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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The annual Section meeting in Strasbourg was very well attended with 15 different countries represented together with members of the European Society in an observer status with excellent discussion.

There was discussion and agreement on a review and update of the training programme to incorporate areas such as deliberate release of biological agents. This is now on the Section website www.uemsinfection.org

The Section for Infectious Diseases has acknowledged some areas of overlap with the microbiology training (part of Section of Biopathology). Training in these two disciplines was the subject of a workshop early in 2004. Some countries have joint training in ID/Microbiology while in others they are very distinct. There was agreement to explore areas of common interest and report back to the next annual meeting of the UEMS Section.

The European Board for the Accreditation of Infectious Diseases (EBAID) is functioning but the route of access and accreditation with regard to EACCME still needs clarification.

The Section is endeavouring to establish contact with members in infectious diseases from each of the new European states and the aspiring states.

Dr Ingrid Nillson-Ehle (Sweden) demitted from office as President and has been replaced by Professor Mike McKendrick (UK).

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