

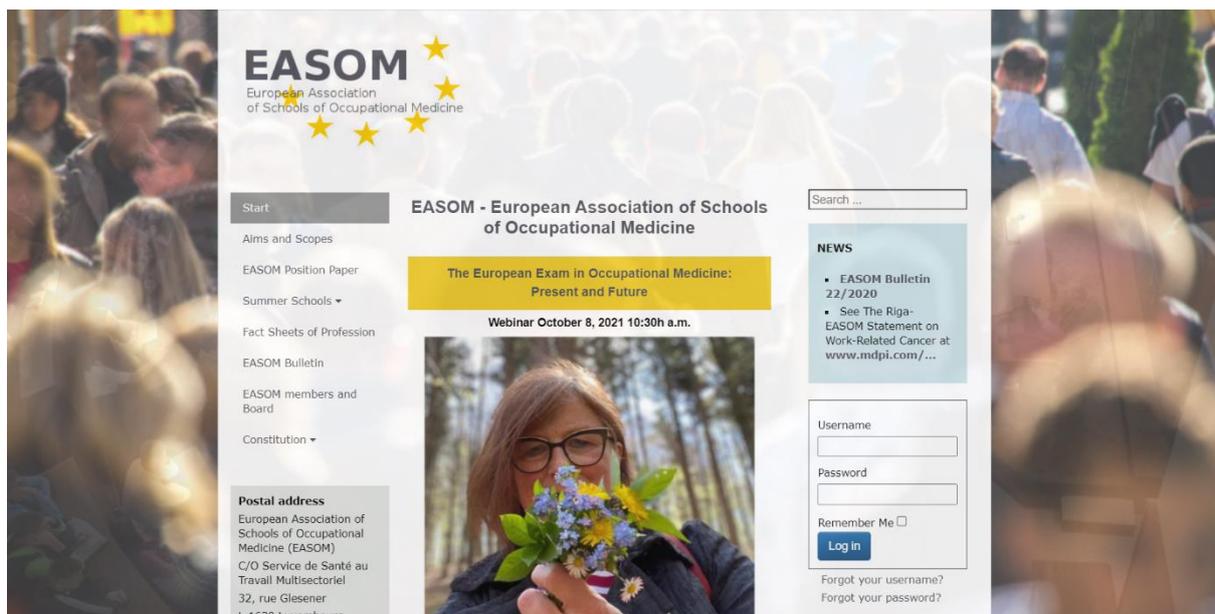
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The screenshot shows the EASOM website homepage. At the top left is the EASOM logo with the text "European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine". Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: Start, Aims and Scopes, EASOM Position Paper, Summer Schools, Fact Sheets of Profession, EASOM Bulletin, EASOM members and Board, and Constitution. On the right side of the navigation menu is the "Postal address" section: European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine (EASOM), C/O Service de Santé au Travail Multisectoriel, 32, rue Glesener, L-1630 Luxembourg. The main content area features a search bar, a "NEWS" section with a link to "EASOM Bulletin 22/2020" and a link to "See The Riga-EASOM Statement on Work-Related Cancer at www.mdpi.com/...", and a login form with fields for Username, Password, and a "Remember Me" checkbox, along with a "Log in" button. Below the login form are links for "Forgot your username?" and "Forgot your password?". The central banner area displays the title "EASOM - European Association of Schools of Occupational Medicine" and a featured article titled "The European Exam in Occupational Medicine: Present and Future" with a "Webinar October 8, 2021 10:30h a.m." link. A photograph of a woman holding a bouquet of flowers is positioned below the article title.

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President's Words

Begoña Martínez-Jarreta

Dear members of EASOM,

Dear colleagues and friends,

The end of 2021 is here, we have gone through two years of pandemic and in the midst of a new wave it may not be the best time to take stock of the crisis.

However, we can say that during the pandemic the key role of occupational physicians and occupational health services has been clearly and forcefully highlighted.

At the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, OPs appear to have gained a key role in the context of a comprehensive "system" response to counter the spread of the infection. This legitimization in terms of the role of the OPs and their tasks has occurred from the moment in which the health authorities have attributed to the OPs a key role in safeguarding public health through their technical and medical action. The first should be done by estimating the risk of contagion in the workplace, risk management and the implementation of protection measures, and the second should be done through the protection of "Fragile subjects" and reintegration into work after contagion.

This effort to reorganize work activities while ensuring the safety and health of workers is necessary to prevent the emergence of new outbreaks and provide a new preventive approach for which POs take full responsibility. Indeed, this new central role implies relevant responsibilities from a criminal and civil point of view, so that proper management of workers can contribute to a global reduction in litigation and compensation derived from infections contracted in the workplace.

The old challenges of training in OM in Europe which constitute the foundation and mission of EASOM continue to require our efforts. This is to promote quality OP training in the EU as well as OH continuing medical education for healthcare professionals and OPs.

For scientific associations like ours, the pandemic has had an undeniable impact and has also been a challenge. However, the crisis has also provided opportunities that EASOM is trying to seize.

This Bulletin provides a brief summary of the 2021 EASOM activities throughout the year and provides, among others, preliminary information on the EASOM Summer School in 2022 to be held in Belgrade at the end of August.

Together with the whole Board of Management I would be glad if we meet at the next Summer School to continue with our mission, to promote fruitful debates and exchanges among members and the best of ourselves and from EASOM.

Wishing the best in the New Year

Begoña Martínez-Jarreta

President of EASOM



REPORT ON THE SECOND EUROPEAN APPRAISAL IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Alenka Škerjanc

After many years of hard work UEMS OM Section passed the second European Appraisal on 30th August 2021 at Domus Medica Europea in Brussels. With strong dedication and hard work in creating MCQs of colleagues from UEMS and EASOM a bank of questions was consequently organized.

The info on the exam was put to UEMS OM website, promoted through section's member national activities and many travels of the UEMS OM president to the National OM meetings throughout Europe and also through strong promotion by webinar, organized by the strong supporter of UEMS Dr. Jorge Barroso Dias from SPMT - Sociedade Portuguesa de Medicina do Trabalho. Due to the epidemiological situation concerning COVID-19 we expected three applicants at the most. At the end five applied, one cancelled in last day because his flight was postponed so finally there were four applicants at the second appraisal.

The Brussels Office gave full support and equipment. After the procedure all four applicants passed the exam. Being asked some questions we found out that all of the applicants were trainees in OM. The average age of the applicants was 31,5 years. Most of them got info about the Appraisal by their national representatives. Their strongest motivation was in this COVID year their personal value to pass the exam.



All of the applicants gave the highest mark (5) to the technical information and venue, the lowest mark was 3 (neutral) for information on useful training materials, expressing the differences in their national requirements. Having enough time for MCQs, the estimation of the weight of MCQs and covering the ETRs was estimated 4. This evaluation and responses give our Section power and decision to continue

the direction we started without making any stop in current organization of the next Appraisal in Occupational Medicine.

The examiners were Begoña Martinez Jarreta, Fabriziomaria Gobba and Simon Bulterys.

Although COVID-19 changed our training processes, the exam was another milestone for the specialty of OM to promote its practice among other medical specialties and to raise our self-esteem so we are going to continue to achieve the stable and high-level OM education all over Europe.



Domus Medica Europea, Brussels

THE EASOM CHANNEL IN YOUTUBE

Begoña Martinez Jarreta, Petar Bullat, Nicole Majery

During Covid-19 pandemic, EASOM had organized some webinars which had been registered and are available on the following link:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCKa9uGPJ23_ZpLaFl1KKUJw

As of 31 October 2021, over 246 million confirmed cases and nearly 5 million deaths have been reported. The COVID-19 pandemic has struck the world by storm. Although emergencies, including public health emergencies like this one, are common around the world, rarely is the entire world affected by the same emergency at the same time. One hundred years after the Great War and the flu pandemic of 1918, we are learning once again how much we are connected.

Health workers, including doctors and nurses, but also all support personnel who play a role in providing health care to people around the world, have been affected in more than one way. Health workers care for patients affected by SARS-CoV-2, but also for all other patients who need regular or emergency health interventions. Furthermore, as most reports have shown, around 10% of infected people are healthcare workers and, in most healthcare facilities, more than 10% of staff are infected.

This public health emergency has highlighted the role of occupational medicine and the occupational doctor in the prevention and protection of health workers, but also of all other workers who are at risk of infection in their workplace.

At this moment you can find four webinars organized by EASOM:

- CONTROLLING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC IN ITALIAN HOSPITALS: THE ROLE OF OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS (PROFESSOR DR. CLAUDIO COLOSIO, ITALY)



- WORKING IN A 1.5 M ECONOMY (PROFESSOR DR. LODE GODDERIS, BELGIUM)



- COVID-19 CHALLENGES IN OCCUPATIONAL ATTRIBUTION AND WORKER PROTECTION (PROF. DR. RAYMOND AGIUS, UNITED KINGDOM)



- THE EUROPEAN ASSESSMENT IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (DR. ALENKA SKERJANC)



The UIA 9th Round Table Asia-Pacific

Elena-Ana Păuncu

The Union of International Associations (UIA) is a research institute and documentation center, based in Brussels.

Non-profit, apolitical, independent, and non-governmental in nature, UIA has been a pioneer in the research, monitoring and provision of information on international organizations, international associations and their global challenges since 1907.

The UIA is best known for the: Yearbook of International Organizations, International Congress Calendar, International Meetings Statistics Report, Associations Round Table, Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential.

The UIA Round Tables provide an opportunity to learn through networking and through practice, to meet other international associations and share experience and knowledge to help you run your organization better.

In 21 and 22 October 2021 was organized the 9th Round Table Asia-Pacific, in Tokyo. The location was Congress Square Nihonbashi, Tokyo, Japan.

UIA Associations ROUND TABLE Asia-Pacific 2021



I had the honor to participated as EASOM representative.

The round table was organized for the first time in a hybrid format. It was used the OnAIR platform for the foreign online participants.

The program was organized in four sessions:

Round Table session 1 was the opening keynote by Cyril Ritchie, President of UIA, First Vice-President of CoNGO: “Associations in the World: Speaking Truth to Power” followed by introductory presentations from all speakers and panel discussion with all speakers.

Round Table session 2 consisted in three presentations / workshops:

Belinda Moore: “Using Your Strategic Plan to Maximize Positive Impact “

Chris Dingcong: “Building Your Brand Through Your Visual Conversation “

Toni Brearley: "Leading the Uncertain Association".

Round Table session 3 had three presentations / workshops:

Chris Christophers: “How Telepresence Avatar Robots and Digital Twin can enhance everyday communication”

Cyril Ritchie, President of UIA, First Vice-President of CoNGO: “The United Nations and Civic Associations”

Julian Moore: “Sponsorship in Post COVID World – How to maximize your revenue”

Round Table session 4 was represented by panel discussion with all speakers. The closing keynote, by Chris Dingcong: was “The Role of Branding for Associations”.

At the end of the second day, was offered a Virtual Japanese Cultural Experience: “Green teatime from Tokyo: share the magic of green tea and its place in Japanese culture”.



You can find more detailed data about the UIA on the web page:

<https://uia.org/roundtable/2021/asiapacific>

News: EASOM Summer School in 2022, Belgrade, Serbia

The next summer school will be organized in Belgrade.

The proposed topic is “TEACHING OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF MEDICINE: NEEDS, METHODS AND A WAY FORWARD”.

The organizing committee is conducted by Professor Petar Bulat, the vice-president of EASOM.

At this moment, when the 5th wave of Corona pandemic is affecting Europe, it is difficult to say how that event will be organized.

The proposed date is, as usual, in the end of August, respectively in 25-27 of August. We hope in an “on site” school, but time and events will let us to decide later...

A request from the editor

Dear colleagues,

EASOM Member schools are requested to provide us with their teaching and learning experiences, or their participation at different occupational medicine conferences.

The EASOM Bulletin is a good place to share these experiences.

Please send your contributions to the secretary, Nicole Majery (nicole.majery@easom.eu) or to the editor, Elena-Ana Păuncu (eapauncu@gmail.com).

Thank you!



The EASOM board wishes all of you

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May 2022 bring you health, peace, joy and happiness!