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**UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine
Board Meeting,
1st December, 2017
Busto Arsizio (MI)**

Minutes

Present France (P. Carpentier), Germany (C. Heiss), Greece (E. Dimakakos), Hungary (Z. Pecsvarady), Ireland (M.P. Colgan), Italy (M. Catalano), Poland (A. Stanek), Romania (D. Olinic), Slovenia (M. Kozak)

Justified Absence Austria (G.H. Schernthaner), Belgium (J.C. Wautrecht), Czech Republic (K. Roztocil), UK (J.J.F. Belch), Serbia (D. Vasic), Slovakia (V. Stvrtinova), Sweden (A. Gottsäter), Switzerland (B. Amann-Vesti)

UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine (A/VM) Meeting starts with the excuses of Prof. J.C. Wautrecht, the President of the Division, who cannot attend. At the request of the President, meeting is chaired by Prof. D.M. Olinic, Secretary of the Division. Prof. Mariella Catalano, Honorary President and Division's Executive Board member, is also present.

UEMS Division has representatives from 15 countries. There are 9 countries represented at this meeting. VAS, the founding Association of the Division, is also represented at the meeting.

UEMS Division of A/VM supports invitation to join the Division of countries that are not yet "approved" members. Invitations will be sent to the NMA's of countries still not represented.

UEMS Division is informed that 2 more countries are pending approval to become members of the Division (Serbia and Sweden, awaiting NMA approval). Another country, Holland, was informed of Division's existence and invited to join.

In order to increase awareness concerning Division's activity, so that information could reach each and every angiologist / vascular medicine specialist in individual countries, represented or not in the UEMS Division of A/VM, several proposals are made:

- a Review paper to be published in VASA;
- the Report/Minutes of the Meeting will be sent to the NMA's represented in the UEMS, with the support of UEMS Secretariat; the NMA's will be asked, in their turn, to disseminate information to individual members;
- national representatives of the Division are expected to disseminate the Report/Minutes of the Meeting to individual members of their own National Scientific Societies; they are also expected to organize specific UEMS sessions inside national conferences, in order to disseminate information.

Rules of Procedures for the Division are to be proposed by our President and discussed in a next meeting.

Funding of the Division's activity and meetings is discussed. Several sources are proposed:

- Fees for the UEMS Vascular Medicine Diploma Exam (EBEAVM)– general approval; Members invited to apply;
- European Training Centers Accreditation, contribution to UEMS– general approval; Members invited to apply;
- Fees generated by Division members, attending accreditation procedures within UEMS bodies – the problem of conflict of interest is raised, proposal is not agreed;
- Fees of a symbolic amount, from NMA's – proposal is considered very unlikely to be supported by NMA's, therefore not agreed;
- Fees for Symposia organized by UEMS Division, during national or international conferences –proposal agreed upon, to be implemented in relation to be eventual cooperation of organizing committees of various scientific meetings;
- Financial support from VAS, the European Association being the founder of the Division; VAS already covered expenses related to Division's meetings, using resources from UEMS European Diploma exam and own VAS Association availabilities; this will continue, in relation to the financial resources of VAS, in process of becoming a Foundation.

European Training Centers Accreditation is discussed, as it is considered a major task for the Division. Several points are highlighted:

- Awareness on this activity needs to be increased, one solution being sending to NMA's the Minutes of this meeting;
- There are several centers that expressed their interest to apply for European accreditation; from Italy, there are 5 centers; centers from Greece and Slovenia are also interested and applied;
- The Accreditation Panel (VAS ETC Validation Committee) is chaired by Prof M.P. Colgan and is composed of 15 members; VAS, acting in the name of the Division, will process and facilitate the applications; results of the validation process will be presented to the Division for the final Accreditation;

- Emphasis is made on the need to facilitate the beginning of the Accreditation of Training Centers process, including applications from the Centers of members of the Division.

The UEMS Diploma on Angiology/Vascular Medicine is considered another major activity. Several points are discussed:

- Need for an increased awareness; each national UEMS Division representative is expected to disseminate information on the European Diploma; a list of UEMS Vascular Medicine Diploma holders is provided by VAS (published in the UEMS Area of the web <http://www.vas-int.net/11-diplomas-issued.html>);
- Membership in the European Board for the Exam on Angiology/Vascular Medicine (EBEAVM) has to be enlarged; new young members are encouraged to join; national representatives are expected to propose new members for the QCM experts panel and for the clinical exam panel; specific training for EBEAVM members may be provided;
- Joint exams between UEMS Division and national validation entities are encouraged; QCM could be translated into national languages, in case of such exams; clinical exam could be performed in the native language; proposal is to be further discussed, in relation with specific countries that would agree to organize joint exams;
- Harmonization is needed, throughout Europe, of examination rules for national validation of vascular medicine specialty; national specialty diplomas are recognized in order to apply for the European Diploma, but UEMS Division should check that individual countries do fulfill the minimum training requirements specified in UEMS Division documents.

Information is made concerning the activity of the MJC Phlebology. The Curriculum is defined and will be published. There will be need to circulate it.

The MJC Thematic Federation on Wound Healing prepares the Curricula, together with Dermatology. A survey is under way around Europe. Few countries answered.

Cooperation with European Scientific Societies is considered of major interest for the UEMS Division on A/VM. A report is given on the meeting, in Brussels, between UEMS and Scientific Societies. Education represents a central point of cooperation. UEMS Office keeps contact with the scientific societies.

UEMS Division of A/VM expresses its commitment to continue to play its central role in the harmonization of education and training accreditation in Europe.

UEMS Division will continue to cooperate with VAS, its founding Association. VAS role, as Educational Body of UEMS Division, is confirmed. The VAS European Book on Angiology/Vascular Medicine is expected to be published soon, a joint effort of VAS and the Division.

A formal agreement/contract between UEMS Division and VAS Association (to become Foundation) will be defined.

UEMS Division will continue to discuss with ESVM, in order to identify common cooperation grounds. ESVM is invited to express its support for UEMS Division documents, Curricula, Diplomas and activities. UEMS Division is interested to cooperate with ESVM, in

the framework of compliance with UEMS ETC Document rules, in order to provide a joint Interventional Angiology Training Programme, using the Interventional Angiology Curricula defined by ESVM.

The next UEMS Division meeting is to be held in December 2018, in the same location. The opportunity to have a second meeting each year, during ESVM annual congresses, is to be discussed. A meeting in Prague, during the Congress in March, is to be explored.

Next Meeting 29th November 2018, 11.30-15.00
This announcement to be considered as the official invitation

Executive Board, UEMS Division of Angiology/ Vascular Medicine