



The Intensive Connection



European Board of Intensive Care Medicine (EBICM)

October 23, 2022 (10:00-11:00)

Minutes

Present at LIVES 2022, Paris (Palais des Congrès, Porte Maillot): M. Cecconi, E. Azoulay, J De Waele, A Vieillard-Baron, P Gruber, P Povia, M. Theodorakopoulou, S Schaller, J Alexandre
Connected from Zoom: M. Sander, A. Artigas, E. Uhl

M. Cecconi (MC) welcomed all participants. All participants introduced themselves.
MC thanked everyone for their participation.

The minutes of the meeting held in Milan on 6 June 2022 were approved as a true copy.

M Sander informed the attendees that the upcoming UEMS Council meeting will take place in November, and to his knowledge, there will be no significant update for EBICM. He also regretted that the meeting of today is organised at the same time as the congress of the American Society of Anaesthesiologists and due to the time difference, K Zacharowski is not attending.

M Sander addressed the issue of the representation of societies within the EBICM as one of the criticisms of last year was that the board is led by ESICM and ESAIC only.

M Cecconi agreed that the board has a large representation of ESICM and ESAIC is one of the stakeholder societies in the multidisciplinary discipline of intensive care medicine. EBICM is the only place in the UEMS structure where ESICM has a voice since ICM is not a recognised medical speciality.

M Sander was concerned by the low attendance of the other scientific societies at the EBICM meetings and reminded that, at the last EBICM meeting, Eduardo De Robertis (ESAIC President) asked for a consultation with UEMS to have a broader representation of ESAIC in EBICM. The UEMS replied that the EBICM is free to structure the Board as it wishes as long as there is a consensus among the members. He suggested that the Presidents of both ESICM and ESAIC can meet and discuss this issue and come back to EBICM with a proposal.

M Cecconi stated that at the last meeting in Milan, he noticed the presence of invited persons who are not EBICM members and he disagreed with the proposal made by K Zacharowski that the ESAIC President is the co-chair of EBICM. M Cecconi repeated that ESICM is not keen to change the structure of the board.

M Sander concluded that the current structure as agreed by UEMS in October 2017 (see documents in appendix) remains valid until there is an agreement to change it.

Regarding the organisation of EBICM meetings, M Cecconi was in favour of maintaining an annual meeting at the ESICM annual congresses in the autumn, and organising a second

meeting during the year at the annual conference of one of the board societies, if there is an interest in this rotation. This would give a sense of inclusivity to the scientific societies represented on the board.

A Artigas encouraged to organise the meetings most simply and easily so that the majority of the board members could attend.

M Cecconi proposed that the 1st-semester meeting be organised by host societies with a rotation among the specialities.

M Sander and M Cecconi both agreed that there is no major progression in the free movement of the European intensivists at the European Institutions' level.

A Artigas asked if there was any news about the accreditation of the CIP. M Cecconi replied that this topic has not been brought forward. M Sander saw this topic as an opportunity to create a working group within EBICM to think about accreditation options in countries.

M Cecconi asked when M Sander's term of office as chair of the MJCICM would end. M Sander answered that UEMS has made a call for candidates among the members of MJCICM in September and he applied for a second term.

There was no other business brought forward and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30

The next meeting will take place at ESA Congress in Glasgow in June 2023.

Appendix 1

To the President of the UEMS, Dr Romuald Krajewski
Frankfurt, 04.10.2017

Cc: Vice-Presidents: Dr Hans Hjelmqvist, Dr Othmar Haas, Dr Marc Hermans, Dr Joao Grenho;
Secretary General: Prof. Vassilios Papalois

Re: Formation of the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine (EBICM)

Dear Sir,

The Multidisciplinary Joint Committee of Intensive Care Medicine (MJCICM) and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) met on the 23rd September 2017 in Vienna on the advice of Professor Vassilios Papalois, Secretary General of UEMS.

During this meeting both parties agreed on the following structure to build an EBICM:

The Board will consist of 9 elected members of ESICM (elected by the approx. 9,000 members of the Society) and 9 members of the MJCICM (represented by one member of each primary specialty such as Anaesthesiology, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Paediatrics, Pneumology and Surgery).

Furthermore, 9 additional members from the European Societies of Anaesthesiology, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Paediatrics, Pneumology and Surgery (one member/Society) will complete the EBICM.

The 18 members of the MJCICM and the European Societies of the above primary specialties will have one vote per discipline (in total 9 votes). The ESICM elected members of EBICM will have 9 votes as well.

The 9 votes of the MJCICM/European Societies can be used in the absence of the other member of the same specialty.

We kindly ask you to approve this proposal so that we can re-build the EBICM as soon as possible.

With kind regards and best wishes,

On behalf of MJCICM and ESICM

Prof. Kai Zacharowski
President MJC ICM

Prof. Massimo Antonelli
President ESICM

Appendix 2

Answer from UEMS

Brussels, 24 October 2017

To Prof. Zacharowski, President MJC ICM

To Prof. Antonelli President ESICM

Dear Prof. Zacharowski,

Dear Prof. Antonelli,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 October 2017 in which you define the voting structure of EBICM. Your proposal was discussed and the UEMS Executive concluded that such arrangement is not contradictory to the UEMS terms of reference. It is our strong belief that the compromise both parties reached will ensure the necessary stability EBICM needs to provide outstanding services to ICM doctors.

We take the opportunity to remind you that EBICM is a working group of the UEMS MJC in ICM. (See UEMS Statutes **Article X. Specialist Sections and their European Boards** and Rules of Procedure **VI.10. Multidisciplinary Joint Committee .../... Although not a Section in its own right, such MJC must follow the same UEMS rules of procedure as though they were a Section and refer all decisions to the Council.**)

We kindly ask you to update the EBICM website accordingly.

We look forward to hearing about EBICM's future successes.

Best regards

Dr Romuald Krajewski Prof. Papalois

President of UEMS Secretary General of UEMS