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UEMS Division Angiology/ Vascular Medicine

Minutes of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine Meeting,

Corso Sempione 150, Busto Arsizio, Italy, November 29th, 2019, 11:30-15:00

Welcome

UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine (A/VM) Meeting starts with the Welcome of Prof. J.C. Wautrecht, President of the Division. Prof. D.M. Olinic, Secretary of the Division, apologized. He cannot attend because of important work in his University. Prof. Mariella Catalano, Honorary President and Division's Executive Board member is present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the minutes of 30 November 2018

Minutes of the previous UEMS Division meeting, held on 30 November 2018, are presented and approved. Minutes of the present meeting will be send to participants.

2. Attending Members

UEMS Division of A/VM has Members from 15 countries. There are 8 countries represented at the meeting: Belgium (Prof. J.C. Wautrecht), France (Prof. I. Queré- by Skype-no valid connection), Germany (Prof. C. Heiss - by Skype), Greece (Prof. E. Dimakakos), Ireland (Prof. M.P. Colgan), Italy (Prof. M. Catalano- excuse from Dr. A.Visonà), Poland (Prof A. Stanek), and Slovenia (Prof. M. Kozak). Countries excused are Czech Republic, Hungary, and Romania.

UEMS Division of A/VM has also Associated Members from 3 countries. None of them is represented at the meeting. Sweden (Prof. A. Gottsatter) is excused.

VAS, the founding Association of the Division, is also represented at the meeting (Prof. M. Catalano).New representatives have been elected-operative from next meeting .

3. Update Members Assembly

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:

- a. for Austria, the new nomination, of Prof. M. Gschwandtner, is expected to be sent to UEMS;
- b. for Czech Republic, the new nomination of Prof. D. Karetova is expected to be sent to UEMS and she is excused;
- c. for France, Prof. I. Queré replaces Prof. P. Carpentier;
- d. for Germany, a Deputy for Prof. C. Heiss .Prof Iwo Bushman, responsible for accreditation and mobility in the national society, was evoked last year ; no news ;
- e. Greece- no change, representation by Prof E. Dimakakos ;
- f. Hungary – no change, representation by Prof Z. Pecsvarady;
- g. Ireland – no change, representation by Prof M.P. Colgan ; Prof. P. Fitzgerald is now retired ;
- h. Italy- Prof M. Catalano is present, Prof A. Visona is excused;
- i. Poland - no change, representation by Prof A. Stanek;
- j. Romania - no change, representation by Prof D.M. Olinic who is excused ;
- k. Slovakia - represented by Prof. Ambrosi, absent ;
- l. Slovenia- represented by Prof. M. Kozak;
- m. Switzerland – Prof. B.Ammam-Vesti is to be replaced, Prof. A, Gallino is absent;
- n. United Kingdom – Prof. Jill Belch and Prof. Collin Baines are absent;
- o. For VAS, Prof. P. Poredos is to be replaced as representative. Prof. M. Catalano is acting. Prof E. Kolossvary (Hungary) and Dr M. Sprynger (Belgium) have been nominated.

Associated Members:

- p. Norway, represented by Prof St. Agewall – absent ;
- q. Sweden- represented by Prof A. Gottsater - excused;
- r. Serbia- represented by Prof. D. Vasic - absent. The point of Milan I Aleksandra Matic is raised : her e-mail address is .yu probably from ex-Yugoslavia. It seems that she now is in Serbia. To ask to UEMS what it is.

4. News from UEMS

News concerning UEMS organization are presented. It was already done 1 year ago. 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 2019 UEMS activities are presented :

- UEMS Executive Council 12-13 Apr Brussels and 18-19 Oct London ;
- UEMS CESMA Meeting 6-7 Dec Tel-Aviv ;
- UEMS Advisory Council for CME planned 11 Jan 2020 Brussels;
- 5th UEMS Conference on CME-CPD planned 6-7 March 2020 Sevilla.

UEMS and social media : Following several discussions during UEMS Councils during which it was decided to improve UEMS presence on social media, UEMS is now active on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn**. It was also decided to use UEMS social media to highlight UEMS bodies' activities. If you would like us to post something on your activities (e.g. publications, projects, examinations, achievements), please contact Ms Marianne Chagnon – coordination@uems.eu at anytime.

Marianne Chagnon is now the EU Policy and Coordination Officer of the UEMS. She did recently an update on EU affairs and showed topics on which UEMS is involved : Update of the Annex V of the Directive 2005/36/CE on the recognition of professional qualifications (last request to the European Commission on 25 Apr 2019) ; stakeholder in the AMR network ; stakeholder in the EU joint action on healthcare workforce ; stakeholder in the coalition for vaccination ; activities through UEMS bodies as well.

New European Commission : Ms Ursula Von der Leyen is the new President of the European Commission and Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus) is the new Commissioner for health. Ms Kyriakides' mission letter includes : to ensure the supply of medicines ; the implementation of the European framework on medical devices ; work on e-Health ; creation of a European Health Data Space ; the implementation of the European One health Action Plan against antimicrobial resistance ; to prioritize communication on vaccination ; to put forward Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

5. Horizon 2020 and EU funding :

All Sections are invited to participate in the Horizon 2020 calls and/or to come up with projects.

UEMS being one legal entity, proposals need to come through the UEMS Office. Calls launched by the European Union require a PIC number that belongs to the UEMS.

6. Discussion on the European exam and related problems

The UEMS European Diploma represents the highest title we can give to our specialists at EU level and in the meantime represents the power that our specialty has at EU level. Prof Catalano considers not acceptable that several members of the Division don't apply for the reserved Exam (until the end of 2021) and don't have the Diploma, don't apply for Accreditation as ETC. Invitation to apply as representatives inside of a UEMS body. They are an example for their country and we can't expect they disseminate proposals they don't follow personally.

There is a discussion on the type of European exam : Written in English ? Oral in local language ? Prof. M. Catalano suggests to ask to the anesthetists how they proceed to have the title recognized at national level. It would also be interesting to ask to up-date the different Countries their kind of organization by a short questionnaire (attach): Do you have a national exam ? When do you have it ? Written ? Oral ? Who is responsible for the exam ? Once or twice a year ?

Concerning the questions for the Exam, it would be great to receive 10 questions from each member of the Board (with 4 or 5 answers whose 1 is correct) All the field of Angiology would be covered (arteries, veins, lymphatics, and microcirculation).

7. Account

Presently there is no money in the Division account as expenses were up to now covered by VAS. There are different ways to gain some money
Prof Catalano and prof Colgan suggest that the solution is the one reported in the previous point. (dissemination of Exams and ETC Accreditation)

8. ETCs

What is the advantage of ETCs ?

There is a risk for losing doctors going to Western Countries ...

Possibility to have reviewers ? As explained last year, 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.

Prof. M. Kozac thinks that the field of Angiology (in place of specialty) is weaved by Scientific Societies and they have to contribute in dissemination of the Exam information as well as of ETC accreditation.

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ETC Accreditation : is it necessary to have a renewal ? after 5 years? 7 years? 10 years ? The Board approves a renewal every 10 years and a systematic report on different points to be elaborated.

9. MJC

MJC Immune Diseases has been reactivated by Prof. P. Czoltesz. It is suggested that Antonella Marcoccia joins this MJC for our Division

10. UEMS Angiology Division and VAS Foundation

In 2018, UEMS Division has decided to formalize to delegate to VAS Foundation, Member of the Division as Founding Organization, the responsibilities for educational activities (European Master, postgraduate courses, Book etc), European Training Requirements validation in view of applications for UEMS Diploma and, respectively, processing of European Training Centers requests etc.. A formal definition has been approved (see 2018) and now went to UEMS central .

The next UEMS Division meeting of A/VM will take place on November 27th, 2020.

Meeting is adjourned.

Prof. J.C. Wautrecht

President

Prof. D. Olinic

Secretary

Prof M. Catalano

Honorary President

Executive Board, UEMS Division of Angiology/ Vascular Medicine

