



MINUTES OF THE UIMC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday 22 September 2023, 0900 CET DB Silver Tower, Frankfurt

1. INTRODUCTION TO DELEGATES

Dr Turnbull commenced the meeting welcoming Delegates to the UIMC General Assembly. It was noted that the Congress had been a wonderful event. Many new faces were present which is encouraging for the future of UIMC. Dr Gravert was thanked for his work as Chair over the past 4 years and for organising this Congress in Frankfurt.

It was noted that this meeting will include the usual reports from the Treasurer and Chair as well the holding of an election for positions on the Management Committee

Dr Gravert opened the meeting and welcomed delegates to the General Assembly meeting which was held face to face for the first time in Europe since our meeting in Rome in 2019. Delegates from across the world were welcomed to the meeting.

2. CHAIR'S WELCOME

Dr Gravert formally welcomed all Delegates and Attendees to the Congress.

3. MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD IN MIAMI ON 7.10.2022 WERE TABLED FOR APPROVAL

Dr. Turnbull invited the UIMC members to read the minutes of the last General Assembly meeting, which took place in Miami on 7.10.2022. The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Dr Armand Casolin and seconded by Dr Donna Morgans. The minutes of the 2022 GA meeting were unanimously

accepted.

4. UIMC CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Dr Gravert presented his annual report which is tabled below.

Report of the president 22.09.2023

Dear delegates,

At the time when I was elected UIMC Chair in Rome, no one could have imagined the COVID-19 pandemic that was to follow. Especially at the beginning of the pandemic, our existing network in UIMC was very helpful to face the unknown. Our Italian colleague and former president Gennaro Palma shared his experiences from the hard-hit city of Bergamo, where the pandemic started in Europe.

Due to the pandemic, we had to first postpone and then cancel our planned UIMC conference in Dublin and replace the annual congress with two virtual meetings via videoconferencing. But even with these substitutions, most of the delegates attended our meetings and we were able to have a good scientific exchange.

It was only last year that we were able to meet again in Miami, where - thanks to Tim Mc Cormick and his wife Mary - we had a very interesting and inspiring conference under the sun of Florida. For the UIMC it was a premiere in its 75 years of history that we had a congress in America.

The UIMC Management Committee (called MC) used to meet twice a year in the past, but with the advantages of virtual video meetings, we extended the MC meeting frequency to online meetings almost every 2 months. So we had close cooperation and a very good exchange of ideas within the MC.

As mentioned before, we have held videoconferences within the UIMC to share experiences on pandemic health preparedness, and we have contributed several times to the UIC Task Force on COVID-19.

Some UIMC delegates are also very active in the CER (Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies) and its Medical Working Group, with the aim of harmonizing medical standards in Europe and between the UIMC and the CER Medical Working Group. This year the European Train Drivers' Directive has been revised and some of you have had a lot to do with it.

A new way of collaborating within the UIMC emerged last year in Miami when Manuel Fernandes proposed an exchange of difficult or curious clinical cases. We had three rounds of clinical case conferences with excellent participation from you. However, the participation was better on the side of listeners than presenters, so I had to cancel the last round due to lack of cases to present. I think these clinical case conferences are an excellent area of cooperation, but the future MC should find a way to fill them with relevant content on a regular basis.

Our UIMC Railway Medical Guidelines were last revised and published in 2019. I am sure they will need some more revision in the future as medicine is changing. On Wednesday, we received new input on the assessment of ADHD and our Japanese colleague Etsuo Kasahara shared his experience with the Japanese translation of the guidelines. Probably we need a working group to revise the guidelines, at least for some chapters.

Another challenge is always to find a delegate and a member organization willing to invite the UIMC to their country for the annual congress. In the past, the large railway companies often sponsored these congresses with quite spectacular programs. But with more and more externally provided medical services in the UIMC, we can no longer expect the railways to sponsor our meetings. Therefore, we must either lower our expectations of these congresses or find new ways to finance them.

But I will leave all this to my successors. I am leaving the UIMC at the end of this day, as well as our treasurer Renate Kuhn. I am very confident that the future of this UIC Special Group UIMC appears bright. The importance of good medical services for critical infrastructure companies, the business case for health promotion, and the need for intelligent health management have gained considerable acceptance in recent years under the threats of infectious diseases and climate change. And there are so many new, young and dedicated delegates from various international railway medical services in this organization that the UIMC can look to the future with confidence. I thank you for your attention.

5. INFORMATION FROM UIC

Dr Turnbull noted there was no formal report from the UIC at this meeting.

UIC continue to support UIMC with invoicing and financial services and the provision of the website.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT 2022, BUDGET PROPOSAL 2023

Dr Renate Kuhn, Treasurer UIMC presented the Financial Report for 2022 and the proposed budget for 2023 & 2024 which can be summarized in the table appended at the end of these minutes.

Because of the higher cost for hosting a congress (inflation more than 10%), the MC propose to raise the conference contribution to €35,000.

Secondly, MC propose to accept the extraordinary congress charges 2022 at Miami as one sponsor had withdrawn support from the congress.

Finally the financial situation was sound with a projected deficit of €12,200 this year and €5300 next year. The overall financial situation is stable. It was noted

that conference costs are rising.

The financial report was accepted as tabled. Proposed Dr Charlotte von Bodelschwingh, seconded Dr Armand Casolin.

7. NEW MEMBERS AND EXPIRATION OF UIMC MEMBERSHIP

Dr Turnbull invited the following new members, new delegates and visitors to speak briefly about themselves and their organisations.

- Dr Benita McCarthy of CIE (Ireland) who replaces Dr Declan Whelan
- Dr Donna Morgans of LNER (UK). LNER is a new member although Donna has been to previous UIMC meetings
- Dr Elzbieta Olas-Janaszekiewicz of PKP (Poland), a new delegate from a long standing member
- Dr Katri Tiitola of VR (Finland), a new delegate from a long standing member
- Drs Dominique Czort and Simon Andersson of the Danish Transport Authority, new member
- Dr Luisa Wendt of IAS Group (Germany), new delegate
- Dr Ilse Moerland of IDEWE (Belgium), new member
- Dr Anne Middendorf of SBB/CFF/FSS (Switzerland) who replaces Dr Pierre Voumard.
- Dr Maria Manzano and Dr Eduardo Pereira of CP (Portugal), new delegates from a long standing member
- Dr Claire Shooter of RSSB (UK) present as a guest

All new members, delegates and guests were welcomed to the organisation and thanked for their presentations.

8. PREPARATION FOR THE 2024 UIMC CONGRESS

There was no confirmed venue for the 2024 Congress although there are two possible venues. The venue and exact time will be communicated to members as soon it is confirmed.

9. ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS 2023

The current Management Committee was elected for a 4 year term in Rome in 2019. 2023 is therefore an election year. Dr Turnbull spoke to the upcoming elections. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-General and six

members of Management Committee become vacant. Therefore all 9 positions are open for election.

Nominations for Management Committee were as follows:

Chair: Dr Armand Casolin

Vice Chair: Dr Alexandra Hedenetz

Secretary-General: Dr Stuart Turnbull

Six Members of Management Committee:

Dr Charlotte von Bodelschwingh

Dr Valerie Jouannique

Dr Benita McCarthy

Dr Tim McCormick

Dr Donna Morgans

Dr Zsolt Pasztelyi

Dr Luc Vantrappen

Each candidate spoke briefly to their nomination. Dr McCarthy subsequently withdrew her nomination.

23 Delegates were counted to be present and eligible to vote which met the requirement for at least half the total number of votes to be present at the meeting.

Voting was agreed to be completed using a show of hands as the number of candidates equalled the number of positions.

Dr Pierre Voumard (former Chair) and Dr Renate Kuhn (retiring MC member) kindly agreed to count votes and act as scrutineers.

Votes for each position were as follows.

Chair- Dr Casolin 23 votes

Vice Chair-Dr Hedenetz 23 votes

Secretary-General-Dr Turnbull 23 votes

Dr von Bodelschwingh 23 votes‡

Dr McCormick 23 votes

Dr Jouannique 23 votes‡

Dr Morgans 23 votes

Dr Pasztelyi 23 votes

Dr Vantrappen 23 votes *

*At the subsequent Management Committee meeting, Dr Vantrappen was elected Treasurer of UIMC. ‡Dr von Bodelschwingh and Dr Jouannique were both elected to the position of assistant Treasurer.

10. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr McCormick led a discussion regarding the possibility of the UIMC instituting a category of emeritus membership which would enable recently retired members to stay in contact. Management Committee will look into this.

There was a discussion regarding the current restriction allowing only 3 votes per member per country. At present if there are more than 3 paid-up members from one country, only 3 votes may be cast. This will require discussion and will require a change to the statutes by a vote at a General Assembly.

11. CLOSING REMARKS

The new Chair closed the meeting by thanking Dr Gravert for his work on Management Committee over many years and his work as Chair for the past 4 years. Dr Gravert was presented with a gift recognising his service.

Dr Casolin spoke briefly about the format of the Congress-it appeared that members present were happy with the current format.

Dr Hedenetz closed the meeting in several languages.

UIMC – Financial Situation at 31.12.2022

1. BANK ACCOUNTS (Amount in €)

	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	30.12.2022
Girokonto	155.756,95	155.595,35	197.576,01
SpardaCash	2.766,15	2.766,15	2.766,15
TOTAL	158.523,10	158.361,50	200.342,16

based on Saldenbestätigung of Sparda- Bank West eG

2. UIMC Income 2022

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>31/12/2022</u>
Membership fees (34)	40.800	40.800
Interests bank	0	0
Reprise unpaid fees *(2)	0	- 2.400
TOTAL		38.400

*ONCF (Morocco) and PKP (Poland)

Return cash-flow 2019, 2020, 2021 from UIC not included 45.657,39

3. UIMC Expenses 2022

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>31/12/2022</u>
Congress supports	30.000	30.000
UIC Management fee	5.000	2.000
UIC Services for MC	2.000	1.111
Bank charges	0	181,35
Others costs (travel, gifts, lunch)	4.000	3.498,38
Translation, Printing	3.000	0
TOTAL		36.790,73

4. BUDGET 2023 review and correction

IN: Membership fees 1.200,- €/year 32 members	38.400,-
OUT: UIC Services and Management	7.000,-
Contribution for organizer congress	30.000,-
Other costs	4.000,-
Unpaid fees (RZD, ONCF Morocco)	2.400,-
Bank charges	200,-
Extraordinary congress charges 2022 Miami	7.000,-

Projected budget minus of 12.200,-

5. BUDGET 2024 proposal based on former years

• Membership fees 1.200,- €/year 32 members	38.400,-
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- Interest rate Sparda Termin 3.900,-
- Contribution for Organizer of GA & congress -35.000,-
- Write off non-paid membership fees (2) -2.400,- *
- UIC services and accounting management -6.000,-
- Other costs -4.000,-
- Bank charges - 200,-

*ONCF (Morocco) and PKP (Poland)

Projected budget minus of 5.300,-