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Dear Dr.s Leibbrandt and Tjen,

Following our phone conversation I would like to present an application for Medical Angiology/Vascular Medicine to be represented within U.E.M.S as a Specialist Section or as a Sub-Division of the Internal Medicine Section.

Medical Angiology/Vascular Medicine for some years has defined its own area and created a formation program at European level (European Fellowship in Medical Angiology). This program is carried out in 56 Teaching Centres recognised according to published regulations (Encl. a.).

To receive the title European Fellow entails:

1. two years training with a specific program, soon to be updated, (encl. b) on Vascular Medicine/Medical Angiology after a 2 year period in Internal Medicine.
2. After receiving proof of attendance signed by the Head of the Teaching Centre attended and a copy of at least one current publication the candidate is eligible to:
 - a) take a written theory exam
 - The exam (in English) is in the form of multiple choice questions.
 - On passing the theory exam the candidate must sit:
 - b) a practical exam

Which is held at the Teaching Centre attended. This entails a program of evaluation held at random in the presence of a member of the IUA International Committee- European Working Group.

At the moment this Fellowship is recognised by the International Union of Angiology (I.U.A.). We would like to be able to have European recognition and recognised credits



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VAS -Vascular- Independent Research and Education - European Organisation - (encl. c Vas brochure) is a network (an Association) of researchers/clinicians working in the field of Medical Angiology/Vascular medicine in qualified European Centres.

Notwithstanding the optimum relationship with vascular surgeons (the U.E.M.S. group of Vascular Surgeons support our efforts for recognition), it is obvious that the aims, objectives and training required for Medical Angiology/Vascular Medicine are different.

Seen the great importance of vascular diseases, the medical approach, and the strong collaborative cohesion of the network which unites the Vascular Centres we hope that U.E.M.S. would like to take our proposal into consideration.

The aim is to strengthen the field of Medical Angiology/Vascular Medicine, create European programs and improve the quality of recognised programs. We would be very pleased to start as a Sub Division of Internal Medicine if this can be considered the best choice. I look forward to receiving indications from you as how to proceed.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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