



EAMS Newsletter Spring 2007

Membership status

EAMS now has **154** active, affiliate and trainee members living and working in **34 Countries**, of which **17 European Countries** are represented by a Council Delegate, named in accordance with the Bylaws, in June 2006 (Madrid). **It is important that all members inform the Treasurer (pbiro@freesurf.ch) and/or the Secretary (flavia.petrini@unich.it) of any changes in contact details.**

Financial state

The finances of EAMS are healthy even if a significant number of members have not kept their subscriptions up to date. It is important that these subscriptions are collected as EAMS still faces many uncertainties. Trainee membership does not involve any fee. There are several options for payment of subscription. Electronic transfer of money works well within the Euro zone. Use of a credit card system has been discussed, but is not going to be implemented for the next future due to its costs. Peter Biro has now registered with PayPal and can accept payments at a very low expense. Trainee membership does not involve a fee, but every year, they have to submit a declaration of their position and this causes a problem. In Munich we will need an Assembly decision on the proposal to solve this problem and that all members had to pay the same fee of 50 Euros, a change that could take effect in 2008. Payment of subscriptions is a prerequisite of being a member of Council and having a vote at the General Assembly.

First Council meeting 2006

The first Council meeting was held in 2006. Its principal function was to elect Board members, but it also provided a useful forum for discussion.

Council meeting 2007

The Council meeting has been scheduled to run on 9 June 2007, from 18.30 to 20.00 in Munich, following the ESA Opening Ceremony (18.00). The meeting will be held in Hotel Prinzregent an der Messe, Riemer Str 350, D-81829, Munich (www.prinzregent.de/me/index.htm), which is about 800 meters from the Congress location.

Election of Board Members and Webmaster

The General Assembly and the Council meetings held in Madrid 2006 elected: *President*: John Henderson; *Secretary*: Flavia Petrini; *Treasurer*: Peter Biro; *President Elect*: Pierre Diemunsch. Adrian Pearce was asked to continue as *Web Master* for another year and he agreed. Massimiliano Sorbello, Council Member for Italy indicated that he would be prepared to take on the task of Web Master, and a gradual transfer of responsibility was agreed. During the General Assembly in Madrid and the Board meeting in December 2006, the proposal to augment EAMS web pages was discussed (i.e. for publication of EAMS Symposium abstracts, review from literature).

Macewen Kirstein European Airway Award

We are delighted to announce that the European Airway Management Society has created the *Macewen Kirstein European Airway Award* for outstanding achievements in the field of airway

management. The Board decided not to have an annual Award: The recipient of the first (2007) Award will be Archie Brain whose inventions have created a new category of airway management, the supraglottic approach.

The Award Ceremony will be on Saturday 09.06.2007 between 17.00 and 17.45 in Room 01 of the International Congress Center, Munich, Germany before the Opening Ceremony of the European Society of Anaesthesiologists (ESA) Annual Meeting.

EAMS dinner

A dinner for EAMS members will be provided at no charge to members who have paid her/his subscription. Ulrich Braun has organised the dinner, which has been subsidised by airway companies. The dinner will follow the Council meeting and will start at 20.00 in Hotel Prinzregent an der Messe (www.prinzregent.de/me/index.htm). Numbers are limited, so you are encouraged to apply early.

Those wishing to attend should let Ulrich (ubraun@gwdg.de) know so that participation can be organised.

General Assembly of EAMS 2007

This will be held Sunday 10/06/2007 at 17.30 – 19.00 in the meeting room where EAMS Symposia are held. The Agenda will be sent to any member and Bylaws reform will be discussed. It is expected that all members will attend the General Assembly.

Mechanisms for organising the programmes of future meetings

Members of EAMS have provided many ideas for symposia. **We encourage all EAMS members to continue doing so and also to provide ideas with lecturer names for Refresher Course lectures.**

Scientific Programmes for EAMS meetings in Copenhagen

The programme for 2008 was discussed by the Board of EAMS.

Refresher Course	Fibreoptic intubation	Adrian Pearce
Refresher Course	Paediatric airway problems	Markus Weiss
Refresher Course	Cricoid pressure: more ritual than effective measure?	Hans Joachim Priebe
Symposium 1: Paediatric Airway Problems	Rapid sequence induction / intubation in children: myths – facts – trends	Markus Weiss
	Cannot ventilate through the mask / through the ETT	Jochen Strauss
	Anesthetic management of the child with pulmonary foreign body aspiration	Andreas Machotta
Symposium 2: Airway problems in Critical Care	Improving airway management in ICU: Impact on safety	Elizabeth Behringer
	Fibreoptic techniques for airway management of the critical care patient	Flavia Petrini
	Management of tracheal extubation and decanulation in ICU	Thomas Mort
Symposium3: New techniques &	Supraglottic devices	Carin Hagberg

devices in airway management		
	C-Trach, Airtraq and related devices	Gilles d'Honneur
	Video assisted techniques	Peter Biro
Workshop: Airway guidelines	Airway guidelines overview	Thomas Heidegger
	Airway guidelines in Southern Europe	Vasilios Dimitri
Workshop: Airway guidelines	Airway guidelines in Northern Europe	Per Nellgård
	International airway guidelines: an overview	Giulio Frova

The term *workshop* is used by ESA to describe a brief session and is not a hands-on session. We had hoped to have 4 symposia as we have achieved in previous years, but were unable to secure that. We need to work hard to secure the best deals in our future discussions with ESA.

EAMS and ESA

In March of 2006 it became clear that the relationship which had existed between EAMS and ESA was under threat from the Board of ESA. Some members of the ESA Board thought that EAMS was getting preferential treatment and there was pressure for EAMS to become a subcommittee of ESA. There has been much discussion by the EAMS Board, a meeting between John Henderson and Sir Peter Simpson, and preparation of papers to submit to ESA. ESA considered that there was some urgency in reaching a provisional agreement before plans for the 2008 meeting in Copenhagen are confirmed. It now seems that EAMS can be considered a member of ESA as a society, and in that way our independence would be preserved along with our ability to run symposia at Euroanaesthesia. There are still details to be agreed, and final agreement is not guaranteed.

ESA assessment forms

The Vienna 2005 evaluation was the most comprehensive ever carried out by ESA, and it is probable that in the future sessions will be evaluated in part by the number of evaluation forms returned.

The Madrid 2006 evaluation of the free papers selected by EAMS delegates had a very high level judgement.

The number of assessments returned for the EAMS sessions in Vienna were: 24, 34, 12, and 10; in Madrid the organisers only gave numbers for 3 sessions. These numbers were: 119, 4 and 40. It is clear that the recording system seriously undercounted 2 sessions and omitted one completely. However the 119 recorded at the first session was higher than any other session at Euroanaesthesia.

We ask the Chairpersons to repeatedly stress that all participants should return their assessment forms as evidence of the number of participants who have attended our sessions.

Meetings in other Countries

One of the aims of EAMS is to raise standards of airway management. We have been approached by airway enthusiasts in a number of countries for help with meetings, and we have encouraged them to make a formal request for help to EAMS. Our aim is to support them to be able to run local and national airway meetings from their own resources in the future. In the last year Pierre Diemunsch contributed to an airway meeting in Malta and John Henderson and Peter Biro contributed to a meeting in Serbia in March 2007.

WFSA 2008 will be held in South Africa in March and the Colleague had a presentation in DAS on goitre and airway management.

Peter Biro has been contacted and is managing for EAMS participation at the Bulgarian National Anaesthesia Congress in Nessebar 4-7 November 2007, at the 21st Israel Society of Anaesthesiologists (ISA) triennial Congress, Tel Aviv 16-18 Sept 2008, and for the joint ESJV and Airway Symposium at the University of Heidelberg 21-22 November 2008.

Other airway meetings

The 2006 SAM (Society for Airway Management) meeting included a Symposium in conjunction with EAMS members; the next one will be held in Houston Texas, September 14-16, 2007. Details are on their Web site (sam.zorebo.com).

The 2006 DAS (Difficult Airway Society) meeting was held in Dublin on 5 – 6 October; the next one will be held on 21-23 November, 2007, Guildhall, Portsmouth (www.dasportsmouth2007.org).

In Valencia, during the last SEDAR Congress, Valentin Madrid organized a full day on airway management with EAMS and SAM speakers; during the workshop he presented a new oral cannulae designed by himself and his son for fiberoptic intubation: the VAMA Cannula

Ernst Zadrobilek organize as every year in Vienna, march 2007, a Symposium and Hands on workshop inviting EAMS members for lectures.

The 2nd AIRWAY edition, scheduled for 2007 by Italian members, has been cancelled for national CME matters and will be held probably in 2008 (Giovanni Pittoni for informations).

Official location of EAMS

Currently this is in Bovenden (Germany) residence town of Ulrich Braun and we must change the location. The Board considers Strasbourg (France) to be a good location.

Mandatory reporting and external investigation of perioperative airway deaths in EU. Proposed contact with European Commission

Tim Cook wrote to the President of NCEPOD to do for airway the same as for epidural anaesthesia. The EAMS Board proposed to discuss this issue and keep review.

John Henderson
President



Flavia Petrini
Secretary



Peter Biro
Treasurer

