

**Minutes of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine Meeting,
La Pineta, Busto Arsizio, Milan Region, Italy, November 30th, 2018**

UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine (A/VM) Meeting starts with the Welcome of Prof. J.C. Wautrecht, President of the Division. The other two members of the Executive of the Division are present, Prof. D.M. Olinic, Secretary of the Division and Prof. Mariella Catalano, Honorary President.

UEMS Division has representatives from 15 countries. There are 10 countries represented at the meeting: Austria (Prof.Schernthaner), Belgium, (Prof. J.C. Wautrecht), France (Prof. P. Carpentier), Germany (Prof. C. Heiss), Greece (Prof. E. Dimakakos, Prof G. Marakomichelakis), Hungary (Prof. Z. Pecsvaradi), Italy (Prof. M. Catalano), Poland (Prof. A. Sieron, Prof A. Stanek), Romania (Prof. D. Olinic) and Slovenia (Prof. M. Kozak). Countries excused are Czech Republic, Great Britain, Ireland, Slovakia and Switzerland. VAS, the founding Association of the Division, is also represented at the meeting.

Minutes of the previous UEMS Division meeting, held on December 1st 2017, are presented and approved. Minutes of the present meeting will be send to participants, who are expected to give their approval in one week time.

The list of members of the Division is presented, rules are remembered (nomination of the representatives by the National Medical Associations) and the current situation reviewed:

- for Austria, the new nomination of the Deputy, is expected to be sent to UEMS;
- for Czech Republic, information is expected concerning eventual changes;
- for France, Prof P. Carpentier reports differences of view between NMA, Unions and Association of Professors;
- for Germany, a Deputy for Prof. C. Heiss is to be discussed, as it is important for a German representative to attend; Prof Iwo Bushman, responsible for accreditation and mobility in the national society, is evoked;
- Greece- no change, representation by Prof E. Dimakakos and Prof G. Marakomichelakis;
- Hungary – no change, representation by Prof Z. Pecsvaradi;
- Ireland- Prof M.P. Colgan excused;
- Italy- Prof M. Catalano is present, Prof A. Visona is excused;
- Poland- no change, representation by Prof. A. Sieron, Prof A. Stanek;
- Romania, no change, representation by Prof D.M. Olinic;
- Slovakia – represented by Prof. Ambrosi, absent
- Slovenia- represented by Prof. M. Kozak, present, and Prof A. Blinc, absent;
- Switzerland – Prof. B.Ammam-Vesti is to be replaced, Prof. A. Gallino is absent;

- United Kingdom – Prof Jill Belch and Prof Collin Baines are absent;
 - For VAS, Prof. P. Poredos is to be replaced as representative.
- UEMS Division approves new Associated Members:
- Norway, represented by Prof St. Agewall;
 - Sweden- represented by Prof A. Gottsaer;
 - Serbia- represented by Prof. D. Vasic.

News concerning UEMS organization are presented. The organigram is described, with 43 specialist Sections, 17 Divisions, including Angiology/Vascular Medicine, 16 Multidisciplinary Joint Committees (MJC), including Phlebology, 5 Thematic Federations. The list of UEMS bodies is remembered, with Angiology as part of the Internal Medicine Section. The list of National Medical Associations represented in UEMS is presented, as well as the list of Associated and Observatory members.

The UEMS activities of 2018 are described. There are 6 meetings each year. UEMS Executive Council meeting is held in October. There was the 4th UEMS Conference on CMECPD, as well as the CESMA Conference in Lisbon.

The financial situation is presented. In the Division account, there is no money, for the present time. Expenses were covered by VAS Association, now becoming a Foundation. In 2017, balance related to UEMS, inside VAS account, was positive, with + 343 Euro; in 2018, there are still + 20 Euro.

Proposal is made for finances to be covered by applications to Diplomas exams. It is noted that no money comes to the Division nor from UEMS, nor from NMA's, nor from CESMA. In order to obtain finances from accreditation, Division could propose reviewers to assess accreditation for congresses and training programmes. This could allow the Division to receive demands for accreditation.

UEMS Division has sent mails around Europe, in order to assess situation of Angiology/Vascular Medicine. Among items requested, there are presence and number of specialists, type of organization, existence of a national society, relation to authorities and NMAs.

A review of the situation in different countries is performed. There are 9 countries (8 EU, 1 non-EU) with a recognized specialty of angiology/ vascular medicine: Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland. There is need for 2 more EU countries to recognize vascular medicine as a specialty, in order to reach the 1/3 of EU countries, a threshold needed to promote specialty recognition at UEMS level. Arguments are presented, to support the relation between quality of care and the presence of specialized centers and practice recognition. Rights of citizens to access similar quality of care is stressed.

The status of accreditation of UEMS European Training Centers (ETC) in A/VM is presented. These Centers represent the highest level of European standard for training. There is a

consensual agreement to grant the UEMS European Diploma on A/VM for Heads of accredited ETCs during this transition period .

Concerning the Exam for the UEMS Diploma in A/VM, discussion of specific situations, in different countries, is to be done and proposals to be made, in order to increase applicants across Europe. Contribution is expected from each member country, for the European Database of QCA's for the European Exam.

Concerning the MJC Phlebology, it is reported that European Training Requirements (ETR) are approved at UEMS Executive level. They are to be disseminated within the Division. New representatives for MJC Phlebology may be proposed.

Concerning MJC Thematic Federation on Wound Healing, there were meetings every 3 months, no reimbursement provided. So that attendance becomes difficult. Documents produced are to be disseminated inside the Division.

Cooperation of UEMS with European Scientific Societies is important. For our Division, societies concerned are for example ESVM, Central European Vascular Forum and International Union of Phlebology. Advice is asked from national members on the form the cooperation is to take. Concerning IUA Chapter meetings, the mixed content of medicine and surgery is noted. For the relation with all these societies, need for a better cooperation and coordination is stressed.

UEMS Division decides to formalize to delegate to VAS Foundation, Member of the Division as Founding Organization, the responsibilities for all educational activities (European Master, postgraduate courses. etc), European Training Requirements Validation in view of applications for UEMS Diploma and, respectively, processing of European Training Centers requests. A formal definition is approved (attach).

UEMS Division will have bilateral discussions with VAS Foundation, ESVM and the other Organizations to improve cooperation and coordination. VAS will propose an agreement with ESVM, in order to promote cooperation and complementarity.

The next UEMS Division meeting will take place on November 29th, 2019.

Meeting is adjourned.

Executive Board, UEMS Division of Angiology/ Vascular Medicine