee and of its members and all Special Commissions and Committees.

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4. EUFAS legal status (F. Wurst)

Options for the legal status of EUFAS in several countries were discussed, including Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Belgium.

It was agreed that it is necessary to review what other organizations do in Europe (EMCDDA, EuroQOL) in order not to overlap in roles and contributions.

Prof. Carra and Prof. Mann will check with Prof. Geert Dom the option of Belgium (Prof. Dom is currently checking this option) If this does not seem feasible, EUFAS will have its seat in Austria.

5. Work Plan

As was decided in the previous meeting, four committees exist:

- Treatment development,
- Research development,
- Prevention development
- Policy development.

Members of each committee (not complete yet):

- Treatment development: Gillian Tober, chair

- o J. Bobes
- o J. Curto
- o CK. Farren
- o J. Guardia
- o M. Wolters
- o P. Vossenber

- Research development: Toni Gual, chair

- o E. Scafato

- Prevention development: Guri Spilhaug, chair

- o Cristina Ribeiro

- Policies development: Jozsef Racz, chair

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- K. Felviczi
- A. Gual
- K. Mann
- G. Carra

All other members of the four committees will be reported later (names could not be identified by M. Casares Lopez and F. Wurst)

6. Finances (J. Bobes)

Previously discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

- 2011 Incomes: 6000€

- Expenses:

- Website
- Logo

It was decided that membership dues (1 € per member of the individual societies) have to be wired starting 2011).

Julio Bobes will create a EUFAS bank account in Spain.

7. Breakout sessions

(Prevention, Treatment, Research, Funding/Politics)

-See point 7

8. Next meeting

2012: Berlin (September)

2013: York ?

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by María J. Casares, SOCIDROGALCOHOL, Spain and F. M. Wurst, Austrian Society for Addiction Research and Therapy, Austria

Mannheim, May 31st 2011,



Karl Mann, MD
President

Attendees (in alphabetic order)

- Prof Julio Bobes. President of Socidrogalcohol. Spain
- Dr. Amador Calafat. Member of Socidrogalcohol, Spain
- Prof Giuseppe Carrá. Member of the Italian Association of Addiction Psychiatry.-
- María J. Casares. Member of Socidrogalcohol, Spain
- Dr. Julio Curto, Portuguese Society for the study of substances and addictions.
- Dr. Conor K. Farren. St Patricks University Hospital. Ireland. Member of the Irish College of Psychiatrists
- Dr. Katalin Felvinczi, Hungarian Association on Addiction
- Dr. Josep Guardia, Socidrogalcohol, Spain
- Prof Karl Mann, German Society for Addiction Research and Addiction Therapy
- Prof Dr. Jozsef Racz, Hungarian Association on Addictions
- Dr. Cristina Ribeiro, Portuguese Addiction Medicine Association
- Dr. Guri Spilhaug, Norwegian Association of Addiction Medicine (NFRAM)
- Dr. Gillian Tober, Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA). United Kingdom.
- Dr. Vossenber, Dutch society of Practitioners of Addiction Medicine (VVGK). Holland
- Dr. Michel Wolters, Dutch society of Practitioners of Addiction Medicine (VVGK) Holland
- Prof. Friedrich Wurst, Austrian Society for Addiction Research and Therapy. also representing the Austrian Society for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (ÖGPP).