

Section on Health Services Research and Outcome



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Minutes of the Section on Health Services Research And Outcome Meeting

held at the 30th ISICEM Congress in Brussels

Date: Wednesday, 10th March 2010
Time: 12.00 – 13.30
Location: Room 204 in
SQUARE - BRUSSELS MEETING CENTRE

Attendants: Bekele Afessa, Anna Batchelor, Maurizia Capuzzo, Bertrand Guidet, Didier Ledoux, Rafael Kaps, Matgorzata Mikaszewska, Lotti Orvelius, Michael Pinsky, Andreas Valentin

The meeting was opened by Maurizia Capuzzo, who welcomed the participants and showed them a photo of the new ESICM office, opened on Monday 8th March 2010. She apologized for the Philipp Metnitz who had to go back to Vienna and could not attend the meeting of the section as well as the meeting of the Working Group on Outcome, and for Paolo Merlani who could not be present but Didier Ledoux stood in for him.

According to the agenda of the meeting, she reported about the following points:

- **DSA Review Day** held on the 22nd February 2010, in Brussels, to discuss the status of all sections, including history, activities, projects, and Working groups. Despite the limited number of HSRO Section members, the number of voting members is quite similar to that of other Sections. Moreover, the HSRO Section rank second as far as the number of abstracts submitted for the congress is concerned, and the results are even better for publications (due especially to Rui Moreno, Philipp Metnitz and Andreas Valentin).

To foster communication between chairs and deputies, with Section members, ESICM web-site and mail are regularly used. The members were requested whether they would like a web chat rooms of the Section, but none of them (including the chairperson and the deputy) is used to chat on line. So the proposal was refused.

The members were in favour of the proposal to have more frequent Section newsletters, in the case that the members provide some information to be spread.

It was also suggested that useful material may be provided before the Section meeting, as well as information about topics other countries are working on.

- **New initiatives for the Barcelona Congress** were presented as well as the new: **Patients Recognize ICUs Devotion & Excellence (PRIDE) ESICM Campaign** Letters from ICU patients & families will be collected by members, 5 of those letters will be

selected by Council members for 5 awards consisting in free registrations to Berlin 2011. All letters, in their language, without reporting any names will be displayed on congress walls and other city spaces, and those selected will be read during the congress week.

- **Program for the next Congress in Barcelona** (quite completed). A PG course “The Practice of Health Care Delivery in ICU”, lasting one and a half day, and the other sessions organized by the Section were presented and the attendants gave suggestions for refinement of the titles and possible speakers.

The activities of the Working Groups of the section were summarized as follows.

OUTCOME GROUP

Some slides sent by Philipp Metnitz, who is responsible of this WG, were presented by Maurizia Capuzzo. Many SAPS 3 sub-studies have been published and the WG plan to perform a new study to assess Intensivists' workload in Europe (WorkDoc).

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Andreas Valentin reported about the meeting held the day before, where there was a discussion on the “Recommendations on basic requirements for Intensive Care Units”. The topic is relevant, but really complex and they have still to work.

HEALTH ECONOMICS GROUP

Didier Ledoux summarized the project “European Length of ICU Stay Evaluation” (ELOISE), presented some key definitions at least in part discussed in the meeting in Vienna, and proposed a time table for the pilot phase. The attendants gave comments and suggestions, recommending to start only when all points have been clarified.

The Section meeting ended at 14.45.

The next meeting will be held at the ESICM congress in Barcelona and date and location will be communicated as soon as possible.

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