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Editorial

In 2002, when I started a reflection Group to study the opportunity to create a pan European association for Baromedical personnel in HBO, I didn't imagine that it would be possible to launch a European Baromedical Association for Nurses, Operators and Technicians (EBAss).

Less than one year later, the dream came true and it was with real pleasure that I could announce at the last EUBS meeting the creation of EBAss, an International, non profit association, especially devoted to HBO team's. Our international aspect is very important: this means that EBAss is an open association where everybody from any country and each speciality will find a place to discuss, exchange and progress.

The founding members developed a structure but this association is yours. Consequently, this means that the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will set up tools and means, which will be yours to use as you like. To begin with, this journal: will create the first contact point among the members. In the three first issues, you will find the same lay out and headings. The editorial, an activity report, articles and practical information. Also, the Board of Directors decided to develop three special committees: Education of Personnel - Communications - Scientific and Technological Aspects. An intermediate report will be published in your journal but these topics will take a few years to open out and as you understand by now: a lot has to be done!

So, you know why you are welcome to become an active member of EBAss.

Robert Houman
President

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Who's who?

Presentation of the founding members of the EBAss association

by Robert Houman - Belgium

When our association was set up, it wasn't with willingness of one person. But rather as a result of a reflection carried out by a few persons, coming from various countries.

In fact, by chance, various persons attending the EUBS 2002 meeting in Bruges, are going to think about the question: Do we need an association for our different staffs in Europe ?

It's Cosette Mannens who will open the discussions with her presentation: a hyperbaric Pan-European nurses, operator, technician association: a necessity ?

Si notre association est née, ce n'est pas de la volonté d'une seule personne mais plutôt du résultat d'une réflexion menée par plusieurs personnes issues de plusieurs pays. En effet, le hasard a réuni à Bruges au congrès de l'EUBS 2002, différentes personnes qui vont décider de réfléchir à une question: Avons nous besoin d'une association pour nos catégories de personnel en Europe ? C'est Mannens Cosette qui ouvrira les débats par sa présentation au congrès EUBS: A Hyperbaric Pan-European Technician, Operator and Nurses Association: a necessity ?

But, who is Mannens Cosette?



Graduated in 1994 from the Nursing School in Brussels, she worked at a university hospital in the "minor surgery" department. After one year, she passed the exams in order to work with the Belgian Army in the Burn Unit. A few months later, in addition, she joined the hyperbaric team located in the same hospital. During eight years, she achieved her specialisation both, in the intensive care and the casualty departments. She attended the hyperbaric course in Lille (France). Presently, she mainly work at the center for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and the Burn Center of the Military Hospital Queen Astrid in Brussels (Belgium). Furthermore, she work as a medical crew member, when medical evacuation is necessary for military forces. Owing to this experience, she occasionally work for a civil company in the medical evacuation field. She teach too about prevention, in nursing school and private companies. In short, a passionate nurse...

Sortie de l'école d'infirmière en 1994 à Bruxelles. Elle travaille en hôpital universitaire dans les petites chirurgies. Après un an, elle présente les examens pour rentrer au service des grands brûlés au sein de l'armée belge. Quelques temps après, Cosette rejoignait en plus l'équipe du centre hyperbare situé dans ce même hôpital. Durant ces 8 années, elle réalise sa spécialisation d'urgentiste et soins intensifs. De même, elle suit le cours hyperbare à Lille (France).

Actuellement, elle travaille principalement au centre des grands brûlés et au centre hyperbare. En complément, elle travaille comme médical crew member lors des évacuations médicales aériennes pour les militaires. Tirant de cette expérience, elle travaille occasionnellement pour une compagnie de rapatriement médical civil. Cosette enseigne aussi dans les écoles d'infirmières ou en entreprise pour la prévention des grands brûlés. Bref une infirmière passionnée.

Who is Houman Robert ?



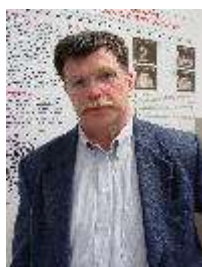
After his studies, he joins the Navy in 1975 as a nurse and becomes a Hyperbaric specialist in 1979. Between 1982 and 1986, he manages the technical department of the hyperbaric center of the Belgian Navy, until he is called to take over human resources in another department of the Army. In 1988, he is transferred to the Military Hospital as assistant of the general management. In 1990, he has the opportunity to go back to the hyperbaric field, in opening the first multiplace hyperbaric chamber in the hospital field in Belgium. Rapidly, he will meet Bert Kelner and Didier Damiens while drawing up the technical specifications of the actual chamber. He will integrate with his friend Peter Germonpré the European research program Cost Action, where he will start a research group on the technical aspects of HBO. From there, he will carry on with the European program of normalisation. All his publications are about safety aspects for the patients, personnel and third parties.

Après ses études, il entre à la marine en 1975 comme infirmier de bord et devient spécialiste hyperbare en 1979. Il dirige le service technique du centre hyperbare de la Marine belge entre 1982 et 1986 date à laquelle il est appelé à d'autres fonctions à l'Etat Major Général (gestion du Personnel puis de Budgets).

En 1988, il est affecté à l'hôpital militaire Reine Astrid pour y occuper les fonctions d'assistant de Direction.

C'est en 1990 qu'il a l'opportunité de revenir vers le milieu hyperbare en ouvrant le premier centre hyperbare hospitalier multiplace de Belgique. Rapidement, il fera connaissance de Bert Kelner et de Didier Damiens tout en rédigeant les spécifications techniques de la chambre actuelle. Il s'intégrera avec son ami Peter Germonpré dans le programme européen de recherche COST Action où il va initier un groupe de recherche dévolu aux aspects techniques de l'HBO. De là, il continuera vers le programme européen de normalisation. Ses publications sont toutes portées vers les aspects de la sécurité pour les patients, le personnel et les tiers.

Who's Damiens Didier ?



Didier DAMIENS, Chief of diving operations in Lille regional center for hyperbaric medicine since 1984, in charge of the technical part of this center which chambers are 50 cubic meters big and can welcome up to 17 patients including 3 critical care ones. Also in charge of the instruction in the "certificat d'aptitude à

"hyperbarie" (certificate necessary in France to work in the hyperbaric environment) and the Inter-University Diploma of hyperbaric and underwater medicine. I have been before a diver in the French Navy for 15 years and it is where I have learned the hyperbaric technologies.

Who's van der Tol Max ?



My name is Max van der Tol, 36 years old, married and father of 2 children. I work at the hyperbaric medicine department at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam, The Netherlands as an operator/technician.

Before my job at the AMC I was a dive instructor in Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, for 6 years and an engineer for another 6. During 11 of these 12 years I worked as a volunteer supervisor at the Bonaire chamber foundation.

Right now I am involved as the treasurer and webmaster of the EBAss website. Go and have a look! www.ebass.org . For the future I hope we at EBAss can contribute in harmonizing education, communication and science and technology on a european level and wish everybody a safe and enjoyable job as a nurse, operator or technician.

Who's Campanaro Valeria ?



My name is Valeria Campanaro and I'm 49 years old. I got a certificate of hyperbaric technician for clinical facilities after scientific studies. I'm working at the "Policlinico Umberto I°" University Hospital in Rome (Italy), as Hyperbaric technician since 1979. I am the President of A.N.Te.I. since its foundation in 1999. A.N.Te.I. has realised four national events about "the safety in hyperbaric chamber". This Association works in order to define a specific professional profile with own competence's, not to be confuse with other professional figures. Some nurses work in same time as patient's assistant and as technical operator in our Italian hyperbaric facilities. Actually, moreover to work as technicians, in Italy, is not necessary to have a specific curriculum and such professional figures come from different professional formation or diplomas.

Il mio nome è Valeria Campanaro e ho 49 anni. Ho conseguito un attestato di tecnico iperbarico per impianti siti in ambiente clinico dopo avere ottenuto la licenza liceale scientifica. Lavoro al "Policlinico Umberto I°" ospedale universitario romano. Sono alla presidenza dell'A.N.Te.I. dal 1999 data della sua fondazione. L'A.N.Te.I. ha realizzato quattro eventi sulla "sicurezza in camera iperbarica". Questa Associazione ha lo scopo di definire uno specifico profilo professionale con specifiche competenze, da non confondere con altre figure professionali. In alcuni Centri iperbarica gli infermieri lavorano contemporaneamente sia per l'assistenza al paziente che all'operatività tecnica dell'impianto iperbarico. Comunque attualmente in Italia non è necessario avere un curriculum professionale specifico e quindi i tecnici iperbarici che lavorano posseggono attestati professionali differenti.

Copy of the letter to the organizers of the EUBS 2003

Dear Ole, Erik and Christian,

As you all know, the European Baromedical Association for Nurses, Operators and Technicians (EBAss) is a young association that is searching for the opportunity to communicate within the hyperbaric community.

As the organizers of the EUBS 2003 congress, you welcomed us with a lot of patience and kindness in offering us the opportunity to open communications and start some technical discussions in giving presentations.

Thanks to this, Copenhagen has seen the birth of the EBAss and will stay, in our memory, a crucial date encouraged and enabled by your total support.

I as president of EBAss and the whole association would like to thank you for allowing this to happen.

Robert HOUMAN
President

Answer from 20 October:

Dear Robert.

Thank you for your kind e-mail. We certainly appreciated this opportunity to support knowledge, training and science in hyperbaric medicine.

Best regards

Erik (Jansen)

Future events:

EBAss General Assembly on 13 December 2003 in Amsterdam (NL). More details and practical information in a few days, in your mail box.

EUBS 2004 in Ajaccio, Corse , 15 - 19 September 2004 coupled with a EBAss activity. During this congress, special topics for Nurses, Operators and Technicians will be organized. You wish present some works ? Please contact us ! We can help you. More details in the next journal.

You wish that activities will be recognized by EBAss ? Please contact us !

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