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Approved Minutes

2014-UEMS Board Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine Meeting
November 28, 2014

Cascina Canova.

Uggiate Trevano

11.15-15.15

Present :

Catalano (MC) , Poredos (PP), Wautrecht (JCW), Carpentier (PC), Pecsvarady (ZP), Colgan (MPC), Fitzgerald (PF), Sieron (AS), Stanek (AST)

Apologies arrived from : Olinic (DO), Brodmann (MB), Carlizza (AC), Amann-Vesti (BAV), Kozak (MK), Agewall (SA).

Agenda:

- 1) Presidents report and clarification statement
 - a. UEMS Division/Section Boards
 - b. Divisions and Sections in UEMS – Rules
 - c. VAS and UEMS Division
 - d. UEMS and Scientific Societies
 - e. Financial report
- 2) News from UEMS Council
- 3) ETC. Document process and Core Curriculum
- 4) MJC Phlebology
- 5) Report on the Austrian situation
- 6) Diploma-Exam Curriculum based information Dissemination, Question bank.
- 7) Communication improvement: proposals
- 8) New Swiss Representative on the Board-ratification
- 9) New Countries-update
- 10) Miscellaneous

- 1) Presidents report and clarification statement (MC)

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It was found necessary to repeat some concepts inherent to UEMS organization and our Division to clear up unmotivated beliefs, based on misinformation, which have recently been circulated.

Given the entity of some of the topics, the most important points have been summarized in a few lines.

The points below were examined:

a. Divisions and Sections in UEMS – Rules

- The creation of a Section is subject to the rule of 1/3. The recognition of A/VM as a Specialty (regardless of form) still does not reach this percentage out of the total of the Member countries. The growth of the EU has brought about a valuable contribution from new Countries that have obtained the specialty, but at the same time it has increased the number of specialty recognitions to be obtained.
- The transformation of a Division in Section by the UEMS Council follows these rules alone. There are no alternative ways. In this regard, it invites us to avoid contacts outside the Division with UEMS bodies which have not been agreed upon in order to avoid confusion.

b. UEMS Division/Section Boards

- Within the IM Section there is no friction, but collaboration. An invitation was made to separate the Section and its decisions from the IM Societies (which has a life of its own) and that some recently made statements have caused confusion.

c. VAS and UEMS Division

- VAS is officially represented in the Angiology/Vascular Medicine Division and is part of the EBEEAVM Board for the following reasons (already established): 1-VAS undertook and achieved the recognition of the Division (since the application was made in 2000 with the support of all National Scientific Societies grouped together by VAS in single meeting); VAS, after validation by the UEMS, was admitted as a representative of A/VM in the Section of IM 3- VAS is a European non-profit scientific Organisation; 4-VAS was crucial for the recognition (also in Board CESMA) guaranteeing organized European training which has since been recognized.

d. UEMS and Scientific Societies

- Collaboration with every Scientific Society is well accepted, while respecting each other's roles, rules and goals.

e. Financial report

- During these 14 years all travel expenses (UEMS and CESMA) and fees requested (up to 3 years ago) by IM Section (100€/year) have been covered by VAS (personal donation by the President, MC).

VAS has also covered the accommodation costs (until a few years ago even the transport) for the members of the UEMS Division Board, as the meeting coincided with EADays.

No fee were ever requested from the Scientific Societies, taking into account the different realities of the countries represented.

Paula Colgan proposed that the Scientific Societies should shoulder the burden of National representatives and general expenditure. A formal proposal will be evaluated (MPC).

2) News from UEMS Council and ETC Document process and Core Curriculum

Our document on ETC should be amplified to follow the new proposals for Training Requirements. The work has been synthesized and existing specifications collected.

The final revised document with the additional amplification should reach the Executive by the end of January/mid-February. If considered valid the document will be presented in April to the Council.

3) MJC Phlebology

The Angiology/Vascular Medicine Division will be represented in the MJC Phlebology. The decision was taken (and officially communicated) to join the MJC. The President proposed as representatives JC.Wautrecht and Pavel Poredos (former President of EVF). The proposal was voted unanimously. An official communication (at the time of drafting of the minutes) has already been forwarded to UEMS Executive (replacing "temporary" nominations, as already pointed out).

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4) Report on the Austrian situation

At the request of the President, a report on the Austrian situation has been called for. No direct information has been received before. Despite the brevity of the MB report, it appears that the reality of UEMS throws negative effects on the National situation. In this sense, there is by Austrian representative a strong demand to work to transform the Division in Section. Since this does not depend on our will or our energies (as described above), the President proposes to write a letter and to meet the Board of the Society.

As is shown in the report and confirmed by PC, the situation seems to have been resolved (at least for the time being) and doubts were put forward about re-opening the issue (The offer to support was confirmed). The President considered that a concrete position should be taken in any case and would write to the Austrian Board.

5. -Curriculum based Diploma. Exam information Dissemination, Question bank. .

Regarding the Curriculum based diploma the EBEEAVM (formerly BEEAVM) will return later.

The European Board Members of the European Exam stressed the absolute lack of dissemination of information in each country (the Societies here represented must be held officially responsible for this) and had to also underline the low participation in sending questions for the Question Bank (according to criteria defined and already circulated).

A firm commitment (to be monitored) has been requested.

Please note that the questions should be sent to Dan Olinic.

6-. Communication improvement: proposals

Communications which should not circulate outside the Board will be henceforth sent with the distinction "Not to Be Circulated". Each member should accept the responsibility of complying to this internal regulation.

Please note also that it is incorrect to include illogical (outside the Board) e.mail addresses to the distribution lists of materials concerning and pertaining to the UEMS Boards.

The approved Minutes, are always published.

7-. New Swiss Representative on the Board-ratification

Beatrice Amann-Vesti was welcomed as a representative of the Swiss Angiology Society. - ratified by the Board (at the time of drafting the minutes the second name remains Augusto Gallino).

8-. New Countries-update

- The Hellenic Society of IM was substituted by the Greek Soc of Lymphology represented by Evangelos Dimakakos (the second representative will be communicated)

-Uk: after the agreement with the president to meet the Board, no news has been received regarding possible dates. The President will be contacted again .

-Serbia: Beatrice announced the formation of the new Society: they will be invited.

10) Miscellaneous

-Please note that last Board meeting ratified the need to have 2 representatives per country. The Societies are called to communicate this information. P Lacroix (F) will be included.

-With respect to the possibility of having a second stable meeting/year, it was decided, as in align with other UEMS Sections/Division, to maintain a single Board meeting and continue to work during the year via email etc. Unofficial meeting opportunities are always possible, without reaching any final decisions, if there are a specific reason for the meeting and a significant number of participants till all Board members have been heard.

-Next Meeting 2015: 27th November 2015 (to be considered a formal appointment- Confirmation and agenda will follow closer to the date)



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19th February 2015

Addendum

The Societies were asked to comply to the rules and nominate a further representative for the Board of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine

- Philippe Lacroix was nominated by the French Societies and accepted the position
- George Marakomichelakis was nominated by the Greek Society of Lymphology and accepted the position.