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# 1. Editorial from the President

***Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear member representatives and colleagues,***

Our association is slowly growing, as we have got 3 new members this year, all from Italy. A very warm welcome to all of them. This year we also have celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> summer school, which successfully took place in the southern part of Germany near the city of Munich at Lake Ammer. Special thanks to our member, the Institute of Occupational Medicine at Munich University, represented by Prof. Dr. Katja Radon and Dr. Stefanie Kolb and their co-workers, who took responsibility in realizing this summer school.

At this year's General Assembly at the same place and time there had to be approved some changes in the board by the Assembly. Two board members terminated their membership to the board, Prof. Dr. Brigitta Danuser from Lausanne, Switzerland, and Dr. Reinhard Jäger from Linz, Austria. Many thanks to them for their commitment in the board. They were replaced by the new board members Prof. Dr. Begoña Martínez Jarreta from the University of Zaragoza, Spain, and Dr. Dieter Weigel from the Academy of Occupational Medicine Berlin, Germany. A warm welcome to both of them and many thanks that they have been willing to take over responsibility for EASOM.

Furthermore our previous president, Dr. Kristiina Mukala, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs, Finland, has resigned. But she will stay in the board for another year. Many thanks for her outstanding commitment to EASOM so far. Her withdrawal made it necessary to elect a new president. Thanks to the General Assembly for its confidence in me.

In future there will be a structure in the board, and each board member will be responsible for specific tasks. This will be worked out soon.

In Europe everybody has the right and possibility of completely free movement within the EC and may work where he/she wants to. For physicians there is mainly one hurdle. They have to have appropriate knowledge of the country's language they migrate to, so that they are able to communicate with their patients and customers respectively, and all relevant institutions. Of course they have to have knowledge of the special national legislation of the country in which they plan their setting-up, too. The EC directive 2005/36/EC, which is valid in all EC member states since 2007, is fundamental for physicians, because it sets minimal requirements. Physicians have to complete an undergraduate medical training of at least 5500 hours and in addition to that for example a four year postgraduate training before they are accepted as medical specialists in Occupational Medicine. The national boards decide how

this post graduate training is done and what contents are required. It can be a real challenge for EASOM as the European body of organisations which realise the postgraduate training in occupational medicine to establish a curriculum which leads to a harmonisation of this postgraduate training in all EC member states. That will be relevant for all occupational physicians who plan to migrate within the Common Market because it then is proven that they have the same standard of knowledge wherever they previously have received their training. It is relevant also for the UEMS section “Occupational Medicine” because the training to become an occupational physician is the start point of this medical specialisation. Last but not least it will be an excellent example to establish a quasi European national standard in the postgraduate training of physicians also of other specialisations. EASOM and occupational medicine will be a “lighthouse” by taking the initiative.

Best regards,

Dr Giso Schmeisser  
President of EASOM

## **2. Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> EASOM Summer School**

In Herrsching am Ammersee, not far from Munich, EASOM celebrated the event of the TENTH EASOM SUMMER SCHOOL, held from 26 till 28 August 2010.

The organizing institute has been the Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) of Munich, with much personal effort of prof. Katja Radon, dr Stefanie Kolb and co-workers of LMU. EASOM has expressed its thanks to them for this successful Summer School.

The theme was: “Virtual patients in training for Occupational Medicine”. The case-based e-learning system developed in the NetWoRM Project, of which the LMU has been the leading organisation, was one of the key topics presented in detail and trained in practical exercises.

Special guest speakers were prof. Raymond Agius from the University of Manchester (UK), who is an expert in e-learning, and dr Jacques van der Vliet, member of the Comité Permanent des Médecins Européens (CPME) and Dutch delegate for the UEMS Section Occupational Medicine. Dr Van der Vliet and dr Dick Spreeuwiers were both representing the UEMS Section at the Summer School.

On the closing day, prof. Raphael Masschelein, president of EASOM 1995-2003, gave his personal view upon ten years of Summer Schools, starting in Dresden 2001, with a Summer School about risk communication with workers, financed by the Leonardo da Vinci Programme of the EU. He completed his presentation with a gallery of pictures as ‘evidence’.

From November the first, you may find the Summer School programme

and all presentations as PDF-documents on the EASOM website [www.easom.org](http://www.easom.org) , by clicking the buttons 'Summer Schools' and "Past Summer Schools'.

**Now we present some pictures of the 10<sup>th</sup> EASOM Summer School.**



After group work, back in the plenary session



The group at the corner



Most of the Summer School participants together in the court of the House of the Bavarian Farmers Organization, Herrsching, Germany



Prof Raphael Masschelein analysing ten years of EASOM Summer Schools



Summer evening at the Lake Ammer



Continuing discussions with a drink



Waiting for the dinner at Restaurant "Seehof" in Herrsching



The group at Lake Ammer

### **3. The EMUTOM project for undergraduate teaching**

In February 2010, six EASOM members (Ghent, Belgium; Rouen, France; Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Timisoara, Romania; Zaragoza, Spain and Belgrade, Serbia) submitted a proposal “A European Module on Undergraduate Teaching in Occupational Medicine (EMUTOM)” for the Erasmus Programme under the Lifelong Learning Programme. The Executive Agency did select this project and recommended it for EU funding. The project started on 1 October 2010 for a duration of 2 years.

#### Background

Most people spend a third of their adult lives at work and “occupation” is an important determinant of human health. Each year 167.000 workers die in the EU-27 of the consequences of their work, according to estimates from the International Labour Office. As many as 159.500 of these fatalities can be attributed to work-related diseases.

In Europe, the coverage of occupational health services ranges from 15% to 95% and the number of specialists trained in occupational medicine remains small (European Union Directive 1989/391/ECC, World Health Organisation, “Global Strategy on Workers’ Health”, 2007).

In this respect, the teaching of occupational health issues to medical undergraduates is vital as most work-related health problems will be managed by general practitioners and others. So far, the teaching of occupational medicine and health shows substantial differences in quality and quantity across European countries and is complicated by limited teaching time, coupled with large number of students. Educational institutions are increasingly aware of the need to provide a common and updated training at undergraduate level (European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine, Leuven 2008; International Commission on Occupational Health, Glasgow 2008).

If medical professionals understand the relationship between health and work, there is a potential for more adequate prevention and less absenteeism from work. Avoiding occupational diseases and injuries not only affects workers' health, but also brings less costs for companies as well as society.

### Aim and objectives

The aim of this joint developed European module is to provide undergraduate students in medicine and health sciences with sufficient knowledge and appropriate skills and attitudes in dealing with work-related issues to allow them to function effectively as health professionals in an evolving society and in a changing world of work. The objectives are that by the end of their undergraduate course students should be able to:

- understand the relevance of work and the wider environment to health and disease (Knowledge)
- understand the impact of health and disease on work (Knowledge)
- take an occupational history (Skills)
- describe the outline structure and process of occupational health care (Knowledge)
- appreciate the different perspectives required by the occupational health approach (Attitudes)
- access further resources and know where to look for specialist help (Knowledge, skills)
- dispense appropriate advice to workers and employers about disability, workplace adjustment and rehabilitation back to the workplace (Knowledge, skills)
- accept their responsibility towards preventing and reporting occupational ill-health and the promotion of health at work (Attitudes)
- have insight in the legal aspects and manage the ethical problems of work-related issues (Knowledge, skills).

## Activities

- Questionnaire survey on undergraduate teaching and needs analysis in the field of work-related issues in partner institutions and across Europe
- Identification of the core competencies that qualified doctors and health professionals need to possess in the field of occupational health to enable them to understand the links between health and work
- Define clear learning objectives
- Specify assessment methods and criteria
- Develop the overall architecture of the module and the content of the individual course packages
- Specify different types of teaching formats and learning activities relevant for the learning outcomes for each of the packages
- Running the module on test basis
- Reflection and feedback during and after the test phase by internal and external experts to ensure the quality and coherence of the entire module
- Optimized module (course packages) in line with national and European qualifications frameworks with potential as a generative model.

For some of these activities, support and help from other EASOM members and educational institutes will be asked for.

## Dissemination and exploitation

As an output, there will be an online module with written materials, case studies, power point presentations, ... Most of the developed materials will be available in English and in the partners' languages to maximize accessibility. Presentations will be given at the EASOM Summer Schools, ICOH congresses, ... and other international conferences. Moreover, publications in international journals are foreseen.

At the end of the project, a one-day conference will be organised, bringing together all project partners, two invited speakers and all interested parties. This conference will take place in Timisoara.

Comments and questions concerning this project can be sent to :  
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## **4. Epidemiology Module**

In 2007, a special EASOM project group chaired by Cathy Harrison (UK)

finished the materials for a teaching module “Epidemiology for training in occupational medicine”, based upon the output of the 6<sup>th</sup> EASOM Summer School in Bari (2006). In 2008, five institutions / EASOM members had volunteered to test the module. The experiences have been transferred to the developing group. Before placing the materials on the EASOM website, we felt a need for an expert view on these materials, in particular because they had been produced three years ago. Prof. Joost Weyler, epidemiologist at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, was so kind to review the materials. Early November 2010, the adjusted materials will be available from the EASOM web site.

## **5. EASOM – UEMS contacts**

In 2010, the EASOM Board was represented at both meetings of the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS), Section Occupational Medicine:

24 April in Veldhoven near Eindhoven, the Netherlands;  
15 and 16 October in Bucharest, Romania.

In Bucharest, both the president dr Giso Schmeisser and the secretary André Weel attended the UEMS meeting. On the first day, André Weel gave an overview of EASOM as an association, its history, membership, activities, projects and Summer Schools. He indicated the following areas for collaboration with the UEMS:

- Definition of quality criteria for postgraduate and CME/CPD training programmes; quality assessment.
- Accreditation of CME/CPD programmes.
- Strengthening of occupational medicine in the basic medical curricula.
- Making occupational medicine more attractive for graduate doctors.
- Common research and development projects.
- Collaboration with clinicians for complicated occupational medicine questions.
- Redefinition of core competencies for occupational physicians.

These areas were discussed in the plenary, and recognized as important by most participants.

On the second day, the meeting was replaced to the Mogosaia Palace near Bucharest. In the formal meeting, much attention was paid to the joint UEMS – EASOM proposal for the nomination of an accreditation committee. The UEMS Section tries to realize a European Accreditation system for occupational medicine. This is fully in agreement with the official UEMS policy as a whole. For the time being, this ‘own’ system has

to work parallel to the national accreditation systems. By European accreditation, doctors may participate in CME / CPD programmes everywhere in Europe, and this participation will be rewarded through European credits, the so-called ECMECs. ECMECs maybe exchanged to the credit systems of the participating countries. This system may be expanded to the United States by an agreement between UEMS and American Medical Association.

A committee was nominated that will advise the Section about accreditation of CME and CPD programmes in occupational medicine. The committee will consist of three members from the UEMS Section and two members from the EASOM Board. Moreover, the secretary of the UEMS Section will participate in this committee as a non-voting member. The committee will formulate a set of rules to be discussed and decided next year.

The website of the UEMS Section, [www.uems-occupationalmedicine.com](http://www.uems-occupationalmedicine.com) is also very informative for EASOM. The Section is now putting country profiles on the website.

The discussion about the proposal for the European Working Time Directive was continued. In the proposal, in preparation at the European Parliament, guidelines are given for maximum uninterrupted working time and a maximum number of working hours a week. The latter is proposed to be 48 hours a week. From the medical sector there is a lot of resistance against such a limitation of weekly working hours. The UEMS delegates state that advice has been asked from employers and employees organisations, but not from occupational physicians. Such in spite of the evidence that has been found about the relationship between working time and health. Moreover, a relation between the number of working hours at the one side, and the number of medical mistakes and traffic accidents after working time at the other side has been found.

The UEMS Sections thinks it important to be able to influence the European rules about work and health. Therefore we need a good entrance to the European policy structures. Moreover, the Section must be able to produce professional and valuable advices, and might contact experts for support.

Jacques van der Vliet will prepare a paper how these two conditions may be realized.

In the meantime, UEMS Central has forwarded a question about European rules concerning electromagnetic fields to the Section.

Both EASOM Board members think that we should continue and increase co-operation. A UEMS delegate will be invited for EASOM Board meetings.

## **6. New EASOM member schools: Modena, Milan and Rome**

### ***Modena***

**The School of Specialization of Occupational Medicine of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE) is based at the Chair of Occupational Medicine of UNIMORE.**

The Chair is part of the Department of Public Health Sciences. Within the Department multidisciplinary research and teaching activities are performed; the main fields are Occupational Medicine, Environmental Medicine, Public Health and Microbiology.

The permanent staff of the Department is composed of 16 Professors and researchers, and 7 technicians and administrative. In research activities of the Department is also involved a variable number of students, PhD students and post-doc.

Within the Dept of Public Health Sciences there are Scientific Laboratories for analysis of various chemicals (metals, solvents, pesticides, etc.) in biological matrices, using different analytical techniques (gas-chromatography, HPLC, ETA-AAS, etc.).

Research activities of the Chair of Occupational Medicine include evaluation of occupational and environmental exposure to several physical and chemical risk factors, early effects in workers and prevention.

Research on exposure to chemical factors include the evaluation of exposure to solvents, with special interest to low exposures, and early effects to the nervous system and sensory perception, and the development of biological indices of exposure and effect.

Research on physical risk factors is currently addressed to occupational and environmental exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF), and on early effects, mainly on the immuno-neuro-endocrine system and on possible genotoxicity. Prof. F Gobba is founder, and currently Director, of the Research Center on the Health Effects of Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields of the Dept of Public Health Sciences.

Another research area of the Chair of Occupational Health is ergonomics; in the past activity was performed mainly on ergonomics of VDT work; more recently research is on going on the evaluation of work-related musculoskeletal disorders, and on prevention of musculoskeletal work related diseases.

Apart from research, the training programme of the School of Specialization of Occupational Medicine include preventive and periodic

medical examinations to assess employees' working suitability, employees information and counselling about health risks at workplace and how they can be prevented, analysis of working conditions, health hazards and work strains by regular access to workplaces and consulting activities on clinical cases of suspected professional disease. All activities are performed under the supervision of trained tutors.

The Occupational Medicine training program of the Occupational Medicine School of Specialization of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia is a five-years research and academic/practical experience. A residency gives a broad base of knowledge in the field of Occupational Medicine, including all the main aspects of occupational health and safety. Among principal areas of the training program are: epidemiology, biostatistics, occupational and environmental toxicology, ergonomics, occupational medicine, preventive medicine, employment and safety legislation. Within the training program, the participation in practicum rotations at different clinics is scheduled, including pneumology, cardiology, otolaryngology, dermatology and neurology. In addition, the trainees participate in a variety of worksites visits under the supervision of trained tutors to learn, on the field, the different kinds of occupational exposures, to understand the risk assessment methodology and prevention activities. Research activity in different areas of OHS is also part of the training program

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*From 1978 he is actively involved in research in the field of Occupational Medicine and Ergonomy. He performed studies on exposure to several chemical and physical risk factors, and on early effects in workers. Research on effects of chemicals was mainly related to the evaluation of early effects to the nervous system and sensory perception, and to the development of biological indices of exposure to low doses, and of early effect.*

*Research on physical factors were mainly related to the evaluation of exposure and early effects of Electromagnetic Fields. The results of research are presented in more than 270 scientific publications in scientific journals and proceedings of symposiums.*

*Prof Gobba has obtained and managed grants for scientific research programs from various national and international Institutions.*

## Milan

The Postgraduate School in Occupational Medicine in Milan dates back to 1911 when the hospital “Istituti Clinici di Perfezionamento” established a post-graduate course of “Clinic of Occupational Illnesses” under the direction of Luigi Devoto (1911-1936). In 1924 it became a part of the newly established “Università degli Studi di Milano” under the name of Postgraduate School of Occupational Medicine. Luigi Preti (1936-41), Enrico C. Vigliani (1941-1991), Gerolamo Chiappino (1991-2001), Vito Foà (2001-2007) and at present Pier Alberto Bertazzi have directed the school that so far has trained no less than 1118 occupational physicians.



Bernardino Ramazzini  
(1633-1714 )  
The Father of  
Occupational Medicine



Luigi Devoto (1864-  
1936)  
Founder of the «Clinica  
del Lavoro»

The history of this school is strongly related to the development of the “Clinic of Work”, the first one in the world addressed to prevention and treatment of industrial and agricultural diseases. Its founder Luigi Devoto (1864-1936) organized also the First International Congress of Occupational Health (1906) within which the Permanent International Commission on Occupational Medicine was founded (now ICOH).

The successful achievements and the valuable imprinting of its maestros have maintained and increased all over the years its active participation in the major international and national bodies involved in workers' health and safety. The Clinica has promoted diagnosis and treatment of work-related diseases as well as work environment inspections and on site services with prevention purposes, developing joined scientific research in a variety of fields through the best available instruments. Discipline outcomes are spread via publications and teaching while preservation of historical heritage is entrusted to the worldwide known Library. The postgraduate students can take full advantage of this unprecedented patrimony.



Clinica del Lavoro in 1910



Clinica del Lavoro today



A re-organization of the Faculty and School of Medicine (Ministerial Decree 1 August, 2005), in accordance with European standards, included this postgraduate school into the “Public Health” medical area together with Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Aeronautics Medicine, Forensic Medicine and Health Statistics. Since the 2008-2009 academic year, it has run a selective entry five-year course, with a common core of learning subjects. It is open to students graduated in Medicine and Surgery.

The knowledge and skills to be addressed, according to art. 38 of the new Italian law on safety and health at work (Law decree 81/2008), to endorse them as “competent occupational physicians”, are briefly reported here:

- Behaviour in accordance with the Principles of Occupational Health and the Code of Ethics (ICOH)
- Knowledge and application of international and national regulations regarding work, communication, enterprise economics and management
- Observational epidemiology
- Identification and assessment of work-related risks and preventive actions; management of occupational health services at workplace
- Health surveillance and identification of vulnerable workers
- Disability and fitness for work
- First aid and emergency care
- Information and education on harmful factors for disease and accident prevention.

The five-year programme is accomplished with the support of university professors in toxicology, ergonomics, medical statistics and epidemiology, internal medicine, and of practising medical doctors, experts in industrial hygiene and work organization, and experts from public health, industry and labour bodies. The lessons are linked to daily activities in units, wards and laboratories of the Occupational Health Department. On-site visits in several industries and workplaces are scheduled and special seminars on a variety of subjects are delivered by international scholars. The educational programme consists of basic, clinical, epidemiological, ergonomic and forensic subjects; the program includes periodical examinations and a final thesis.

Bilateral agreements exist with other schools like for example “La Escuela Profesional de Medicina del Trabajo” of the Zaragoza University to promote mutual activities within the Erasmus Programme on behalf of students via 6-month stages.

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## **Rome**

### **Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, UCSC, Rome: an overview**

The Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health at Catholic University of Sacred Heart is constituted by a multidisciplinary group aiming to offer comprehensive services for the workplace risk assessment and for the prevention and diagnosis of occupational exposure, illness and injury. The Institute, directed by Professor Antonio Bergamaschi, is composed of two main sections: the Occupational Medicine Section and the Industrial Hygiene Section.

The activities of the Occupational Medicine Section include:

- Preventive and periodic medical examinations to assess employees' working suitability
- Employees information and counselling about health risks at workplace and how they can be prevented
- Analysis of working conditions, health hazards and work strains by regular access to workplaces
- Consulting activities on clinical cases of suspected professional disease.

The Industrial Hygiene Section is composed of a team of occupational health and safety technicians, chemists and geologists working in cooperation with occupational health physicians. The team is dedicated to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of workplace conditions that may cause worker injury or illness. The activities of the Industrial Hygiene Section include occupational air sampling, noise and vibrations exposure evaluation, indoor air quality assessments, microbiological investigations, ergonomic measurements, workplace risk assessments.

In 2009 a new Toxicological Analysis Laboratory started up, in cooperation with the Department of Forensic Medicine. The Laboratory, in accordance with the Italian legislation, performs drug testing at workplace to assess the absence of drug addiction in employees whose tasks require accuracy, reliability, independent judgment or a very good reaction capacity.

In addition, the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health is engaged in several research projects aiming to point out the main professional risks in different occupational settings and to promote procedures and interventions to prevent them. The research field ranges from physical hazards (lightning, dust, noise, nanoparticles) to ergonomic

issues and psychosocial risks.

As well as offering a wide range of services, the Institute has been a center for training in Occupational Medicine since 1972.

The Occupational Medicine Training Program at Catholic University School of Medicine is a five-years combined academic/practicum experience. The residency furnishes a broad base of knowledge which includes all aspects of occupational safety and health. The main areas of the program are: epidemiology, biostatistics, occupational and environmental medicine, ergonomics, toxicology, employment and safety legislation. The training program includes the participation in practicum rotations at different clinics: pneumology, cardiology, otolaryngology, dermatology and neurology. In addition, during the five years of specialization trainees participate in a variety of worksites visits to understand the different kinds of occupational exposures and to learn the risk assessment methodology.

## Curriculum Vitae Prof. Antonio BERGAMASCHI

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*Director of the Training Program in Occupational Medicine at Catholic University of Sacred Heart;*

*Deputy Chairman of the Italian Society of Occupational Medicine and Industrial Hygiene (SIMLII);*

*Member of several associations working in the Occupational and Environmental Health field:*

- *“Bernardino Ramazzini Association” for University Physicians*
- *Italian Association for Industrial Hygienists (AIDII)*
- *Italian Society of Ergonomics*
- *Italian Association of Preventive Medicine for Healthcare Workers*
- *International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)*
- *American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)*
- *ICOH Scientific Committee for “Work and Vision”*
- *Scientific Committee of CEMBUREAU (European Association for Cement Producers)*
- *Regional Committee for Radioprotection*
- *Asbestos National Committee (at Health Ministry)*
- *Director of many scientific research projects in cooperation with national and international Research Institutes*

*Author of more than 400 Scientific Papers.*

## **7. New EASOM Board members: Begoña Martínez-Jarreta (Zaragoza) Dieter Weigel (Berlin)**

### **Begoña Martínez-Jarreta (Zaragoza)**

Many of us know Begoña as the organizer of the successful seventh EASOM Summer School “Teaching Management of Mental Health Problems”, Zaragoza 2007. As a new Board member, she has sent her curriculum vitae. See below.



#### I. Current Professional Situation

1. Full Professor on Occupational Medicine (University of Zaragoza)
2. Director of the School of Occupational Medicine since 1996 (University of Zaragoza)
3. Head of the Unit of Occupational Medicine since 2004. Aragon Department of Health Affairs
4. Director of the Doctorate Program of Occupational Medicine, University of Zaragoza
5. Member of the National Bureau of Occupational Medicine Speciality for eight years
6. President of the Ethics Committee of the Aragonese College of Surgeons and Physicians
7. Member of the Medical Specialization Committee in the Aragon Department of Health Affairs

## II. Academic Training

- Primary Degree: Medicine and Surgery
- PhD obtained in 1989. Awarded with Extraordinary Doctorate Prize.
- Specialisation in Occupational Medicine
- Master's Degree in:
  - Occupational Risk Prevention, specialising in Ergonomics and Applied Psycho-sociology, Hygiene speciality
  - In Bodily Damage Assessment and Insurance Medicine.

## III. Awards

- Zaragoza Royal Academy of Medicine Award (1990)
- Prize for Excellence in Training in Occupational Medicine (2000)
- In two occasions: National Prize for the Best Scientific Contribution (National Congress of Occupational Medicine and Nursing)
- Awarded in 2009 with the Prize for Innovation in teaching Methods

## IV. Scientific Publications, Research Projects, etc.

- Own Publications: 216
- Author /coordinator of books: 8; Chapters of books: 23
- Member of the Editorial Board or Scientific Journal; advisor of 17 scientific journals.

## V. Contributions at Congresses: 257.

- Chairwoman/ Vice-Chairwoman of the Organisation/member of the Scientific Committee of a number of National and International Congresses, etc.
- Theses supervised: 21, 5 of them awarded with the Extraordinary Doctorate Prize.
- Subsidized Research Projects (CICYT, DGYCIT, FIS, CONAI, CONSID, etc) : 40; Chief Researcher in 30.
- Head of a Consolidated Group of Scientific research recognized by the Government of Aragon.

VI. Invited Conferences: >50, (Universities of Dundee -Scotland), Porto -Portugal, Nancy -France, Milan -Italy, Bordeaux -France, Buenos Aires -Argentina), etc.

## **Dieter Weigel (Berlin)**

The other new EASOM Board member since August 2010 is Dieter Weigel from Berlin. Here he presents himself.

“After few years of clinical activity in surgery and internal medicine I found my vocational main focus in the preventive-medical sector: since 1983 I work as occupational physician. Most of that time I spent working for a

university hospital, interrupted by a four-year leave of absence for training in other areas of occupational medicine (such as asbestos and lead processing factories).

In order to keep my vocational horizon open, I always tried to achieve activities in neighbouring fields as well:



I have been / I am member in some advisory boards supporting the legislator in the formulation of occupational health regulations.

Furthermore I teach occupational medicine to undergraduate students and postgraduate physicians.

In Germany the advanced training to become specialist for occupational health requires a five-year clinical training and a theoretical training course of 360 hours.

These training courses are provided – besides other academies - by the Akademie für Arbeitsmedizin Berlin, where I am spokesperson and – together with 5 colleagues – in authority for the scientific organisation of them.

This function has led me to EASOM, where I see my particular task to represent the position of non-university postgraduate training of occupational health.

On the other hand, I see an important role of EASOM in standardizing training contents in Europe, since occupational physicians are going to be allowed to practise all over Europe.

Last not least, especially in the EASOM summer-schools, teaching models and curricula are presented that help us to further raise the level of education.

So I am pleased and proud (and a little nervous, too) that the Akademie für Arbeitsmedizin has been chosen by EASOM to organise the summer-

school 2012 in Berlin.

And my life beyond EASOM and occupational medicine?

Yet, there is some:

Having practised in younger years more competition-oriented and challenging kinds of sport such as ice-hockey, rock-climbing and gliding, I turned in the meantime to more settled activities: Kayaking and sailing on the beautiful rivers and lakes around Berlin (unfortunately much too rarely), attending opera (there are three of them in Berlin) and theatres, and I am an ardent member of a reading-circle. Not to forget: I love to dance, especially argentine tango...

Last not least: since some months I am enthusiastic grandfather... “

## **8. Forthcoming events**

Paris, France, 13 December 2010: EASOM Board Meeting

Place to be agreed, 28 March 2011: EASOM Board Meeting

Riga, Latvia, 8 – 11 June 2011: Occupational Diseases: a three-day ‘Teach the Teachers’ training course based upon the EU Information Notices. This EFOH course will be lead by experts from EU countries who have revised the “EU Information Notices on Occupational Diseases: a guide to diagnosis”. Registration: [www.efoh.eu](http://www.efoh.eu)

Rouen, France, 24 August 2011: EASOM Board Meeting

Rouen, France, 25 – 27 August 2011: Eleventh EASOM Summer School, theme “Teaching ethics in occupational medicine”.

Berlin, Germany, August / September 2012: Twelfth EASOM Summer School. Proposed theme: Communication.

## **9. A request from the editor**

EASOM Members schools are requested to provide us with their teaching experiences. The EASOM Bulletin is a good place to share these experiences. The next Bulletin is foreseen to be issued in spring 2011. Please send your contributions to the secretary:

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## 10. Vacancies

European Association  
of Schools of  
Occupational Medicine

**EASOM**

The EASOM Board calls interested persons to apply for the job of

### **Secretary General**

of the

### **European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine (EASOM)**

After ten years on the job, the present Secretary General will terminate his activities on September the first, 2011, and hand over his responsibilities to his successor.

The candidate we are looking for is a European occupational physician with experience in postgraduate training in occupational medicine. He is employed by a member institution of EASOM. The candidate is willing to invest time and effort in an appropriate management of the association, in particular by preparing the meetings and caring for a proper follow-up after the meetings. He is also responsible for the daily management of EASOM's finances.

This job requires a working time investment of an average of 4 hours a week.

Applications can be sent to the secretary by e-mail, not later than December 10, 2010. The EASOM Board will judge all applications. Candidates that meet the criteria will be nominated for election by the General Assembly in August 2011.



UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA  
*Escola Nacional de Saúde Pública*

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR  
OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (ENSP)/NEW UNIVERSITY  
OF LISBON (UNL)**

1. This advertisement makes it public that applications are invited to the post of Director of the National School of Public Health (ENSP).
2. The Director is the governing body and external representative of the ENSP, exerts her/his functions in exclusive/full time dedication being elected by the School Council for a four years mandate.
3. Eligibility: national and foreign personalities which fulfill the requirements of the Legal Regime of High Education Institutions, approved by Law 62/2007 of September 10<sup>th</sup> (articles 90 to 93) and also of the ENSP Statutes, approved by the Rector's Order 7991/2009, published in Official Journal (*Diário da República*) 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, March 19<sup>th</sup> (section 1 of article 7).
4. Applications should reach the President of the Director's Electoral Commission by the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2010, in accordance with the rules of the ENSP Director's Electoral Regulation, annexed to the School Council Regulation (*Regimento*), which can be consulted in the ENSP web page ([www.ensp.unl.pt](http://www.ensp.unl.pt)).
5. The members of the Electoral Commission are: the School Council President, Professor Doctor Manuel Sobrinho Simões; the external personalities of the same Council, Dr. Maciel Barbosa and Dra. Teresa Sustelo; the teacher Prof. Doctor Paula Lobato de Faria and Master's student Dra. Sónia Ribeiro.
6. The election will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, being preceded, at 2pm, by a public presentation of the applications, before the School Council, in the ENSP Noble Room.
7. If justified by the number of applications, the public presentation mentioned in the previous disposition may be scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 at 11am.

Lisbon, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The President of the School Council,

Professor Doutor Manuel Sobrinho Simões