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Report of the open forum Lead association SHW 28–30 May 2002

Date: Tuesday, 28. May till Thursday, 30. May 2002

Location: Club Prins ALBERT at Brussels.

Objective of the forum:


As lead association it is very important and indispensable that she receive the national information in the frame of her activities. It isn't always possible to transmit this information by electronically our others communication means because at the most of the time it is necessarily to make it clearer. For the participants it is very useful that they become an overview on a specific topic and an explanation on her specific requests. For each participant it is indispensable to have the contact with different experts/ country. The open forum is a timesaving solution during the treatment of a topic.

Order of the day:

Participants: Miss Hilde Craninx Euromil office, Mr Günther Husemann DBwV, Mr Andreas Prüfert, K.T.M.S, Mr Paul Thiel AFMP/FNV, Mr H.H. Han Buske MARVER/FNV, Mr Torben Hogh, CS, Mr Kim Pagels, HKKF and Mr Carlo Barbiaux, ACMP.

Serial number	Subject	The state of affairs
1.	Elaborate the content of the seminar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General frame and organisation • Workshops • Invitation list 	<p>For a good understanding: the following programme is the project that the lead association SHW, and the participants at the open forum, elaborated. The draft will be translated and send to the board for adoption.</p> <p><u>General frame</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme is work out. The more practical matters are puzzled out. Like locations, transport speakers, panel etc. <p><u>Workshop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In close consultation with all the participants the headings are adopted at the goal of the seminar. • For each workshop a moderator is designated. WS I: Mr Günther Husemann WSII: <i>Dhr H.H. Han Buske</i> WS II: Mr Kim Pagels WS IV: Mr Martin Berg General co-ordination: Carlo Barbiaux • A division of tasks about organisation, contacts and material is done. <p><u>Invitation list</u></p> <p><u>General:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The European institutes: Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee on Employment and social Affairs • Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security an Defence Policy European Economic and Social Committee (ESC) ➤ ETUC/TUTB European Trade Union Confederation/ Trade Union Technical Bureau ➤ The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Bilbao) ➤ The Ministries of defence of the European member nations and candidate member

		<p>states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ministries of Employment and Social Affairs of the European member nations and candidate member states ➤ Safety en Health experts of the Military Staff departments of the European member nations and candidate member states ➤ EUROMIL members <p><u>Speakers and panel members:</u></p> <p>1. <u>Day 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome: EUROMIL+ chairman of CS as administrator of the CS- fund. ➤ European Parliament: Herr Püttering Hans-Gert(Herr Prüfert contact) ➤ ETUC/TUTB: Mr Sapir Marc, director TUTB (Barbiaux contact) ➤ Minister of Defence Denmark: (Mr Hogh contact) ➤ Major General Rosgaard, Deputy Chief of Staff (already promised is present) ➤ EUROMIL Lead Association SHW: Barbiaux Carlo, ACMP <p>2. <u>Day 3: panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moderator: Herr Prüfert Andreas, K.T.M.S ➤ European Parliament: Miss Van Den Burg Ieke (Barbiaux contact) ➤ ETUC/TUTB: Mr Sapir Marc, Director TUTB ➤ Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, and Common Security a Defence Policy: <i>Herr Brok Elman, chairman.</i> ➤ Mr Peter Glötz: memeber of the Convention (Mr Günther Hussemann contact) ➤ Military authority: Gen.Maj. Sandee, director policy and material Dutch Staff of Defence. ➤ EUROMIL Lead Association SHW: Barbiaux Carlo, ACMP.
2	Radioactive radiation HAWK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herr Husemann gives an overview of the state of affairs in Germany. He delivered a questionnaire that was give at the military personnel as assistance by their complaints. • Barbiaux Carlo gives an explanation about the epidemiological investigation in Belgium. He will send the questionnaire, that will be send to 30 000 persons who worked on a HAWK site during 40 years, to Herr Husemann, Herr Meinberg, and Mr Thiel. This questionnaire and a computer programme must reconstruct the working environment and a possible radiation exposure for each person.

3	<p>Hearing protection</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of a newspaper article in the German press, we discussed the problem about the toxicological risk with the earplug “Aearo E.A.R. Classic” According to the newspaper article, this product releases toxicological substances by using them. Further investigation in Germany must clear on the circumstances and the importance of the danger. Herr Husemann will keep us informed. • Mr Hogh will informed us about the technical specification of an ear protection used in the Danish air force. This protection makes it possible to communicate. • The Finish organisation, Päälystöliitto, collect all the information about this topic en will delivered us. (Military directives, protection means etc.)
4	<p>Lead on shooting range and workplaces.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlo Barbiaux report that a Belgium independent investigation proved there is an exceeding of the threshold limit value of lead dust by shooting some type of munitions. Essential the instructors and arms repairers are exposed. The Belgium military authority denies the problem. Await the further developments at the consultation we recommend that each exposed person must be follow by the industrial medicine.
5	<p>SHW Action plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lead association is on schedule.
6	<p>Post Deployment Syndrome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Thiel and Carlo Barbiaux meet Dr Maaike De Vries. She had not the possibility to help us directly. But she gives us some good advises. At here recommendation we make an appointment with Dr Weerts, director of the Dutch veteran institute knowledge and investigation centre. This authority on the field is prepared to help us with our goal, like explained in Seville • The lead association calls up to send all the information about the several national investigations. This information must make possible to make a European overview and an Euomil statement proposition for recognition of the illness and an independent European investigation and recommendations. • At the same meeting we know that the NATO is execute here own investigation. Carlo will contact General Major Van Hoof, chairman of the NATO committee, to asked him he possibility to make contact to this committee and also to receive a briefing of

		<p>there activity. We want achieve that there is some co-operation with EUROMIL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herr Husemann delivers us the various German directives about the topic. • At the meeting we concluded unanimous that there is an explicit need of a veteran institute, like the Dutch model, in each state of Europe. Carlo will asked the board to establish a work group at this specific item. Because the creation of an a veteran institute overlap the divergent lead associations, Carlo will propose to put together the specialist of each lead association in this work group.
7	Co-operation between Dutch and Belgium Air forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contacts are make. The both air force will work together on the fuel- and his health problems In June 02 they will have a work meeting. It is to recommend that other nations examine this possibility also. It can be a first step to a European military teamwork. • At this goal, Carlo has proposed in Belgium to create a specific section on the direction material resources. The idea is receipted positive.
8	News from the ESC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU-directive 2002/14, consultation and information of the employee are adopted. • The participants received a copy.

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