1. Welcome from the Chair – Andreas Valentin
The meeting was opened by Andreas Valentin, who welcomed the participants and presented the agenda of the meeting.

2. Program for Lisbon Congress, 2012 – Andreas Valentin
Andreas presented the summary of HSRO Section’s program:

- Continuous Professional Development Session: Intensive Care is teamwork
- State of the art Session: Patient safety: “first do no harm”
- Controversies Session: The ICU physician is an endangered species
- Thematic Sessions:
  - Intensive care in resource poor settings
  - Rapid response systems revisited
  - Achieving a culture of safety
  - Thinking globally to improve patient care.

3. Report of ESICM Council meeting – Andreas Valentin
Andreas informed the group that the membership of ESICM is increasing, now around 6400. The Council would like if the sections have more involvement with the members. There will be regulations on using “ESICM recommendations” in scientific articles. There will be a new ESICM website, which was approved by the Council as well as the new format of EDIC examination. The new website will give opportunity to place literature reviews in the Sections’s platform, so volunteers will be needed to work on
this. The Council also insisted that the ESICM Newsletters should be more informative; used by the Sections reflecting their work.

4. Proposals for next year’s ESICM Congress – All
Bertrand Guidet suggested a topic of ICU long-term outcome. Another topic was suggested by Theo Kyprianu to present the different ICU electronic networks. Akos Csomos mentioned that the volume effect of ICU services could be discussed. Michael Pinsky suggested a topic which could be forwarded together with Ethics Section: rationing in intensive care medicine. The methods of resource allocation between stakeholders would be interesting worldwide. Hans Flaatten mentioned another topic: comparison of death rate in and out of hospital / population. A proposal from Ken Hillman is still under discussion: the changing nature of critical illness.

In absence of Maurizia Capuzzo, Andreas presented a few slides showing the ELOISE results. The highest number of ICUs were recruited from France, than Greece and Italy. Raw data are ready now, and the project is in quality control analysis. Also, statistical work will be done in November 2012.

Philipp announced that due to his working commitments in Austria, he would like to step back from being the chair of Outcome Working Group. He proposed that Rui Moreno will take over this position. The WG is planning to perform a study called WorkDoc. Andreas Valentin expressed his thanks to Philipp for his hard work in chairing this WG and also in his prior function as chair of the HSRO Section.

Andreas presented a few slides of the SEE3 study, which is about the intrahospital transfer of critically ill patients. The study background, primary and secondary objectives and measurements were discussed. Assessment of safety culture will be performed by the Research Institute for Health Care Management and Health Economics in Austria. Andreas mentioned that 5-6 ICUs are needed for the pilot testing of the study protocol. Few comments were issued: Bertrand Guidet mentioned that defining time slots before, during and after transfer is very important. Michael Pinsky mentioned that patients are at risk outside ICU as well, if they are transferred to CT, angio etc.

8. Global Survey on ICU organization
Bertrand Guidet reported the progress of the project "Worldwide survey: toward a global understanding of critical care organization and management". It is now in the final version, ready to be used. It was decided not to send it to individual practitioners, but to intensive care networks in different countries. At the moment, the project group is contacting each network for endorsement.

9. Proposals and ideas
Bertrand Guidet recommended to perform a survey on the recently published ESICM Guidelines about basic recommendations and quality indicators. Andy Rhodes agreed it was an important topic to have some feedback on the basic requirements. Another idea refers to a recent book from David Crippen (Springer): ICU Resource Allocation in the New Millennium. Will We Say “No”? Michael Pinsky highly recommended this publication as basis for a discussion on the topic of rationing intensive care.
The meeting was closed by Andreas Valentin who reminded all members present that the working group of Quality meeting will follow the section meeting in the same room.

The next meeting will be held at the ICICEM congress in Brussels (March 2013). Date and location will be communicated as soon as available.

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