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UEMS Division of Angiology
Board Meeting
27th November 2015
Uggiate Trevano (CO)
11.30am-3.00pm

Agenda:

- ETR Document approval: Report from the UEMS Council Meeting
- MJC Phlebology Meeting –Report
- European Training Centres: dissemination programme
- CESMA-UEMS European Exam: EBEAVM Report and 2016 Dissemination
- Other involvement of the Division
- Finances
- New Applications
- Miscellaneous

M. Catalano
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D. Olinic
M. Catalano
MP. Colgan

Minutes

Present: Austria (A. Willfort-Ehringer), Belgium (J-C. Wautrecht), Greece (E. Dimakakos, G. Marakomichelakis), Hungary (Z. Pecsvarady), Ireland (MP.Colgan, HP.Fitzgerald), Italy (M. Catalano), Poland (A. Stanek), Romania (D. Olinic), Slovenia (M. Kozak)

Absent Justified: France (P. Carpentier), Czech Republic (K. Roztocil) Slovakia (V. Stvrtinova), Sweden (S.Agewall), Switzerland (B. Amann-Vesti) .

Absent: Germany (S. Nikol)

1. ETR Document approval: Report from the UEMS Council Meeting

a-The ETR document on A/VM was approved by the UEMS Council, a great historic success for Angiology/Vascular Medicine. The small changes, already reported in prior emails, have been included, which was agreed during the presentation of the document to the Council: inclusion of the UEMS Division of A/VM's collaboration with MJC Phlebology in the Additional Accreditation of ETCs in Venous Treatments, ongoing new name for VAS, specification of the minimum number of answers for Theoretical part of CESMA-UEMS Exam.

Thanks to this document A/VM has obtained:

- Recognition of relevance of its background and existing educational European programmes
- A recognized European CV (for the first time)
- Inclusion in the European CV the optional training in Arterial Interventional and/or in Venous Treatments
- Definition of European training and formalization of the EBEAVM criteria for the CESMA-UEMS Exam for the UEMS European Diploma

- European Training Centre for A/VM defined Validation and UEMS Accreditation process
- For European Training Centres already Accredited for A/VM: optional Additional Accreditation in Arterial Interventions and/or Venous Treatments

b-ETR Document will be submitted for publication in International Angiology.

c-Scientific Societies accept the commitment, as Representatives on the UEMS Division of Angiology/VM Board to assist with the proper dissemination and identification of the best tools to spread the Division's aims (as defined below).

This Document also represents an extraordinary tool to assist, in particular, the National lobbies, and at the same time the push towards obtaining further recognition for the Specialty

2- MJC Phlebology Meeting –Report (present JCW and MC).

At the MJC Meeting, after intensive discussions, we have come to understand common positions and immediate collaborative aims were identified. UEMS Division A/VM invited MJC Phlebology to collaborate on the optional Additional Accreditation for the ETC A/VM on Venous Treatments.

Proposal approved and included in A/VM ETR Document.

Further future collaborations identified.

3- European Training Centres: dissemination programme

This is a fundamental point.

The Board of the UEMS Division of A/VM officially represents the National Scientific Societies (and their members).

Each Representative has responsibility and duty both towards his/her Scientific Society and its Members and to the UEMS and specifically to the UEMS Division of A/VM to disseminate information on every initiative and to make the choices, aims and results by the Division known to all its members and part of the national heritage, with the aim of strengthening European growth of A/VM not only from the top but through all its channels to inform as many of their members as possible.

If such dissemination and if our results do not reach national articulation, the role of our representatives are not met.

The following proposals were discussed and approved:

- Each National Scientific Society, as it is officially represented, should submit to the Presidency UEMS Division the Emailing list of its members (DO-Approved) by March 2016.
- Each National Scientific Society should publicize ,an invitation to apply for validation of Accreditation as ETC, on its website including the Email contact to send the application to : the President mariella.catalano@unimi.it
- One page, ad hoc announcements, signed by the Board and its Members can be published in all the National Scientific Journals

4-CESMA-UEMS European Exam: EBEAVM 2016 Report and Dissemination

The same limitations regarding the circulation of information applies to the European Exam in Angiology/Vascular Medicine(which represents a significant effort) and must be overcome.

a-Referring to the experience of other Sections that have activated the Exam for many years, the following proposals were proposed and approved:

- Keep the headquarters and the current date as the central headquarters and date for the European Exam (the day before EADays - Milan) for those who do not have a National Exam, or are outside the EU, or for those who prefer to take the exam in this period.

Verify experimentally (to be extended to other countries where this exists) the activation of the European Exam on the same day or the day following the local National Exam in the headquarters of the latter. This will entail a great amount of work to spread information about the EU Exam by producing on one side a brief presentation explaining the importance of the UEMS European diploma (prepared by EBEAVM) and on the other, the National Scientific Societies, should promote, explain and encourage enrolment also for the EU Exam for people sitting the National Exam.

The first proposed countries, to try this road and reach a sound result next year are:

- Austria (National existing Exam in Internal Medicine not Angiology)
- Hungary
- Poland
- CH

National Practical Exam will be considered valid also for the European Examination, while all the candidates are expected to pass the computerized European theory Exam organized by EBEAVM. After passing both the National Practical test successfully (marking system to be defined- agreements to be signed) and the computerized European Exam as described above, the candidate will be conferred the UEMS European Diploma.

Obviously, National recognition of the latter will be requested to the National Authorities (even if it is not automatic).

b-In addition, the above proposals (the same as for ETC) were also approved for the CESMA-UEMS European Exam:

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- One page, ad hoc announcements of the Exam, signed by the Board and its Members can be published in all the National Scientific Journals

c- Regarding the Honorary EU Diploma, their numbers can only be very low (currently 3 members EBEAVM, Samama, Fagrell, Born), seen the total number of diplomas. It was approved, therefore, that Heads of ETCs and those responsible for projects (ie Program Directors or Educational Supervisors responsible for the Tutorial Training) should sit and pass the European Exam, organized centrally. They will not be required to take the practical exam (similar to that proposed for the exam associated to the National Exams (see above). If requested, this exam can take place on the same date/place as the centralised EU Exam but at a different time.

5- Other involvement of the Division

- As you know we were invited (e-mail earlier) to join Thematic Federation in Wound Healing and our representatives are Agata Stanek and George Marakomichelakis (for expertise). Also present in the TF is MP Colgan representing Ireland which is great. The group will take off next year and seems to be very collaborative with our UEMS Division.

- Our Division is not mentioned among the active members to the "PAD & Vascular European Days" this year is the 3rd Edition, comprising 21 Scientific Societies (www.vas-int.net/128-pad-vascular-eu-days1-3.html).

Approval for the UEMS Division to take an active part was accepted.

-CESMA has defined the training for Examiners for the European Exam: EBEAVM asks for selected names of young candidates who are capable and willing to be trained.

6- Finances

Costs 2015:

-Registration CESMA total covered by VAS (as usual from the beginning)

-Exam (Including 1 overnight accommodation per Examiner): total covered by VAS (2016 :-200 Euro in budget)

-Meeting Room etc UEMS Division Board Meeting: total covered by VAS

-Travel: MJC and UEMS Council. 2015 only 4 trips (normally at least 6) sending instead contributions and/or justified absence for conflicting commitments elsewhere or other. Covered (3 Mariella and 1 J Claude).

For the next meeting Mary Paula will make proposals to cover at least minimum expenses.

7- New Applications (in alphabetic order)

Serbia and UK. Both invited to the meeting (with short notice), given the topics under discussion.

A description of the National Society was requested from both.

-Received from Serbia:

Date of formation of Board: 09. December 2014.

Correct name, contact address and legal address of your Society: SERBIAN SOCIETY OF ANGIOLOGY

Number of members: 24

Number of Angiology/Vascular Medicine members: 11

Names of 2 Representatives for UEMS Division of Angiology / Vascular Medicine Board:

dr Dragan Vasic and dr Milan Matic

(official visit to be scheduled, considered difficult due to extremely problematic period) to be set later. Meanwhile, given the limited size of the Board, the Serbian Society was invited to set a date as soon as possible.

-Received from UK:

London Meeting RSM Council of Vascular Medicine and President UEMS Division Angiology/Vascular Medicine.

You presented to the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) Council of Vascular Medicine. The RSM provides a venue and secretariat for small Societies in the UK. As we are a small grouping we have made use of these facilities. The Section of Vascular Medicine has a few hundred members and about one half are Physicians. We allow basic scientists, surgeons and radiologists into the group as it enriches our meetings, but we are a Vascular Medicine society primarily.

In terms of representation on UEMs two nominees: Prof Jill Belch and Prof Gerry Fowkes have been nominated.

Motion to join the Board of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine Approved for both.

8- Miscellaneous

- New representatives for the Austrian Society of Internal Medicine and Angiology-OGIA are Gerit Scherthner and Andrea Willfort-Ehringer. Welcome and farewell and thanks to Marianne Brodmann

- New representative for the Swedish Society of Hypertension, Stroke & Vascular Medicine is Anders Gottsaeter .Welcome. Stefan Agewall remains on the Board as Deputy

- Attached is a letter (drafted last year) to be used to further recognition of a Specialty in A/VM in different countries. The National Society and the UEMS Division will sign the letter , encouraging every other possible and justified aggregation. Obviously to be modified following the national needs.

- New Members are reminded that the Minutes contain the date of the next meeting and have therefore since the UEMS Division

was established been the first official notification of the next Board Meeting . Further reminders, close to the deadline, will be made only to solicit attendance and set the agenda.

Next meeting of the Board of UEMS Division of Angiology / Vascular Medicine:

November 25, 2016 11:30 am – Location – 13th European Angiology Days (25th-27th November 2016).