

REPORT

DEMMA-claaf 2015

Assen, 20th of November 2015

Introduction. In the history of DEMMA in the year of 2004 when DEMMA showed some anaemic symptoms a special get-together session was organized right in the heart of Drenthe province in the village Diever. Because the event was very similar to a conclave the name of this session was named: "DEMMA-claaf 2004". Close prior to the 25th year jubilee it was decided, due to similar signals of anaemia, to organize a second "DEMMA-claaf 2015" with the expectation that it would work out as an effective refreshment course.

PROGRAM

HOST AND CHAIRMAN OF DEMMA-claaf: Mr. JANNES JANSSENS

Hour: **part:**

15:00 **RECEIPT** at Markt 14 in Assen

15:30 **OPENING** by DEMMA chairman

15:35 **NOTIFICATIONS** by J. Janssens

15:40 **PRESENTATION 1** Paul Mulkens: "A new DEMMA-claaf, necessity or luxury?"

15:55 **PRESENTATION 2** Jan Burggraaff: "DEMMA after the 5th lustrum: quo vadis?"

16:10 **PRESENTATION 3** Ernst Lutgert (CoR member): "A vision on DEMMA"

16:25 Jannes Janssens: **SUMMARY** of presentations

16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:45 **INTERACTIVE PART:** discussion led by J. Janssens

18:15 Chairman of DEMMA-claaf: **CONCLUSIONS and SUMMARY**

18:30 **CLOSURE** DEMMA-claaf

18:40 **DEMMA DINNER** in restaurant "de Corhoen", Markt 18 in Assen



Attendants were: Jannes Janssens as moderator and host, CoR-member Ernst Lutgert, and as DEMMA-members Paul Mulkens, Jan Burggraaff, Edwin Poorts and Rutger Hissink. Unfortunately it turned out the DEMMA members Jur Niewold, Mark Tijink, Coen Holzhauer and Ben Knipscheer were not to be able to participate in the session.

Presentations. The first presentation came from Paul Mulkens. He mentioned our own intrinsic motivation and the extrinsic influence of DEMMA-M. Our own motivation is of



course represented in the statutes of DEMMA. To refresh our memories: improving our mutual healthcare-systems and benefit from our mutual medical knowledge. Some



DEMMA members decided to appear more infrequently to the DEMMA meetings. It is likely that their motivation was strongly reduced due to their absence. As a result the working groups consist mainly of a small amount of the same members. During a proposed working visit of a

small DEMMA delegation, probably due to be scheduled in January 2016, the mind set of DEMMA-M will be explored as one of the major objectives. An analysis of our powerful points was also put forward, which is of course our bond of friendship, our annual exchange Dwoyka's and several additional projects. It is not to deny that DEMMA has been slightly mentally influenced by the tense political relation between Russia and the Western countries. However not in an obstructive way to our collaboration. The second speaker was Jan Burggraaff, who made a SWOT-analysis of DEMMA (SWOT = Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats). Our strong points to mention: our board, our website, our contacts and the exchanges. Our weaknesses: commitment, finance, external international development and our inability to fill vacant board places. Ernst Lutgert made a third contribution. He spoke about our board structure and possible changes.

Conclusions. After the presentations there was a lively discussion about the future of DEMMA resulting in the following conclusions:

- 1) The DEMMA board will be reduced to about 5 or 6 six core members. The core board will consist of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. Each of them will have a deputy within the board. The DEMMA board will meet on a regular basis. They will decide about the main issues coming at hand and take care of running business (website, reports, finance etc.). It would be advisable to have a (paid) employed minutes secretary.
- 2) The DEMMA foundation will also have regular members, who have active participation with Dwoyka's or other projects. They will not meet on the DEMMA core board and their obligation to attend meetings will be less frequent. Thereby creating the opportunity to form a larger group of DEMMA members, who will carry less responsibilities. The requirement of their input to DEMMA will be more on an ad-hoc basis, for example as a member of a project group or participation in an exchange.
- 3) A DEMMA delegation (Paul Mulkens & Ernst Lutgert) will explore the motivation and current spirit of DEMMA-M and in the same time will try to make an outline for the 2016 program. This working visit will probably scheduled in January 2016.

- 4) Funding will be requested for a new project, which will involve an evaluation of the “Poliklinika-system” and the possibilities to learn from this system with respect to the health care system in Holland. A formal application for funding will be done by DEMMA to the RABO bank Assen/North Drenthe.

Closure. The session was concluded with words of gratitude to Jannes Janssens and Ernst Lutgert for their efforts (not being DEMMA members). From the hands of the DEMMA chairman and secretary a special framed certification was handed over along with a bottle of Stolichnaya vodka, of course.

Edwin Poorts MD, DEMMA secretary

Paul Mulkens MD PhD, DEMMA chairman