

EMS activities of David Axford, November 2002 to March 2003

EMS Accreditation Committee matters

Attempts have been made to fund the draft proposal presented to EMS Council in Brussels in November 2002 without success. Hopes were raised at one point that funds could be found within the UK but the political and economic situation have put this on hold for a year at least. An approach has also been made to find funds from an EU source, but there has been no response there either.

As a result, at the beginning of March 2003, the Chairman circulated all the Committee members with a request for any information they could provide concerning accreditation activities and status in their own countries with the aim of providing a summary which could be discussed at a meeting of the Committee members later in the year. Seven of the Committee members have responded positively to the request for information so far, and it should be possible to summarise the input by the end of July 2003.

David Axford, Chairman EMS Accreditation Committee

Annex:

SUMMARY OF REPLIES TO CHAIRMAN'S LETTER OF 3 MARCH 2003 as at 18 March 2003

- Austria - replied
- Croatia - No reply yet
- France - No reply yet
- Germany - preliminary reply
- Hungary - within 3 months
- Netherlands - within 6 weeks
- Serbia - replied
- Switzerland - quite a while
- UK - 6 weeks