
**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the UEMS Angiology/Vascular Medicine Division -Board-
in Milan, November 2008
Palazzo delle Stelline**

The meeting was attended by:

President: Prof. Mariella Catalano
J.C. Wautrecht (Belgian Working Group of Angiology)
P Carpentier (Collège des Enseignants de Médecine Vasculaire and Collège Français de Pathologie Vasculaire)
K. Roztocil (Czech Republic Vascular Medicine Society)
E. Diamantopoulos (Hellenic Society of Internal Medicine)
Z. Pecsvarady (Hungarian Society of Angiology & Vascular Medicine)
A. Carlizza (Italian Society of Vascular Pathologies – SIAPAV)
D. Olinic (Romanian Society of Angiology & Vascular Surgery)
Bojdova (Slovak Society of Angiology)
M. Kozak (Slovenian Vascular Society),
A. Gallino, K. A. Jaeger as Deputy (Swiss Society of Angiology)
S.Nichol (German Society of Angiology)

The following were excused from attended:

Secretary :Prof. Pavel Poredos (VAS)
S. Agewall (Swedish Society of Hypertension, Stroke & Vascular Medicine)

Point 1 – Representatives of the Scientific Societies in the Division

Some Scientific Societies have reported changes in their representatives, as follows:

1. Austrian Society of Angiology Prof. Brodman
2. Belgian Working Group of Angiology Prof. Wautrecht
3. Italian Society of Vascular Pathology Dr. Carlizza

The representative for the Dutch Society of Vascular Medicine continues to be an interim appointment. Steps are being taken to identify candidates for a permanent appointment.

Prof. Catalano was pleased to report the following :

1. The German Society of Angiology has agreed to join the Division (represented by Prof. Sigrid Nicol, whose late arrival at the meeting was excused)
2. The Slovak Society of Angiology has recently joined the Division. Its representative will be Professor V. Stvrtinova (replaced for this first meeting by Dr. Bojdova attending today).

Final membership of the Board of the UEMS Angiology/Vascular Medicine Division:

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M:Brodmann (Austrian Society of Angiology)
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2 – Venue of Meetings

It was decided for practical and financial reasons to hold both the Annual Board Meeting and the Open Meeting of the Division during the European Angiology Days.

15th November (in the afternoon) was set as the date for 2009, in Milan (during the European Angiology Days on 14th and 15th November).

The exact venue and time will be notified by Milan closer to the date .

3 – Expenses for Meetings and support for VAS

As already defined in the past, travelling and accomodation expenses should be for account of the single Scientific Societies.

As was the case for the two meetings held in the past, in order to facilitate attendance VAS will cover the costs of accommodation and travel (low-cost only) for those involved in the EA Days and in situations in which the Scientific Societies are unable to guarantee financial coverage.

4- Bodies

The criteria for appointing the Board (EBAVM) already illustrated at the meeting are approved and given in detail here: 1 member plus 1 optional deputy for each Scientific Society and 2 members plus 1 optional deputy for VAS .

5- Results of the Division Meeting held during the EA Days 2008

The out come of the meeting, which was also attended by Professor Gunilla Breddin on behalf of the UEMS Council was considered to be of relevant interest.

At the meeting, the contributions to Chapter 6 definition as decided at the meeting in Brussels were presented in a very preliminary form.

These contributions, enriched by what emerged during the discussion and by the work plan to be discussed later will form the skeleton of the topics of Chapter 6.

6 - UEMS and Division sites

No reply has been received as yet from the IMS regarding inclusion of the Division in the UEMS site. This slowness and the existing difficulties related to the central offices were highlighted at the time of the IMS Meeting in Brussels.

Once again, the need to be present in the framework of the UEMS is pointed out, at a time when the Division is being publicised also at institutional level in various different countries.

The information at the site will include the names of the Board Members, the Minutes and the Division Meetings and the link with VAS.

At the moment minutes and the information about the Division are available only at the VAS web site (<http://www.vas-int.org>) /EU /UEMS/Documents.

IMS is informed by reports at the annual meetings (by the Member representative for Angiology/Vascular Medicine Prof. Catalano)

7 - Chapter 6

The key points and lines of development of each single contribution were reviewed. The references for each contribution were confirmed, asking the other members to co-operate.

Work Programme:

Definition of Angiology/Vascular Medicine: Ref Catalano

Section 1 - Ref Kozac
Section 2 - Ref Peczvarady
Section 3 - Ref Carpentier
Section 4 - Ref Diamantopoulos
Section 5 - Ref Rostocil

Revision . Catalano

It was also decided that two optional and successive items should be added to the core curriculum that is compulsory for the training of a specialist:

Add.1 - Ref Nichol (agreement with other Scientific Societies, surgery and radiology, as this is a “frontier” interest, common to several specialists). This will not be a compulsory part of the curriculum of an angiologist but a optional “superspecialisation”.

Add. 2 – The same will be done for EVLT and other minimally invasive venous techniques, with the same characteristics.

Deadline for completing the final draft: and approved individually by the Board November 2009.

Main points will be submitted on 14th November 2009, at the EA Days , during the open Division Meeting, for discussion.

At the Board Meeting that will follow (15th November 2009), the plan for additional circulation will be discussed as well as the deadline for comments by the single Societies, planning the working method.

It is thought that it will be possible to deliver the final version of Chapter 6 to the UEMS and for circulation early in January 2010.

8 - European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

This point will require further work and discussion.

The situation in the various European countries was analysed:

- a – those with Schools of Specialisation in A/VM
- b – those with national diplomas
- c – those with nothing.

The possible ways for enabling the acquisition of a European diploma in the various different situations were considered, keeping the UEMS regulations in mind.

The proposed reference, in relation to which several institutions in various countries are working together is the European Master Course in A/VM , core for the European education.

For the first time, the 5th European Masters’ Course in Angiology/Vascular Medicine will have the backing of an official agreement between the University of Milan, Vas-Vascular-Independent Research and Education-European Organization, the Universities of Cluj Napoca, Vienna, Ljubljana and Grenoble and the Hungarian Society of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MAET) throughout the whole period of the course.

Other Universities have expressed their interest, however it is necessary to bear in mind that a lot of hard work will be needed in order to reach a formal agreement. It is any case planned to broaden co-operation on this project.

Other sites (Heidelberg, Prague, Brussels , Verona, Catania and Rome) have stipulated agreements for the on-the-job training part only.

A total of 9 countries and 12 sites are involved, as well as a the VAS European Teaching Panel, which provides its services free of charge.

The various countries are trying to link up the Master’s Course with their national rules and curricula, in

order to make it a part of top-level post-graduate studies.

It should be possible to do more in this direction to find a way to provide qualifications for countries that do not yet have a specialisation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine, combined with the request for a certificate confirming earlier training at an Internal Medicine facility for at least 3 years or a specialisation in internal medicine.

This will be a topic for discussion at the next meeting.